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**“Dragon Moon” Underway**

“Dragon Moon” is the theme for this year’s Alumni Ball, to be presented by the Junior Class on December 18 from 9-12 in Brubacher Lounge.

Grades 11 and 12, and alumni of the past five years are invited to attend. Following past tradition, the dance will be semi-formal, and there will be a charge for admission. The proceeds will help support other high schools as well as Milne please submit it to Laurie Levine.

**Ambassadors Aid Milne**

One of Milne’s newest clubs is the Ambassadors, the school’s only service organization. The aim of the Ambassadors is to promote social welfare, and to serve the school and the community. They accomplish this aim through many various projects.

Last year, the Ambassadors were responsible for cleaning the school windows, and sponsoring a food and clothing drive for the poor of Albany at Christmas time.

Projects for this year are: repetition of last year’s Christmas drive; hosting both Parents’ Nights this fall; and work for the Clinton Square Neighborhood House.

Any senior high girl may join the Ambassadors. Their present membership is twenty. Mrs. Cecilia McGinnis is the faculty advisor. Officers of the club are: Kathy Toole, president; Liz Breuer, secretary; and Valerie Chevrette, treasurer. A vice-president will be elected soon.

The Ambassadors was formerly Milne’s chapter of Tri-Hi-Y, but last year, the members decided to break away from that organization. They felt that the dues were too high for corresponding benefits received from the YMCA, the sponsoring organization.

**Vacation Schedule Changes**

Milne students gain a two-week vacation after mid term exams in late January this year.

The change from past year is due to a similar vacation of the State University of New York to allow it to move from its current campus near Milne to a new campus on the outskirts of Albany.

To compensate for the loss in class time Milne will shorten its Christmas vacation one week.

There will be no spring vacation other than after semester exams and at Easter.

The revised vacation schedule is as follows:

- Dec. 22—School dismissed 11:40 for vacation.
- Jan. 3—Classes resume.
- Jan. 19, 20, 21—Semester exams; vacation.
- Feb. 7—Classes resume; school dismissed 11:40.
- April 1—School dismissed at 2:22.
- April 12—Classes resume; school dismissed 11:40.

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**Teen Reporters Begin**

This year eleventh and twelfth grade reporters for the Knickerbocker News are Barry Press and Laurie Levine.

Published weekly, the Teen Reporter gives students interested in journalism a chance to write. Meetings will be held throughout the school year for teens to express their ideas and to improve the column.

Hints on the types of news students should obtain were given to teen reporters Wednesday, October 27, at the Knickerbocker News by columnist Gay Curtis.

Barry comments, “It’s difficult to find things to tell each week, so if any students have news that would interest other high schools as well as Milne please submit it to Laurie or myself.”

**Basketball co-captains John Margolis, left, in white, and Steve Milstein, right, disagree about what color uniform to wear before the pep rally. Coach Lewis meditates in pink.**

**Teen Reporter Representative Demonstrates Laser**

Light ten million times brighter than the surface of the sun was the topic for this year’s second All School Assembly, held on November 8.

Mr. Emil Sticht, of the Bell Telephone Company, presented a program on the laser. Conquest of Light, an award winning film studying the theory and history of coherent light produced by laser (Light Amplified through Stimulated Emission of Radiation) machines was shown. The film also showed its many potential uses.

During the demonstration of an eight watt laser machine which followed, coherent, or directed light was focused on the auditorium wall.

Using the laser beam, physicists have been able to make a more accurate measurement of the speed of light.

“By 1970, more machines will be talking to other machines than people to people,” Mr. Sticht declared. Laser-produced light will be important in establishing these new channels of communication.

Mr. Sticht emphasized that although a coherent light beam using enormous power can pierce through a tank’s armor, the laser beam is much more potentially useful for peaceful purposes.

According to Mr. Sticht, uses for coherent light seem almost unlimited. In the field of medicine, the laser beam can be used as a scalpel in knifeless surgery. The beam could be so concentrated as to kill one single cancer cell.
Standard Exams Again

Three standard scholastic exams were mentioned on the front page of the last issue, an all too normal indication of their increasing importance and proliferation.

Of these tests, one, the NMSQT, helps determine which tiny percentage of students will receive a certain type of scholarship. The NMSQT must be regarded as a waste of time for the vast majority of students taking it, who have no real possibility of achieving a scholarship.

Another test, the PSAT, is only taken to give an indication of how well the student is likely to do on another test taken months or a year later.

The third test, the regents scholarship exam, truly benefits the New York State student, but also attempts to measure four years of studies with 150 multiple choice questions, a losing proposition at best.

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The fact that some Milne students have improved upon their predicted SAT scores by 200 points by studying how to take SAT tests, makes a good example. Unfortunately, these exams are nowhere near as perfect as they attempt to indicate to the public. They are based on changing curricula and standards, handicapping students whose backgrounds do not conform.

Real relief is dependent upon the production of enough educational facilities to provide a reasonable relationship between the students and classrooms. Unfortunately the post war baby boom has produced enough students to insure that almost any output of college campuses will be inadequate in the immediate future. Today's seventh grader will probably have a harder time getting into college than his brother of equal abilities who is now a senior.

Assuming that a solution is found, it will probably take the form of community colleges for vocational preparation after high school and a relaxation of the pressures to get into the small percentage of openings.

If a solution is not found there will be more wasted students who should be in college, more students disappointed by the select college of their choice, and more students who fear scholastic exams.

It's Our School!

"Gees, these kids are pigs!" exclaimed the cleaning lady one afternoon when I happened to stay late at school. I started to say to myself, "tough, lady," but then I realized she was talking about us, the Milne students, and she was right.

A gray-haired janitor walked slowly down the hall. He took a pankneif from his back pocket, stopped down, and began scraping away at something on the floor. After several minutes, I saw that the man was trying to pry up a wad of well-chewed bubble gum dropped by some unthinking student.

Milne's halls and classrooms are not a garbage disposal. It's really pretty disgusting to become covered with bits of shredded paper while removing one's books from a desk, or to sit down on somebody's A.B.C. (already been chewed) gum. The writing on the walls may serve some purpose, but it's not too lovely to look at . . . and when you're busy drawing on your plastic desk, remember the ink is going to get all over the next person who sits there. And about that gum in the water fountain . . . ych!

Even if you don't give a hoot about the janitors, even if you don't care about the reputation of Milne students — for the sake of the rest of the people in Milne, keep Milne clean. And you finks who leave your gum around — I hope you step in it.

A.H.

A Letter

To the Editor:

Why are Milne seniors allowed to send applications to only three colleges? Every year more and more students apply to colleges and the competition, even among superior students, is fierce. Colleges receive many times more applicants than they can possibly accept, thus many fully qualified applicants are turned away. With only three applications, the chance that any student, especially the average student, will be accepted is very limited. I would like to know the source of this rule and why we as Milne students can do about changing it.

Name submitted.
Milne Begins Play in CHVL

Competing in the Central Hudson Valley League for the first time, the Milne Varsity Basketball team will be "small and green," according to Coach Bob Lewis. No longer the smallest school within its league, the Red Raiders' chances for success "should be better than last year," stated Mr. Lewis.

The squad will be led by last year's third highest scorer, junior Bob Blanton, and the only other starter returning from last year, Co-Captain John Margolis. Also back, with some varsity experience, are seniors Jim Gewirtzman, Ron Koven and Co-Captain Steve Milne.

Expected to be a scoring team, the Raiders are aided by last year's third highest scorer, junior Ron Lara.

For the first time in many years, Milne will not field either a Freshman or Junior High basketball team. According to Milne Athletic Director, Robert Lewis, "the kids are being cheated and will be able to participate in a form of athletics except for bowling."

This is truly a sad situation for any boy in the seventh, eighth, or ninth grade. Although there are the added problems of having limited court space, the boys are willing to practice from 7:30 a.m. until 8:50 a.m. each morning in order to be able to participate as a team.

It seems to many, closely associated with the athletic program at Milne, that due to the fact that not only do the boys learn the fundamentals of basketball but that they also receive a primary education in citizenship, it is imperative that the necessary monies be secured from the proper channels to allow our younger athletes the opportunity to form a Freshman basketball team.

Editorial

This winter, a large number of Milne boys will not be playing interscholastic basketball because of the lack of funds needed in providing for a Freshman basketball coach.

The field hockey team ended its season with five wins, four losses and four ties. The girls played their best game of the year against one of the area's most powerful teams, Mt. Pleasant High School. Although falling by a 5-1 score, the Raiders displayed a considerable amount of fighting spirit along with their enthusiasm. The lone goal was tallied by Rosalie Bishop. Late season victors were gained over Linton, Girls' Academy and Amsterdam, while a tie was played against New Lebanon. Scoring goals in these games were Rolsi Bishop and Carol Graham, two each, and Jean Cali received Honorable Mention for her outstanding effort on the field.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School was the setting for a cheerleading clinic on Saturday, November 13. This symposium, for Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders and songleaders, was conducted by cheerleading professional Merle Terhune. Girls from schools throughout the Capital District attended this day-long activity.

On Friday, November 19, the annual Jr. High and Freshman basketball season opened. Inaugurating the basketball season was the girls' basketball team, which was led by the Milne cheerleaders and songleaders.

The Milne girls are currently 1-1 following a loss to Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 46-34, and a victory over Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk, 24-13. The Raiders defeated Maple Hill, 68-47. Milne lead to defeat the Raiders.

At a recent assembly held for all Milne students, the boys' basketball team was honored for their outstanding effort on the field. Milne's Junior Varsity edged Maple Hill in a down-to-the-wire, 77-76, victory. Ron Laraway led the way with 22 points.

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Tonight Milne's Red Raiders play in their first of four consecutive road games after defeating Maple Hill in its home opener. They will not return to Page Gym until December 17 when they will meet Healy, defending champions of the CHVL.

Tonight's encounter will be the second in three games against Voorheesville. In sectional play last year, the Blackbirds overcame an early Milne lead to defeat the Raiders. Featuring 6-7 Ted Shull, the perennial CHVL contenders also capped their opener by trimming Cosackie, 77-57.

This winter, many of the Central Hudson Valley League, defeated Maple Hill, 68-47. Milne was now among five of six opened games under the guidance of Coach Lewis.

After holding a 12-11 advantage at the end of the first quarter, the Red Raiders broke the game wide open in the second quarter by outscoring their opponents 22-3. Bob Blanton topped all scorers with 26 points, many resulting from fast breaks. John Margolis and Bill Murphy added 16 and 10 points respectively. Of the visitors was Garafalo with 12.

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HARRIERS TAKE FOURTH TITLE

Milne's Varsity Cross Country team captured its fourth consecutive Class D sectional title on November 13 at Schenectady's Central Park. First across the line for the Raiders was Ron McNally with a 15:15.9 finish, followed by Geleta, Elsworth and Golden. McNally was also among the top ten runners with Geleta earning the first alternate's victory for the Raiders.

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BOB LANGER

If Mr. Mueller finds any mistakes in the Mathematics Association account, he can probably blame them on Bob Langer. It’s not that Bob isn’t a competent treasurer—he just has a monopoly on the office. MBAA, Chess Club, and the Senior Class have all put their funds in Bob’s hands.

In addition to these activities, Bob also enjoys all sports. Last year, he played J.V. basketball and ran the dashes in spring track. When asked to comment on the Milne marking system, Bob said he would make some alterations in the present method. These included the use of (+) and (−) on report cards and equity with respect to advanced placement in various subjects.

Next year, Bob plans to pursue a course in engineering at MIT.

NICK GELETA

Cross-country captain Nick Geleta feels that a runner’s mental attitude is one of the main reasons for his success or failure. In order to train under a rigorous schedule five days a week, it is necessary for a person to develop the proper outlook; otherwise, a runner cannot continue to perform at his best. Incidentally, Nick has never finished lower than second among Milne’s Harriers in any race during his time on the team to another successful season.

In fact, Nick always seems to be running. Indoor track, spring track, and cross country are oddball, all are unusual.

VALERIE CHEVRETTE

According to Val Chevrette, the Milne School places entirely too much emphasis on marks. All of its activities are either directly or indirectly influenced by scholastic achievement. She feels that this mark-conscious attitude is becoming increasingly noticeable in Milne students. What can be done? Valerie thinks that more emphasis should be placed on individual development and classroom participation rather than memorization of facts and accepted beliefs.

When not conforming to the Milne marking system, Valerie enjoys her work in Quin and Ambassadors. In addition, she is secretary of organization To E. Reading is one of her chief interests, while French appears to be, in no uncertain terms, one of her main dislikes.

Valerie has made Hunter College her first choice, where she hopes to major in chemistry.

— SENIOR SPOTLIGHT —

**The Man from M.I.L.N.E.**

By CHIP JOHNSON

James Bond Napoleon Solo Illya Kuryakin James West Henry West (sic) Alexander Scott Kelly Robin Stone

This is a column of things to read. Some of these are classic, some oddball, all are unusual.

T. H. White’s *The Once and Future King* (Dell, 95c) is the legend of King Arthur, retold from a contemporary viewpoint. The characters are eminently human, a result of the reverence with which many authors regard the past. Historial figures are not sacred; they’re only your grandparent’s grandparent’s grandparent’s grandparent’s grandparent. This is the book on which Camelot is based. I felt the play was rather dull, especially when compared with the vivid style in which the book is written. Walt Disney’s movie, *The Sword in the Stone*, is also based on *Once and Future King*. I don’t know anything else about the *Sword in the Stone*, but for five years of my life, I had been devoting my attention to avoiding Disney movies.

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A Cool Million by Nathaniel West (Avon Library, 60c; also included in this edition is a shorter novel, *The Dream Life of Balso Snell*, a surrealistic journey through the canal of the Trojan horse) is a parody of the traditional myths of the whole- some All-American country boy who goes to the big city to seek his fortune. In the course of this comic-grotesque novel, the hero, Lemuel Pitkin, is gradually dismembered. In his naivete, Lemuel trusts all imps, his faith is consistently rewarded with the loss of an organ or limb. Warning: Nathaniel West is not for everyone; his books are definitely not for the squeamish.

**Reflected on an Election**

By SALLY BOUTTON

“I will not fail the trust the people of New York have given to me.”

Around me, reporters were elbowing their way to the stage. Reading was still smiling in the background, although his acceptance speech had been completely overshadowed by Lindsay’s arrival. Rockefeller and Javits had had big smiles too, as they were forced slowly into the political background by the election returns.

We had been standing for hours. Although we were at election headquarters, our results came from television transmitted fully. The television reporters were trying to get scoops from us at the same time!

By 12:00 we were pretty confident. Lindsay 45 percent; Beame 42 percent, Buckley 13 percent. The percentages were constant. 12:45—Buckley gives up; Manhattan returns in—over a 50,000 vote lead. Now we just had to wait.

Norman Mailer appeared—beaming an American beam. About 2:00, some early Tribunes came in, headlined—“Lindsay in a Squeaker.” I salvaged one—the others ended in huge bumbs of dirty confetti. We were shoved behind a line of police and told to wait—and wait—and wait.

Reporters, with their official PRESS badges, could get free drinks. By 2:30 everyone seemed to be nearly soused by bourbon or victory. Then—Beame conceded, and Lindsay appeared.

“I want to thank Senator Javits and Bob Price (smiling), and (sobbing) Mr. Costello and Mr. Mollen who . . .

The confetti was already spent; the speech drowned by reporters trying to break through to tell their cities how cleanly the election had gone. Everyone was suddenly very tired. On the stage he continued:

“this will be the most successful, exciting administration this city has ever seen.”

Required Reading

By NAOMI ARONSON

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Frankly, all I can say about *A High Wind in Jamaica* is that it is a very uncomfortable book; injustices are committed, yet there are no villains; all are innocent and all are guilty; all are criminals and all are victims.

Nonconformist Literature

Grump, the magazine “for people who are against all the dumb things that are going on”, has a series on household gods for the twentieth century. The latest issue features: “Box is my shepherd, I shall not think, It maketh me to lie down in leghary. It leadeth me beside the late-late show, And I shall fear no trash.”

Grump is 35¢ an issue and on sale at Fowler’s, 196 Lark Street.

Albany’s War on Poverty

The Albany Mirror: the Voice of Poverty is a weekly newspaper written by the poor and for the poor of Albany. This newspaper serves two functions. It calls the attention of the outer world to conditions that exist in the poverty-stricken sections of Albany. The Voice also informs the poor of services and organizations which have been established to aid them. The Albany Mirror is a battleground of the war on poverty. A year’s subscription to *The Albany Mirror* includes, in addition to regular issues, Checks should be made payable to *The Albany Mirror* and mailed to: Dr. Lenora Sportman, *The Voice of Poverty*, 213 Ontario Street, Albany, N. Y. 12203.