Musicians Give Holiday Assembly

Dr. Roy York, Jr., directing the band, and Mrs. York, leading the Milnettes presented a concert of band music and Christmas songs today marking the beginning of the holiday for Milne students.

The Band played the Themes and Variations on Carmen’s Whistle’ by William Byrd. Five Christmas songs: “A Holly Jolly Christmas”, “It’s Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas”, “Jolly Old Saint Nicholas”, “Christmas Eve”, and “Carol of the Bells” were highlights of the Milnettes repertoire. Dr. York accompanied the girls on the piano.

The audience and performers then joined in a sing-a-long holiday favorites. These were: “Italian Rhapsody”, “Deck the Halls”, “Jingle Bells”, “Adeste Fidelis”, and “Silent Night”.

The Band’s feature number, “In the Cathedral” followed the singing. The A Cappella choir is in its fourth year, headed by Bob Brand, with Richard Etelson, vice-president, Linda Cady, secretary, and Steve Rider, treasurer.

The officers of the Milnettes are: N. A. Rosemoseh, president; Caren Paul, vice-president; Nan Sundin, secretary; and Phyllis Jacobson, treasurer.

Student Delegation Represents Uganda

At Mock Security Council Session

Barbara Berne, Sue Bloomfield, Bernard Dumb, and Barry Press composed Milne’s delegation to a mock Security Council session at Brubacher Hall, December 17. Fifteen area students, representing all grades, participated in the two-hour session to discuss the situation concerning Nigeria and her colonial roots.

Representatives viewed the best performance. Milne’s envoys represented Uganda, and were the only delegation to observe towns government in action. They met and talked with their Nigerian counterpart, and later watched them perform.

Ambassadors Pledge to Stand Up and Be Counted on for Service Projects

Sixty-seven students, a record breaking number, have joined the Ambassadors to work on various service projects. Ambassadors, formerly part of the Tri-Hi-Y at the YMCA, serve in many areas: Audio-Visual and Guidance Assistance, Red Cross programs, an annual Christmas dinner and a tutorial program at Trinity Institution.

Musician's Give Holiday Assembly

Seniors Try Governing

Lollipops and flyers were handed last week in a senior government class from a student acting as a lobbyist and attempting to influence legislation in a mock House of Representatives. The proceeding were part of an attempt to familiarize the students with the actual workings of the federal government by proposing, debating, passing, and testing the constitutionality of a "bill."

Off-Campus Lunch Provision

Certain provisions would have made it possible for seniors to have self-governing homerooms, and given students lunch privileges to all seniors after the first marking period, with the privileges extended into homeroom for all seniors having no D's or Us.

Representatives View Employees

Two government classes now studying local government sent representatives to Guilderland recently to observe town government in action. They met with the town supervisor, clerk, and assessor and watched them perform their various duties in the Town Hall.

Christmas Drive

Red Cross is under the supervision of Bernard Dumb, who acts as a liaison between Milne and the Red Cross programs. Playing checkers, chatting, and writing letters are some of the reviews received by the Villa Mary Immaculate for the students who represent Milne.

The Band’s feature number, “In the Cathedral” followed the singing. The A Cappella choir is in its fourth year, headed by Bob Brand, with Richard Etelson, vice-president, Linda Cady, secretary, and Steve Rider, treasurer.

The officers of the Milnettes are: N. A. Rosemoseh, president; Caren Paul, vice-president; Nan Sundin, secretary; and Phyllis Jacobson, treasurer.

Alumni Ball Has Revolution Motif

Perhaps reflecting upon American history, a group of Milne juniors chose the American Revolution to be the theme of this year’s Alumni Ball. State University’s Waterbury House was the location of the three-hour dance, December 17.

Dessert Committee members painted two large flags for the walls, one British, the other following the first United States design. The Revolution provided band music.

Granny-swept lobbies and three-handed doors, from the sophomore class, were Ellie Ainspan, Sandy Blumberg, Mike Cali, Margaret Dines, Elsken Dunn, Barbara Gallo, Roz Hohenstein, Sharon Lieberman, John Losee, and Kathy Siebert.

New Scheduling Features Different Lunchtimes

Small class scheduling went into effect Monday, December 12. Instead of the entire school eating at the same time, Milne students eat lunch between 11:30 to 12:15, and grades 7 through 9 have homeroom for grades 10 through 12, homeroom for grades 10 through 12, lunching during the Senior High’s homeroom period.

This change stems from the State University’s recent test run of one of Milne’s lunchrooms.

Adding a minute between classes, making a total of four, plus four minutes added on second period for Daily Bulletin reading, necessitated lengthening the school day to 2:45.

Business Enthusiasts Visit Wall Street

Wall Street was the destination of several business students and stock exchange sponsored by the a field trip to New York Stock Exchange, while on December 19.

Business Management students

New class scheduling went into effect Monday, December 12. Instead of the entire school eating at the same time, Milne students eat lunch between 11:30 to 12:15, and grades 7 through 9 have homeroom for grades 10 through 12, lunching during the Senior High’s homeroom period.

This change stems from the State University’s recent test run of one of Milne’s lunchrooms.

Adding a minute between classes, making a total of four, plus four minutes added on second period for Daily Bulletin reading, necessitated lengthening the school day to 2:45.

Business Management students

New class scheduling went into effect Monday, December 12. Instead of the entire school eating at the same time, Milne students eat lunch between 11:30 to 12:15, and grades 7 through 9 have homeroom for grades 10 through 12, lunching during the Senior High’s homeroom period.

This change stems from the State University’s recent test run of one of Milne’s lunchrooms.

Adding a minute between classes, making a total of four, plus four minutes added on second period for Daily Bulletin reading, necessitated lengthening the school day to 2:45.
Communications Breakdown

A group of students are talking when a faculty member walks past them. Suddenly, they are silent.

Here is the problem that outweighs the longer days, the senior lunch room and split lunch and homeroom sessions combined: it is lack of communication between the students and the faculty. Two imaginary letters follow:

To the faculty:

Please listen to us! The right to question and the right to dissent has always been so important in Milne. Our activities: the Council, the newspaper, and the various clubs, are important to us—they are not games. Maybe if we were given the reasons for changes in procedure, and if we could offer suggestions, then a better understanding could be reached. We are not being rude or impudent when we question—we would just like to know why. So much secrecy is unwarranted.

The Students

To the students:

Try to understand! Instead of flying off in all directions when an unpopular rule is made, try to find out why. Talk to a faculty member—we are just as interested in you as people as we are in you as students. If you don't like something, try to change it for the better—don't just gripe about it. Think!

The faculty

As one faculty member suggested, we need to wipe the slate clean and begin again. The period of adjustment is over; the problems can be solved, and we could all understand each other a little better.

—S.H.

Things

Our new plastic chairs came from the Great Meadows Correctional Institute, Comstock, N.Y. Does this mean anything?...

Like having to submit a pencil copy of an essay and not being able to find a pencil...

Attention Ski Club: Someone Up There must not like you—a heat wave in December?...

Having two lunch shifts is discriminatory—the Junior High gets last choice at bake sales...

Speaking of bake sales—if the originator of Milne bake sales had patented the innovation, she could have been a millionaire... Would you believe she could have made lots of money?...

Formerly, schools were often geared to the slow learner. But now it's the slow eater whom the school are trying to help... Fast eaters are penalized and must sit in Cage Hall for the duration of the lunch period...

—L.H.

Council Visit Rules

In order to clarify the recent controversy over visitors in Student Council, the Crimson and White informs the student body of the following regulations:

1. All students may attend any Student Council meeting.
2. They must have passes from homeroom which must be signed by the Student Council advisor and returned to the homeroom teacher.
3. Students should be seated by 12:05 and remain for the entire meeting.
4. Students in grades 7-9 may arrange with their homeroom teachers to eat lunch with the seniors. However, they wish to attend the meetings.
5. Students in the "gallery" are there as observers not as participants. Grievances should be taken to Council representatives and may be referred to the Student-Faculty Committee. Upon recommendation of this committee the matter may be brought before: the council, the student body, or the faculty.

The Shadow

When one sees Milne students laughing and talking as they walk in the halls, cheering at a basketball game, and posing smilingly for the yearbook, it's hard to believe that perhaps more than half of them have cheated at one time or another. Yet cheating is as common in Milne as tests and quizzes, and some students habitually take the liberty of peeking at or telling a few answers.

The places are few, the standards are high, and the pressure is great. You must pass high school, attend a fine college, and get a good job. Cheating makes the long grind easier. The trouble is that it also lowers the self-confidence, self-respect and self-reliance of all students involved, cheaters or non-cheaters. It shows that some students just can't take the pressure and the competition, and that cheating is not a good, honest, and dishonest, but pathetic. Cheating is the student's way of fighting against a huge, over-powering system that might squeeze him out.

Most teachers are aware of the dangers of cheating. They know that it can make a joke out of a class and that it can make the genuine achievement of others meaningless. However, it seems to be impossible for the teachers to curb the cheating.

It is up to the students to act; the honest students should be thinking about an honor code or something similar. Only when the students themselves try to eliminate the shadow of cheating can any light be shed on the problem.

—Richard Ettelson

The Christmas Spirit

Congressman Sam Stratton recently proposed that in order to give the American vacationer an insured three-day holiday, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans' Day, and the Fourth of July all be permanently situated on Mondays!

This proposal completely obliterates the reasons behind such holidays and assumes that the American public is more concerned with conveniently spaced vacations than the commemoration of important developments in U.S. History. The bill itself is ridiculous; the reasoning behind it is terribly valid.

"'Tis the season to be jolly", and from Thanksgiving to January second it seems that a national good-will period has been declared. LBJ sends out his "Peace to All Men" Christmas cards, fathers bring down the hard, cold, glittery, fire-proof aluminum Christmas trees, little boys pine for the latest in GI Joe authentic combat equipment, and parents go in hock to buy, as one TV commercial so aptly put it, the "necessary Christmas presents".

Just try to imagine what Christmas would be like without Santa Claus, without Christmas cards, without Christmas trees, and without presents. What if Christmas were just another day in the week, and were celebrated only by those to whom the birth of Christ is something to celebrate?

Christmas has become so tied up in maudlin sentimentality, commercialism, and in meaningless tradition that the true meaning of Christmas is lost amid the wrapping paper, "Jingle Bells", and cut-rate Christmas trees.

It is a time for reflection and rejoicing. It can include all the traditions which are now so deeply embedded in the connotation of "Christmas", but if the significance behind the day itself is lost, well, Congressman Stratton, maybe we'd better make Christmas a Monday, too.

Crimson and White
Vol. XXX Dec. 21, 1966 No. 4
Published by the Crimson and White Board, the Milne School, Albany, New York. Address exchanges to the Exchange Editor and other correspondence to the Editor.
Member
Columbia Scholastic Press Assoc.

The Editorial Board
Editors-in-Chief... Sarah Button, Suzanne Hohenstein
Associate Editor... Mary Moore
Editorial Editor... Laura Harris
Sports Editor... John Margolis
Feature Editor... Paul Hogsett
Treasurer... Naomi Arsenian
Exchange Editor... Margaret Diggs
Faculty Advisor... Mr. Richard Lewis

Crimson and White December 21, 1966

It's Happening

January 3: Milne resumes, 8:30 a.m.
January 4-February 5: Stanley Bake one man show at the Albany Institute
January 16-March 1: Shaker Artifacts exhibit, Rensselaer County Historical Society
January 16: Milan Parent's Night, 8:00 p.m., ROI
January 16: Arthur Schlesinger speaks in the Memorial Chapel of Union College, 8:30 p.m.
January 25-27: Milne exams
Basketball Perspective

Although there are no "softspots" in the schedule, the varsity basketball team anticipates a successful season. Displaying a great deal of promise, the Raiders have made strong showings in initial contests. Team depth, usually non-existent in Milne teams, has provided the key to victory.

Offensively, the varsity point production has steadily increased, typified by the 85 point splurge against Academy. Senior Bob Blanton has assumed his role as high scorer, but even more important has been the fact that several other boys have scored significantly. Jim Khachadourian, Ron Laraway, and Ken Brooks have bolstered the Milne offensive threat by producing numerous double figure efforts.

In order to ease the scoring pressure from Blanton's shoulders, Milne has employed a 1-4 zone offense. By confusing the opposition with this formation, the varsity has been able to score well even when Blanton was carefully defended. Another aspect of the Raiders' offense, the fast break, has offered many easy layups, and the break has served to wither opposing defenses.

Seeking to force opponents into costly mistakes, the Future Profs employ a full court man to man defense. To date, the press defense has been highly effective. Heady, for example, was limited to six points in the final period as the varsity pulled away to victory. Depth is extremely important when playing the sticky man to man defense. Not only do the opponents tire from continuous harassment, but the constant motion also takes its toll on Milne. Coach Lewis, however, has been able to go to his bench and still retain strong defensive cohesion.

Rebounding, a pre-season uncertainty, has had its "ups and downs". Catskill demolished Milne off the boards and the effects were evident in the score. In other games, the varsity's rebounding has ranged from "adequate" to "good", approximately equaling the team's overall performance. Jon Goldfarb's leaping ability has greatly enhanced Milne's base strength. Along with Ken Brooks and Jim Khachadourian grab the bulk of Raider rebounds. In the future, the remainder of the players will have to "crash the boards" more often to prevent second and third shots by the opposition.

In addition to rebounding, the Profs will have to diminish their number of fouls and turnovers (loss of possession through violation, bad pass, etc.). Managed's committed careless mistakes excessively, thereby allowing the other team more chances to score. As the season progresses, the extent to which the Red Raiders improve their rebounding and eliminate their useless mistakes will determine eventual victory or defeat.

—J.L.M.

Junior High Sports Quiz

1. Who was the leading scorer for the 1966 varsity girls' hockey team?
2. Who captured individual varsity honors in the 1966 Milne Invitational?
3. Who recorded the fastest time for the J.V. cross country team in the past season?
4. How many consecutive years has Milne successfully defended its Class "D" varsity cross country championship?
5. Who was the individual varsity winner in the 1966 CHV cross country championships?
6. Name the presidents of the M.B.A.A. and the M.G.A.A.
7. Who are the varsity bowling co-captains for this season?
8. Which former Milne supervisor coaches the varsity bowling squad?
9. Name Milne's six opponents in the Central Hudson Valley League?
10. How many seniors are on the '66-'67 varsity basketball team?
11. Name three teams, other than Milne, which will compete in the Cohoes Christmas Tournament?
12. Prior to December 10, 1966, when was the last time Milne's varsity basketball team defeated Academy?

A QUICK GLANCE

Attendance at basketball games has been exceptional. The teams offer many thanks... Sophomore Barbara Gallo was quite impressive in a recent girls' volleyball match with Troy High... Mark Borawasky and Artie Cohen are seeking their successors as basketball scorer and timer, respectively... Handling all statistics for boys' bowling league once again is Bruce Kerodkin... New member of the Team Bus Choral Society is Bob Bedian... Anyone out there remember that Bruiser Mighty Mouth Rufus, the Raider Bear, is the official name of the Milne mascot?... The Cohoes Christmas Tournament should provide some interesting basketball games... Snowball throwing has become Milne's No. 1 outdoor winter sport... The cross country team has more practical jokers than any other Milne squad... Teachers have been quite considerate when assigning homework on nights of games... The Jan. 6 game with Waterford will be crucial... Hope to see Mr. Bowler at some basketball games... —Ed.

GAA

Both the Senior and Junior High Bowling Tournaments will be defended by Milne at the Hudson Invitational Bowling Tournament soon. Led by Sue Holenstein, captain, the girls are also selling scented holiday candles to raise money for the team... Volleyball Victories Are Few... The Volleyball Team finished its season with a 3-10 record earned in competition in two sports (soccer, volleyball), and an invitational game against Voorheesville which was played at Milne... Cheerleading — Maybe... A Freshman Cheerleading Squad, consisting of seventh and eighth graders, may be formed if the plans for a boys Freshman Basketball Team are successful.
A Declaration of Faith

Last night I sat in the kitchen, reading, while my littlest sister played records in the living room. I had my coffee in the front room and sat down.

The album was the same one we had bought last Christmas—by Mereo, We're Here's Love. It's a happy soundtrack—Willison has a talent for happy musicals—based on Mickey on 34th Street. In case you don't know the story already, it's about Macy's hiring of one Mr. Kris Kringle as Santa Claus one year. To make a marvellous story short...

The Cool Claus

"What's happened to the traditional Santa Claus?" he no longer flies through the sky in a sleigh pulled by eight reindeers. Instead, he's both gone into hiding, and he's shaved off his beard and let his hair grow long. Remember his jolly "Ho, ho, ho"? Well, now he swaps his fingers and dresses in Levis, suede boots, and a mod hat. And of course, he's flying a saucer or a helicopter. Now he is just coming into its own.

Mr. Ma k Yolles

Library Findings

Recently, I have been exploring the Milne Library and I think you will be interested in some of my discoveries. You may not be aware of the fact that the library contains a vast amount of works on two of the greatest issues facing America today: poverty and civil rights.

The Shame of a Nation by Philip M. Stern with photographs by George de Vincent and a foreword by Vice President Hubert H. Humfrey is a "photographic essay on modern poverty..." starting facts on how America has treated—or rather, treated her—poor: dependent children in Mississippi allotted less than thirty-two cents per day for shelter, clothing, and shelter; seventeen and a half cents per person per meal welfare food allowance in our nation's capital; welfare investigators invading homes at 3 am. (more to be expected of totalitarian Russia than of democratic America); a ten children family that is actually too poor to get into a public housing project. This book is very effective; it should be required reading for all.

Another book is I Have a Dream by Martin Luther King Jr. This book, written at the junior high school level, is about the movement—the Negro Civil Rights Movement. Taking its title from Martin Luther King Jr.'s stirring Washington March speech, the book concentrates on the activist movement through the dreams and goals of the Negro leaders. Again and again the disparity between the Negro American's position and the American dream is brought sharply into focus. "This book is both a stirring tribute to the freedom fighters and a telling indictment of the injustices that have made such a movement necessary in the United States some one hundred years after the Emancipation Proclamation."

The book consists of articles on racial equality, poverty, and civil rights. It is not pushed enough whereas the poor to get into a public housing project. This book is very effective; it should be required reading for all.

Art Exposed

In the eleven years Mrs. Brita Nelson has been2 teaching art, the Milne Library has been2 a center for the public to see the works of students and faculty. This has been2 due to a variety of factors, including the establishment of the Milne Art Department, the increased interest in art, and the willingness of students and faculty to share their work.

Albany: Present and Potential

Albany, the state capital and the second largest city in New York, is a city rich in history and culture. Known for its vibrant arts scene, it is home to a number of museums, galleries, and performing arts centers. The city is also a hub for higher education, with several colleges and universities offering a wide range of programs.

Spotlight

The Christmas and White Spotlight falls this month on Mr. Mark Yolles, a September addition to the faculty as Milne's guidance director. His varied and interesting background includes his undergraduate work at Yale, in government and English, and went on to the Union School of Journalism. After working as an insurance investigator (he has a private office), he was hired as an "emergency certificate," that is, without any real training, and went on to procure his license in guidance at Columbia Teacher's College.

When in Rome...

Deciding to see a bit of the world before he settled down permanently, Mr. Yolles is registered with the International Student Service for "non-profit, central clearing house" for school personnel, and ended up in Rome...

In the fall of 1965 he was visited by a professor with whom he discussed the differences in study habits and teaching methods. Mr. Yolles was impressed with the teachers from SUNY studying and teaching abroad in American schools. Did you know that Mr. Yolles was a branch in Paris, dedicated to "international study and co-operation"? That Mr. Yolles was a branch in Paris, dedicated to "international study and co-operation"? That Mr. Yolles was a branch in Paris, dedicated to "international study and co-operation"? That Mr. Yolles was a branch in Paris, dedicated to "international study and co-operation"?

Since coming to Milne, Mr. Yolles has formed some definite opinions on the students and the school. He finds the students "interesting and friendly—a great bunch." He feels that the top students at Milne are "not pushed enough" whereas the lower ones sometimes find themselves at the bottom. This situation, he said, is due to a lack of latitude in courses, with the possibility of a student not being able to find procedures, greater variety within the courses will be even more needed the bring about greater variety in student abilities.

He observed that the pressure on Milne students was "too much". Mr. Yolles also expressed concern over the ranking system in Milne, where a .5 difference in cumulative average can mean up to 2 classes in place rank. Mr. Yolles resides in Delmar with his wife and three sons, who attend some of the schools in the Bethlehem Central schools.

Crimson and White December 21, 1966