Council Elections Forthcoming:

Barker, Derrico Presidential Hopefuls

Tim Barker
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Libby Derrico
In order to do a job well, one has to really want it. Libby Derrico wants to be president of our Student Council because she feels that each individual should have a voice in Milne and the right to be heard.

Libby has a long list of qualifications and activities she participated in because she cares. She has been involved in the newspaper, yearbook, drama club, and the newly formed television club. Most importantly, she has been an active student council member. Membership on the student-faculty committee helped Libby to realize the needs of the administration, faculty, and students which had to be considered. Libby has become familiar with student government and the responsibilities she would encounter as president of the Student Council.

I have known Libby for seven years and I feel confident that she will be a good representative of her abilities to run our student government. Libby is devoted to the well-being of the students in Milne and their surroundings. What more can anyone ask of their next president?

—Lily Anolik

TREAS.-BEST BET

Nancy Buchanan
Buchanan's your best bet. Do you want to know why? Let me give you a few of her many qualifications.

Nancy has been elected the treasurer of Nai-Nai's Girls for the past three consecutive years. She knows how to balance the books. Nancy has been getting high marks in advanced Math classes ever since the eighth grade. She feels that she can use this skill to benefit the school. Nancy does not want to see the students pay more money than they have to. If elected, she will be fair to both students and faculty.

The job of treasurer is a very important job and a very hard job too. Nancy Buchanan is willing to work hard as treasurer and do as much for the students' budget as possible. If you, the student, vote for Nancy Buchanan on December 22, you will not be sorry.

—Scott O'Neill

Sec'y Battle Pits Fox vs. Burrick

Michele Fox
Michele Fox is running for secretary of Student Council. She would appreciate your vote.

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Gary Graham
Gary Graham is a member of the Student Council for the past three years. He has a good attendance record. This homeroom for two years, an alternate for one year. A check with the secretary's books will show he has had a good attendance record. This is important for anyone who has anything to do with Student Council. After talking to him, I found out some of his feelings towards Student Council.

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Tim agrees with the idea of “Committee X.” This committee was formed to look into the possibility of a student board of review. Its function would be to review a student's record if that student should be expelled. This committee would make the final decision, not act as an additional vote for or against the expulsion or suspension of the student. Tim's only criticism is that the board should consist of both students and faculty.

Those are my reasons for backing Tim Barker for President of your Student Council. Thank you for your attention.

—David M. Peck

TREAS.-SUMIT UP

Norman Vener
As a candidate running for the office of Treasurer, Norm Vener wants things done done right. If you want the job done in an efficient manner he's the one who will do it for you.

Norm is an active member in junior class activities as well as in different sports, known to get the job done. He is a member of the drama club, one of the most active members of the Junior Class in all of its money-making projects. Any time Gary volunteers to do a job, that job gets done!

In addition to school work, Gary's dependability has earned him one of the longest paper routes in Albany. Through his contacts with many contacts that would help him in getting some good assembly programs for Milne as he made contacts for getting a bowling team, the coming Alumni Ball. Just ask any student in school about Gary's loyalty and respect for his family to graduate from this great school.

Can the students' ASSM would make a GREAT Vice-President!

Larry Clyman
My name is Larry Clyman and I am a Presidential hopeful for the Student Council. I'm not the only one who would like this office. Other candidates besides myself who are probably at least as qualified as I am. Perhaps what makes me different from the other two is my feelings about the office of Vice-President.

I truly believe that the office of Vice-President is as important as a strong, integral part of Student Council and the person occupying the office of Vice-President can make constructive changes in Student Council as well as in the school as a whole. If the person elected to this office takes his job seriously, a lot of good will come out of it. The student body can only benefit from an effective Vice-President. I am running for the office of Vice-President. I would like to see what my office entails and take advantage of the opportunities he has been given to work with. Therefore it is up to you to decide the future of the office.

I'll tell you I have some good reasons. Michele has been a leader of the school for four years as a cheerleader, this also shows she has a lot of school spirit. She has experience as a band volunteer. She is also a member of the Drama Club, one of the most active members of the Junior Class in all of its money-making projects. Any time Gary volunteers to do a job, that job gets done! In addition to school work, Gary's dependability has earned him one of the longest paper routes in Albany. Through his contacts with many contacts that would help him in getting some good assembly programs for Milne as he made contacts for getting a bowling team, the coming Alumni Ball. Just ask any student in school about Gary's loyalty and respect for his family to graduate from this great school.

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Secretary

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execute and corresponding secretary for her youth group, B'nai B'rith Girls.

Obviously, Roz is most able to undertake the secretarial aspects of her office. But what about her other duties as Student Council Secretary, organizing the Career Series and serving as an advisor to the Junior High Committee? In addition, Roz is most qualified to handle these responsibilities. She is presently serving as recreational chairman of B'nai B'rith Girls, a job which requires the same type of careful planning that Roz will dedicate to the Career Series. In addition, Roz is most concerned with the workings of the Junior High Committee. She realizes what an important role the Junior High students have at Milne and she wants to help them exercise the role to its fullest potential.

Roz Burrick is qualified. This is an obvious fact. More important, she has a strong desire to serve and will then be the best she can be. Place your confidence in Roz. I have. She won't fail you!

—Nina Feltman

T.U. Holds Xmas Drive

The Albany Times Union has established a Christmas Fund to help needy old people. The old people are given things such as boots, television, rocking chair, etc.

So far the fund has collected almost $9,000 and it is growing every day. You can help by giving to the fund before Christmas. Donations of $1.00 or up may be sent to the Times Union, Albany-Shaker Road, Albany or given at its cashier's window on the second floor. Checks should be made payable to the Times Union.

To Ze Casbah!

There is a Spanish Club and a Latin Club — now there is a French Club, for French students in grades seven through nine. For those who would like to join, all you have to do is go to room 130 and talk to the students who would like to join, all you have to do is go to room 130 and talk to the students who would like to join.

The club has folk dancing and discussions about the culture and food of all French speaking countries. It is a lot of fun, so don't delay in joining!

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Plato at Milne

Do you want to know what Plato railed about love? Or what Rousseau railed about the equality? Or what Marx railed about God? The answers to these questions, and endless others, are in the Britannica Great Books in the library. These books are little bibles, cut to the bone, and in some cases, they don't answer all the questions people ask, but they do give an idea of the answers.

The first written word, "a real Conversation," is an informative source on education. It also includes a list ofmistakes that can be made in the writing of the set. A syntopicon is contained in volumes two and three. You can look up an idea in the syntopicon, and it will give you an introduction to each topic, different ways of looking at the topic, and where you can find other people said on an aspect of the topic.

The rest of the set contains the writers of some of history's greatest theologians, political scientists, and philosophers. The books can be a great help with things like social studies assignments, English projects, etc., or you can use them just to satisfy your curiosity. This is a collection of books that have found interesting and useful, just waiting to be discovered in other schools.

Reading these books with understanding should be quite a challenge, but it's really worth your while intellectually, and may help solve the problem of our society.

—Carolyn Sharp and Lois Crouse

Next Time for Sure

By Joe Lapidus

It's been 5 years since Milne beat Catskill and it seemed that on Dec. 10th Milne might have had a chance to break on top. Catskill had lost All Metro John Cnej to graduation and another excellent ballplayer, Sonny Arnold, in a tragic accident. Milne appeared to be up for the game having won a 105-75 victory over Holy weekday before. The Knickerbocker News even had Milne a 5 point favorite for the game.

This columnist has grown sensible over the years and now when a team is at home and favored, I'll wait until the game is over before putting the column away. The first half saw Milne having an easy 53-36 margin and from that point on it was just a matter of time.

The second quarter is what really counted, and Milne was able to get a winning margin at one time down 51-32. The quarter ended with Catskill holding a commanding 53-36 margin and from that point on it was just a matter of time.

Dennis Johnson of Catskill led all scorers with 26 points while the tough Catskill zone defense. The Catskill and Waterford! The varsity is now 2-3 overall and 5-3 in the league.

—S.B.
TO THE FACULTY

I have a suggestion I think will better the educational effect on the seniors. I feel that senior classes should be voluntary, with certain regulations.

If classes were made voluntary, classes would be more interesting. When the seniors go to college, every class will be voluntary. This system would therefore prepare the students for the future. Also, for those students who want to learn. They wouldn't have to be forced there; they would want to be there. In a classroom like this, the teacher wouldn't have to compete with the students who are bored or already know the material. These classes would be more educational: more material would be covered, more material would be absorbed, and there would be a great decrease in classroom interruptions.

There is an approach to this system already in existence at Milne. During study halls, students who need to work go to the quiet room or library. Never are these two rooms empty. If someone needs to do work, they go to these rooms; if they don't, they go to the cafeteria. Now you might think that the people who go to the cafeteria are the students who aren't really good students. This isn't necessarily true. Many students are there because they have no work to do, or haven't gone to any class yet. Many of the students are even studying there. Many of these students have very good grades, which means that the classroom is always necessary to learn and absorb material.

This privilege would be open to everyone in the senior class, as long as his grades were held to a B or better. If someone begins to drop, the senior must attend that class until his grade is brought back up. All homework assignments must be handed in and all tests and quizzes taken. The students will have to go to each class and do their assignments, grade averages, quizzes, tests, or be told they must stay for the class. In a system like this, the students could. The senior privileges the teachers wouldn't become so upset.

This plan could work if you would try it out. It might not work. If you decide to try it, the students would feel more included, the teachers wouldn't feel so upset. This privilege would definitely rise and the level of difficulty would increase. Things could be done in the classes which the faculty wouldn't even think of attempting now because of certain students. These classes would be much more beneficial to students and teachers.

So, I'm asking that the faculty give my idea some honest thought and try to picture, what learning could be accomplished with such a system. Then you could accomplish the difference between your classes now and what they could be. Please give this idea your thorough consideration with an open mind. Thank you.

—A Senior

Letters to the Editor

The idea behind Milne's law classes and the planned mini-seminar is just great. More ideas of this nature would further our already good education here at Milne! —Leslie Frey

Elections; Be Fair

Elections are quickly approaching us. The candidates that we elect will help lead and guide us for the upcoming year. We will be placing our trust and faith into four people—our Student Council officers. Don't take this election lightly.

In the past it seems we have too often not really cared who gets elected. Many of our minds are already made up. We find out who is planning to run. Elections turn into a popularity contest.

Listen to the candidates' speeches and what they propose to do when elected. Then go ahead and fairly weigh all the facts you know. If you were running I'm sure you would want it this way.

Let's make this year different. When it comes time to elect your officers, vote for the best ones. They represent us.

To the Editor:

I had to find a happy medium. I had to do something to help myself get to. To get away from the everyday things. The Friday night basketball games, the classes during the weekdays, the long weekends. It took me ten years to find this certain something, but alas, I found it. My trombone. Really! During my three short years at Milne, I had a great opportunity to play my instrument. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of the school year, the Milne Band met. It wasn't much of a band but there I could enjoy myself. The anxieties of the 'new' were left behind. Only a handful of others could enjoy this feeling, the ones that didn't just come because they needed the credit or something to that nature. My playing ability was average, the band's was certainly sub-par. They had potential, but never strived to play good music.

These years for me at Milne have passed but I still play my T-Bone. I play at Cobleskill Ag. & Tech. College with the Coby Jazz Workshop. The music is tough, and it comes out sounding tough! Our group is tough. But that's not my main point. I came to Milne last Christmas to play as a guest of the band in Milne. But the band was playing, I went to Doctor York and he explained that the band had only 20 members or so. That was pitiful. Just lately I came to Milne to find that the band had divided up into Junior High - Senior High groups. Between the two groups, only 15 or so students belonged.

What the heck is wrong with you "musicians"? You musicians, that is, that are not with the groups. Don't you care about... oh, what the heck am I arguing about! Music is a great thing. It took me till I got to Cobleskill to realize it. If you want to play and want to play music you like, just don't sit there—order that music! Playing for the "Doc" was not what I called having a great time—but the Doc wasn't playing the music, I was! If the band sounded bad, it wasn't the music or conductor, it was the band. When we applied ourselves the music and band sounded great even though the music was comparatively so simple.

If you're looking for that happy medium or thing to help you let loose, pick up the kazoo, clarinet, or trumpet, join the band and let go!

—Richard Yanku

To the Editor:

It is generally thought that today's students are more aware than they have been in previous years. The eighteen-year-old vote is an example of one of the privileges we no longer have. The seniors in Milne will soon turn eighteen and have that voting right. Voting carries a great deal of responsibility. Some of the boys may soon be laying their lives on the line with the draft just around the corner. Does our present education teach us responsibility?

Isn't the main purpose of school to prepare children for adult life? Many responsibilities needed are not granted in schools; thereby, graduates graduate ill-prepared for life. Responsibility cannot be accepted if it is not given.

Free schools can be admired greatly for their new approaches to education. Summerhill, in England, has been very successful. The students enjoy learning, and learn more than they otherwise would. Milne has great potential in this direction.
Flowers growing from dust-chapped earth, ragged thistle, and roots beg for water. Scrubby-stubbed trees gnarled and rotted by mist. Hump-hunch backed, no shelter to the coming storm. Stone-dry swirls of paper, cans and bottles, and roots beg for back to the way you were son of man.

Seize and sink, the fog-brown rubble. Sooty handfuls blowing in the wind. The violent hour nears. I don't know why the sky keeps falling down; just falls. And I wish that it would stop and let my yellow-orange sun shine, instead of hiding it in a white virgin's shroud.

--- Sara Boomsdier

There are still a few days left if you can't make up your mind what to buy for family or friends. And if you have the feeling that they wouldn't like ties or perfume again, here are some alternatives. Try the Herb Farm Shop Cottage, located at 311 State St. for the gourmets you know. It's a charming old store that holds a wide assortment of spices, imported foods, and cooking utensils.

--- Sara Boomsdier

A Modern Christmas
by Scrooge
(Apologies to Clement Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all I could see was the glittering reflection of our artificial tree.

On our fake fireplace acetate stockings were hung in hopes that Christmas would soon be begun. All five children were snug in their own little beds, while visions of plastic toys danced in their heads. Mom in her curlers and I, smelling of booze, had turned off the SONY and were preparing to snore, when out on the balcony I heard a smash—

I detached the burgler alarm and threw up the sash, and lo! what to my eyes did appear but an Arctic Cat painted with eight tiny reindeer! The little old driver (thick in a shawl) boomed down the chimney with a ponderous bag. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work, filled the stockings with toy guns, then turned with a jerk, left hot pants for Mom and Clairal's hot comb for me, and shoved some Supe-star sweatshirts under the tree.

Pushing a button on the side of his suit, he activated a propeller and up-chimney did scoot—

But I heard him exclaim as he roared out of sight:

"Happy Affluence to all, and to all a good night!"

--- Frank Perlmutter

Empty Lot

Receive this your portioned fluorescent-white drab, Box it with blackboards and top of winter grey, That we can then offer you our rationed minutes, We programmed motes from the Milne student mass. We'll fling at each other some bright colored chatter Which after it dusts, is blown lightly away. After that, as some dogs worked their glands by a bell, We'll dissolve to regroup for our next scheduled class.

--- MLB and FP

Nifty Gift Ideas

The Albany Institute of History and Art has a lovely shop which carries a fantastic variety of jewelry, crafted in other lands, as well as a large assortment of prints, stationery, art books, little sculptures, etc. There's also a shop in the New York State Museum in which you may find interesting musical instruments, books about nature, foreign dolls, jewelry, and exotic things too numerous to list.

If you can't find something for someone in one of those stores, you might as well give up!

--- Sara Boomsdier

Advisory System Fails
by Joe Lapidus

Looking back at the beginning of this school year, we can remember both faculty and administration again trying to institute the "Advisory system" which had folded so quickly the year before. This year it went down the drain even quicker, as many people in Milne probably couldn't tell you who their advisors are.

The idea of the system was to provide a home base for the student. He could go there for any sort of problem, not just academic difficulties. Why the idea failed can only be guessed at. One possible reason could be that the system had a negative, rather than a positive attitude. It seemed the only reason a student would be called into his advisor would be because of an "N" report.

Another reason could be that since the structure of this system was so different, the students might have found it difficult to relate with those in their group. In each group, there was a cross section of grades and the twelfth graders might have found it difficult relating with the eighth graders, the seventh with the tenth, etc. If this is the case, the system seems to prove that students need to communicate better with those in their own grade.

One possible alternative to the present system was given by Mr. Mueller. He suggested an "ombudsman system." That is a person who would be available to students for any problem, in or out of the school. Let's say a student thought a teacher was being unfair to him and he had a legitimate gripe. He could be sure that this person would honestly pursue his complaint. Or for example, a student is depressed or has a personal problem and just wants somebody to talk to. He could go in and talk to this person about whatever is on his mind. It's very similar to the switchboards, such as "Refer" which are being made available to the public.

In Milne is always being referred to as an experimental school and experiments, like the advisory system, do fail. This does not mean that we should stop trying though. Hopefully the administration will consider Mr. Mueller's idea and possibly initiate it.

--- Frank Perlmutter

--- MLB and FP

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