Promises Is Kept

Wednesday, January 28, during intermission the Milne Drama Club, as it is termed this season, will go to New York City for a day at the theater. President Sue Heilin, Pam Auerbach, Kay Linter, and the rest of the student body, who are the trip committee, have been working with Mr. Richard Nyquist, and have arranged for club members to view matinees of "Promises, Promises" and "Forty Carats," and evening performances of "Plaza Suite" and "Butterflies Are Free." The group will tour NBC studios before the matinee.

Thirtythree members and four adults will go on this excursion at a cost of about $35 each.

Having reached the conclusion that their current name is rather unoriginal, the club decided to have a contest to choose a new name. Each member submitted as many names as he wanted, and then the new names were cast in the ballot. The winner of the contest will receive two tickets to an area play. The club's spirit will be incorporated into its constitution, which is under revision.

One privilege extended to the junior thespians is that of attending a drama workshop conducted by Mr. Weeks Tuesday after school. The purpose of the workshops is to give students who are interested in the arts a chance to develop self-confidence and an appreciation for the various techniques of drama to their personal lives.

Romeo & Juliet Attend Ball

by April Shelford

The Campus Ballroom will tonight be the scene of this year's Alumni Ball from 8:30 to 12:00. The band "Renaissance Legacy" will provide musical entertainment. The guests will be the junior and senior classes, and the Milne alumni from the past five years.

In all, about 500 people have been invited.

Traditionally the junior class has sponsored and planned the Alumni Ball; and so it is this year. With the decisions and responsibilities, one of that of the theme. By class vote a "Romeo and Juliet" theme was decided upon. Since then the theme has been loosely designated "Romance."

The Sophomore hosts and hostesses for this year's Ball will be Wayne Elsworth, Dave Slawsky, Steve Abrookin, Steve Antor, Sara Boosalmer, Lisa Pomerantz, Barb Linter, Pat Santon, Ellen DeLong, and Mona Freedman. They will be responsible for waiting on tables and serving punch, taking coats, and directing cars in the parking lots.

The decorations committee decided against wall hangings because of the nature of the ballroom. However, they will adorn the tables with red tablecloths and rose-and-wine-bottle centerpieces.

The junior class hopes to be rewarded for all its time, work, and money by a good attendance at this year's Alumni Ball.

FHA in Community

Monday, December 22 at the Albany Medical Center Hospital, the Future Homemakers of America will sponsor a Christmas Party for the young children in the pediatrics wing. The girls will present skits and sing a few songs for the children. This project is in keeping with one of FHA's themes of helping the community.

The New York City Trip will be one of FHA's main events during the spring. Tickets for "Promises, Promises" have been reserved for May 23. The members and some of their mothers will spend a Saturday in New York City to shop and see the play.

Science Grants Offered

Fellowships supported by the Brown-Hazen Fund are now available to high school juniors and seniors interested in the fields of chemistry, immunchemistry, microbiology and veterinary science.

Awards will be made on the basis of high scholastic standing and personal interviews.

Students receiving the awards will participate in research projects at the Infectious Disease Center of the University of Rochester and search of the New York Department of Health on New Scotland Avenue.

Applications may be obtained in the guidance office.

Nyquist Forecasts More Student Voice

by Adrienne Schapiro and Jon Sofer

"One of the biggest problems in education is that of channelling student activism," according to State Commissioner of Education Edward B. Nyquist.

Some of the larger problems facing education are the budget cuts, restoring public confidence in the schools, and school integration, said the newly appointed and former acting commissioner of education in an interview with the Cooperative Press.

When asked about the possibility of an extended school year, Mr. Nyquist replied that grants are available to schools wishing to experiment with this idea, but that tradition greatly impedes its progress.

Another subject under discussion at the interview was the tenure law. This law states that after a teacher has taught in a school district for three years and has been certified, he receives a "permanent contract."

Bake Sales and Dances Out

For the moment, Milne organizations are not allowed to have any more bake sales or dances. Many students are curious as to why these activities cease to exist.

Bake sales are in competition with the cafeteria which is losing money. According to Mr. Bowler every bit of money gained by some club or organization in a bake sale could have been spent just as well on some of the cafeteria's food. If the cafeteria's food were doubled, something might have taken its place in evaluating schools.

Clubs: Something for All

Two clubs, which students, especially upperclassmen, know little about are the Radio Club and the Fencing Club. Both are supervised by Mr. Donald Pruden of the science department.

Radio Club may be joined by attending its meetings Mondays in H251. The club's purpose is to teach the Morse Code, how radio functions, and to help its members obtain their code ability, they should be members of the Radio Club and have a Novice's license. Next, by improving, they can get their general's license.

Center Series Opened

On Monday, December 8, the Film Society of Lincoln Center presented "D. W. Griffith: Master of the Movies," the first of this year's series of Lincoln Center performances sponsored by the National Honor Society. The upcoming performances are: a drama to be presented by the Repertory Theatre of Lincoln Center January 14, a piano solo recital from the Julliard School of Music March 5, and a dance performance by the Juilliard Dance Ensemble May 22.

English II Visits Chaucer's England

For the past three weeks, students in two English 11 classes have been Knights, Monks, Miller's, and a large assortment of other personages from Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, on an assortment of short stories in verse, written in the 1390s. Each day when the students entered English class, they assumed the role of the character they were assigned to portray and participated in discussions on character viewpoint.

The relevancy of Chaucer was soon realized as the class passed judgment on the "pornographic" "Miller's Tale" which tells of an unfaithful wife and her affair with a young student; and discussed such current problems as public apathy, fascism and the great disparity between reality and idealism.
"Humanitarian Education" Planned
by Carol Morgenstern

In one of the third-floor offices in Richardson sits a man named Ed Maurer. Very few people in Milne are aware that he does nor well change the system of education in Milne as well as every other school in the world.

Mr. Maurer is co-ordinator of Training Laboratories in SUNYA's Humanitarian Education Department. That's a mouthful in any language. What it all means is that he and his colleagues are working on ways to make education a more personalized process. Part of the introduction to the programs he proposes is a short tape which describes a typical primary and secondary school education starting with the child's wish to attend school and ending with a teacher's comment, "The only truly exciting part of it is the problem of motivation which Mr. Maurer plans to treat.

The fact is that, if any high school students today can honestly say that their elementary school years were marked with personal interest and commitment on the part of the teacher. This lack of enthusiasm for the individual student tends to be reflected in later years in the student's attitude toward his teachers, the subject matter, and himself.

Mr. Maurer feels that personalized teaching geared to help the student help himself could be an answer to the problem of under achieving and "lazy" students. To illustrate his point about each child's personal achievement level, Mr. Maurer referred to a student who, upon leaving high school, and administration will widen.

The students were then asked, "What were some of the benefits of having student teachers?" Robby, a student teacher, offered six darts and is told he must state at which circle (six points, twenty points, etc.) he is aiming. If he hits that circle or one of greater value he gets as many points as he missed; if his others anticipated score, score is zero. This elementary game can indicate a great deal about a student's response to positive and negative stimuli. A potential underachiever will generally become discouraged and aim for lower scores if he is not succeeding, while six expressed negative need for individual oriented training programs so each student can become a profitable and fascinating experience for them to try out some new, more personal, methods of teaching.

At present, Mr. Maurer does not work with students, but with instructors. In a week, he visits a school in Shaker. Also, in not offering German or Russian, Milne handicaps itself as an experimental laboratory school for research. Small central schools, in what we might derisively refer to as "the state of the art," can afford to offer only courses in advanced high school. Milne offers courses in advanced high school, and free school days. But at an experimental school shouldn't experimentation be the norm, not the exception? The courses mentioned in the previous paragraph could not even be called experimental, since they have been offered regularly to students attending ordinary public high schools.

As a department of the university, Milne is in a unique position to offer its students college courses for credit while they are still in high school. Members of the university, in fact, for the first time. The expansion of the educational school at SUNY and the university is still fighting to keep them from receiving college credit for the course.

Milne offers no courses in advanced high school. Milne emphasizes science courses. A class in elementary calculus at SUNY and the university is still fighting to keep them from receiving college credit for the course.

To Mr. Yolles

Disgusted

To the Editor,

Today, at 3:15, I walked out of Page Hall in great disgust. The reason was a rather revolting Lincoln Center performance, sponsored by get this, the National Honor Society! To the Editor's方方面面 with utter chaos and confusion.

I believe all newspapers should be considered by the national education in another manner.

On behalf of those in Page Hall today, I ask all friends of the National Honor Society to consider the newspaper staff. How about a trial period of three or four issues during which all letters received are published in its curriculum soon .
Complaint

Among the books selected by the junior class this year for purchase by the Milne library were two novels by Philip Roth. One of these, Goodbye, Columbus, was purchased without resistance. The other, however, was vetoed by the librarians. This book is Portnoy's Complaint.

Much has been said about this book. Some praise it, some condemn it. Portnoy's Complaint was chosen, however, by the New York Times Book Review as an "especially outstanding" book, a book of "Uncommon Excellence." Only eleven other 1969 books received this honor. Included in our library is the issue of the book review which so highly praises it. If any do not believe, or would like to read some of the comments about this novel, simply ask the librarian for a copy of December 7, 1969, New York Times Book Review.

Apparently, the librarians do not feel that this book deserves inclusion in our school's repository of books. And so, we are against the recommendation of the junior class, which is sixteen per cent of the school. Thereby, a few people have controlled the many. This is hardly the democratic process. Not only that, but the whole picture reeks of censorship.

A librarian holds more power than most people realize. She, especially in the case of Milne, controls to an extent the input of material into a person's mind. What you do or don't read often depends on what source you draw your reading matter from. And since what you read determines to a degree what you think, this censorship is a form of thought control.

Unquestionably the librarians think that what they are doing is for our good. Portnoy's Complaint deals explicitly with one of the aspects of sexuality: masturbation. Leat this editorial digress too far, no mention will be made of the hang-up guilt-ridden, adult generation. However, the fact remains that adults get much more uptight about sex than do the youth. Portnoy's Complaint is not pornography. It is a novel, and considered by many a good one. It would be nice if it were at the disposal of the Milne students, to let them find out for themselves.

Yet this is not the central issue. A good hard look at the Milne library is profoundly disappointing. It is crammed with Dick and Jane love stories, and most of those, it seems, were chosen by juniors of past years.

Perhaps this tired old senior is an isolated case. Perhaps most of the Milne students are perfectly satisfied with our library; do not feel that it is exciting. Two Years Before the Mast, Portnoy's Complaint, The Scarlet Letter, Dick and Jane sports stories, Dick and Jane science fiction stories, Dick and Jane war stories, and many of the "classics" such as The Scarlet Letter, Two Years Before the Mist, and Moby Dick. There are appallingly few exciting books, and most of those, it seems, were chosen by juniors of past years.

Perhaps this tired old senior is an isolated case. Perhaps most of the Milne students are perfectly satisfied with our library; do not feel that it is irrelevant. But, how many have spent a total of over five hours in there, aside from free-reading class periods? The answer, of course, is few, if any. This would seem to this editor that there exists a problem, and that it is not just the feelings of one person. Perhaps this issue, as others, should be studied more carefully. And perhaps, for once, some action will be taken.

"Psychedelic Urchin" Writes

From somewhere in the theatre, hesitant, disjointed music starts up. The actors, previously unrecognized as such, slowly climb out of the audience onto the stage. A beautiful blonde girl, engaged in graceful, slow-motion acrobatics in the aisle, carefully unwinds and joins the gathering crowd. The music begins to coalesce, as all within range slip under the spell. This is the dawning of the Age of Aquarius.

The stars do not shine in the case of Milne, controls to an extent the input of material into a person's mind. The plot, such as it is, is secondary, a tool to present a message. The people wander slowly, standing stiffly, their leafless limbs embracing fetid air. The stars do not shine, but instead—the eyeless ones forced into combat with the eyes of the staring fog.

The stars do not shine for lovers only who stand in soft pools of shadow and silver. Stars also pierce the naked nights of the intricately sad cities, caught in gleaning neon webs, all magic lost by the old men. (squatting in their heavy private darkens, in the endless roving doorways, the nameless of the night)

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—Merle Bachman

Stars, and Frogs and Such

I used to wonder about Stars, And Frogs, And Such. But then I went to school and learned that Stars aren't fairies' castles and Frogs are just Amphibians. Too bad.

—Sara Boomsalter

Poetry

Touched by the pen
Of a madman,
The paper is marked with the sprawling blue lines of A tattoo obscene,
A deranged river
Of blue with islands
Of white, a poem—Ralph Benko

Being Quiet

To be quiet is,
Not to laugh,
Not to whimper,
Not to sing.
When you're dead you're
Quiet.—Sara Boomsalter

the swampland

the eyes of the fog
stare out at the night,
stare out at the roving land
lying dead
under weak streams of senile moonbeams.

the eyes of the fog
stare out at the night,
stare out at the bleached skeletons
standing stiffly,
their leafless limbs
embracing fetid air
the eyes of the fog
stare out at the night,
stare out into the lifeless,
eyeless ones who
seek night's wisdom
seek night's silence
seek night's peace.

but instead—
the eyeless ones
forced into combat
with the eyes of the staring fog.

—April Shelford

Articles on the sands of time implanted unknowingly.
But seeing, I wondered.
Why when were they as aware of it as we were, or thought—?
or just seeking peace?
I stand wanting to leave an imprint for my Shadow
However they are gone and so am I—Bill O'Brien

the cold clear air,
still in the black night,
the silver crescent in the sky,
Surrounded by millions of twinkling stars.

Sparkling new snow soft on the ground
And massive trees
Houses were dark and quiet
Nothing stirred.
Peace—Helene Galik

You thought for sure
what winds had come, and
the ground is still
as hard as pavement;
but the wind slaps you playfully and
goes chasing over
the park,
whipping color into
the sky,
the grass,
your cheeks—
what spring is this?
The people wander slowly
Through the dream
and the sun peers
between the old houses,
glorifying some forgotten garbage can.

—Merle Bachman
Sports Briefs

Ahr Appointed

Mr. Arthur Ahr, Milne's cross-country coach, has appointed a member of the Long Distance Committee of the Adirondack Association Amateur Athletic Union.

Frosh Open Season

On December 6, the Milne frosh basketball team opened its season against Voorheesville. The team, led by Steve Sumner with 19 points, suffered a 49-39 defeat. Milne, plagued by cold shooting, was matched by Voorheesville the first three quarters. The Raiders pulled ahead in the final quarter to win the game. The Frosh starting five are Pete Bulger and Pete Dorsman at the guard position, Paul Mayer and Steve Sumner at forward, and Roger DeLong at the post. The Frosh is coached by Mr. James Coyne.

Pearl Harbor Memorial

December 7 marked the first annual Pearl Harbor Memorial Day run at State University's five mile course. N. Y. Athletic Club representatives Harry Bellon and Tom Robinson ran first and second respectively. NCAA All-American Arthur Conidine ran third. Milne's Ahr finished fifth and ran behind some of the top amateur competitors in the country. He received his trophy being the first man over thirty to finish the race.

Diary of a Practice

by Gary Manasse

3:00 The fourteen boys shoot at the various baskets around the court and warm-up quickly.

3:15 Lay-up drills last for fifteen minutes.

3:30 The next half hour is devoted to jump shots and foul shooting.

4:00 Sitting in a semi-circle, drinking Coke, the team reviews the offensive and defensive plays. An analysis of the previous game is made by the team and coach together.

4:15 The team achieves a real game situation by playing each other. These "dry-runs" help the players react properly in a game.

5:00 Coach dismisses the team. The locker room chatter is amusing and cracks are made in fun.

Record Now 2-2

Milne Hoosters off to Shaky Start

The Future Pros opened their season strongly by a 82-62 win over St. John's Prep. This was encouraging but the hoosters could have made a better showing. Their offense was sloppy and they committed far too many fouls. Rebounding was weak also. Scoring honors went to Mel Grant with 22 points and outstanding defense was shown by junior Abe Dorsman.

The Milne hoosters hit rough water as they lost their next game to Catskill 98-69. Their acceptable offense was overshadowed by poor defense. During the second period, we were outscored 38-12 by what seemed to be an unbeatable Catskill squad. The Cats' press was devastating. Our forwards got the ball up to half court but numerous turnovers beyond half court and poor shooting ruined any chances of a win. Also, the Raiders were unable to stop Catskill's two top scorers, Latine and O'Neill. The Raiders did outscore the Cats 26-18 in the final quarter. Individual honors went to Lou Milstein with 23 points and Mel Grant with 18 points and 21 rebounds.

Last Saturday night the Raiders evened their overall record with a 9-6 loss at Tri-County Champs Coxsackie. Coxsackie's starting five fouled out of the game. We allowed Coxsackie 40 free throws while they gave us only half that number. Two technicians in the closing minutes of the game gave us an even greater margin.

Going Strong

Coach Fred Ackerman cannot seem to lose at Milne. Three years ago, he coached the jayvees and last year his team entered the Playdium. This year, he has 15-1-1. With a 3-0 record their teamwork and hustle is amazing. Outside shooting and defense by sophomore Eric Schlamowitz has helped the team greatly. He now has a 16-point average.

NEEDED: Boys with Spirit

The Spirit Club is in desperate need of members of the male sex to help lead the basketball teams to victory. Yes, you heard it. Why don't any of you guys join? There are only three boys out of 80 members.

In mid-November the club elected as its officers Jone Green president; Peggy Schmidt, vice-president; Wayne Elsworth, treasurer; and Mel Santen, secretary. Barbara Mayer, coordinator.

If any of you are wondering why there is so much more red and white than there was last year, it is because of the Spirit Club. They have shakers, megaphones, and signs. It is proof of the spirit that all of the members have. Spirit has been lacking at Milne in recent years. It's still not too late to join if you have the spirit.

Girls Start Hoop

The girls' sports program has completed its field hockey and volleyball seasons, and is now beginning bowling and basketball. The bowling team, which meets every Wednesday at the Playdium Bowling Center, has several good bowlers in its lineup. In the last five weeks of practice, Dawn Baldes and Margie Santen have been on the top 7 list every week. Last night, however, was a 195 bowled by seventh grader Barbara Gorden. According to Miss Brown, the team's performances look very good and their chances of holding on to their previous cups and records is excellent.

Practice for basketball began early this year, because the girls have yet to get used to a five man game. This is entirely new, and will require more work and practice in order to be ready for the season which starts in late January.

Nystul Forecasting...

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According to Commissioner Nystul, there has been a "voice" in matters pertaining to them, but not a final say. He also said he had brought the question of bussing to the Regents but, the matter had not yet been discussed. However, he noted, several school boards have appointed student advisors. This may allow student involvement for now, but the Commissioner foresees state control of local school boards as inevitable.

Nyquist Polls...

On the other hand, he feels that since "we live together in a multi-racial world," an integrated school system should reflect this society.

The Commissioner also feels bussing is one means of achieving his policy of integration.