Honors Assembly Closes School Year

Page Hall auditorium, Friday, June 11, was the scene of the annual Honors assembly, which closed the school year.

Dr. Theodore H. Fossieck, principal of the school, opened the program by presenting the Bricks and Ivy, Alfred T. Wheeler, Bauch and Lumb, Paul Wolfgang Memorial, and the Crusier Albany awards. Awards were also made for proficiency in Spanish, English, and senior high art. Dr. Fossieck concluded this part of the program by awarding the Principal’s Prize.

Next to take the spotlight were the Milnettes who sang two numbers, "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater" and "Flute Pigeons," a Chinese picture.

After the Milnettes performed, more awards were made by Dr. Fossieck. Included in these were awards for music, French, science, mathematics, business education, and Latin. The Norman Suter, William J. Milne, and Robert Taft memorial awards were also presented at this time. Concluding his part of the program, Dr. Fossieck presented the Crimson and White award, and the Q.T.S.A. scholarship for the year 1954-55.

Finally, Sally Simmons, editor of the "Bricks and Ivy," made the annual yearbook dedication.

To close the school year with an inspiring selection of pieces, the seniors sang "Dream Song of an Island Place," "Prologue," and "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You." A musical exchange program was recently made between Milne and B.C.H.S. Friday, May 28, 1954. The Milnettes and junior choir, with Cynthia Berberian and Shirley Vandeburgh, as piano soloists, presented an excellent musical program for the student body of Bethlehem Central high school.

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### Examination Schedule

**MON., JUNE 14**

**TUES., JUNE 15**

**WED., JUNE 16**
- 8:30 to 10:25: Latin II, Little Th., Physics, Spanish II, English 9, 12, 23, 24, 26, 26, 27.
- 10:30 to 12:25: Latin II, Little Th., English 12, Math. 10.

### Graduation Climaxes Festivities

Dr. Eugene Bendes, president of St. Lawrence university, will give the principal address at the graduation ceremonies of the class of '54. Commencement exercises for the seniors will take place June 25, 1954, at 8:15 p.m. in Page Hall auditorium. The graduates will be led into the auditorium by marshalls "Honey" McNeil, and Joel Berman, to the music of Mendelssohn's "Wine March of the Priests" from "Althalia."

Reverend Frank P. Snow, Trinity Methodist church, Albany, will give the invocation. Following this, Dr. Theodore Fossieck, principal of the Milne school, will present the valedictorian and salutatorian awards to Nancy Redden and Barbara Mabus, respectively. The Milnettes will then sing, "Flute Pigeons," and "The Song My Heart Will Sing." Mr. J. Ralph Thibetts, guidance director, will present the seniors to the Fossieck for the awarding of their diplomas.

After the singing of the Alma Mater, Reverend Snow will pronounce the benediction, while the audience remains standing. The graduates will march out to the music of Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstances."

### Class Selected Ushers

Ushers selected from the junior class by the senior class officers are Ann Gayle, Nancy Redden, Sheila Fitzgerald, Sara Seiter, Cynthia Berberian, Ann Crocker, Connie Olivo, Janet Vine, Ed Berkun, Ed Blessing, John Huston, Bob Keller, and Jerry Thomas.

After graduation exercises, a reception will be held in Page Hall gym.

### Senior Banquet

Sayles Hall May 22, was the scene of a very gala event which takes place in the lives of all Milne seniors. This event, as you probably guessed, was the senior banquet. The seniors began invading the hall about 5:30 p.m. to have their roast beef dinner.

A bit of entertainment was offered by Liberace's boys ("Cris" Cross, "Poncho" Bullion, and Marty Wolman). The trio played "Ode to a Toad," by Mode, and "Sick Canary," on the violins.

The senior ball, which will take place on the night of June 18 at the Aurora ballroom, will attract many seniors who wish to listen to the music of Jimmy Spartago's orchestra. There will be dancing from nine to one, and programs will be given to all those attending.
Examine Your Cramming

Two weeks ago, final examinations were nearing and now the full impact of their environment is upon us.

The teacher’s ‘reviewal period’ is past and our actual schooling is over for another year. From now until the hour of finals, we are on our own. All the studying done will be to our own discretion and the marks obtained from that studying, good, bad or indifferent, will be to our credit or debit.

It is now rather late to begin a thorough review of all our courses, as we should have started the procedure weeks in advance, but let’s stop kidding ourselves. We know that most of us never knock ourselves out on books until the latest possible date. It now may be too late to say, ‘I won’t leave my studying until the last night.’

Cramming, may on a rare occasion get us a fair mark, but quick learning fades equally as fast as it is consumed. Therefore, this type of studying should be eliminated. Please don’t leave your reviewing until the last; you won’t regret it. Examine your cramming methods and discover your faults. Cramming is only a fair weather friend and not a true one.

ALUMNEWS

Lois Tewell ’51, was crowned queen of Albany’s Tulip Festival in Washington Park. Anne Carlough ’49, was one of the members of her court.

Marina Phillips and Ronald Dillon, class of ’53, were married April 25, 1954.

Barbara Leece ’50, and Lt. John C. Taylor, will be married June 12.

Eleanor Jacobs ’50, will graduate from Smith college in June.

Renee Rapowitz ’53, and Evan Fineman are planning a fall wedding. Also planning a fall wedding from the class of ’53 is Sue McNeil to Frank Mack.

Jerome Hanley, Richard Nathan and Bob Richardson, all of the class of ’53, were seen home, enjoying their summer vacation.

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Graduation

Those scene crowding the punch bowl after the senior banquet were Pat Canfield, Toby Lee Stone, John Wolfe, Barbara Malbus and Don Wilson. The gala affair took place at Gretchen White’s.

The Colonie County Club also sported a number of Milinites at their dance. The coupled included Art Melius, Connie Edwards, Crighton Cross, Judy Weibel, Marty Wolman, Mary Killough and Harry Gage and Alice Erwin. After the dance Barbara Wolman, Larry Genden, ‘Honey’ McNeil, Joel Berman, Sally Cook, John Murphy and Cecil Blum and Dick Engleman traveled to Osterhout’s to replenish themselves with food.

Sharlet Sackman recently had an open house for a few of her neighbors. Among the kids enjoying the fun were Ann Croce, Hilda Kingmen, Bill Bullion, Harry Page, Mary Lou Deitrich and Jerry Kane.

A musical hayride was given recently by Courtney Brown. A few of the kids exerting their vocal cords were Jackie Turner, Sue Patack, Barry Fitzgerald, Bob Martin, Joan Canfield, Trudy Shaw and Chuck Sloan.

Trooping up to Lake George to spend a few days were the kids of the class of ’53.

Some of the more talented ones in Milne’s made their debut in Westminster’s play, ‘Bright Lights.” Among these were Beryl Scott, Hilda Kingmen, Bill Bullion, Harry Page, Mary Lou Deitrich and Jerry Kane.

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Senior Spotlight

(Story and More Pictures on Page 4)

The Inquiring Reporter

By CAROL ‘n JUDIE

Question: “What will you remember most about this senior class?”

Mrs. Hemmert: “The kids in my homeroom most.”

Mr. Blyth: “Bion’s gentle laugh — but on the serious side — Mary and Alice’s faithful mail service.”

Miss Glass: “Cheerful guns”

Mr. Smith: “What speed! What beauty! What class! And the money they made! I love ‘em!”

Mary Lou Deitrich: “My heezi career as a C & W editor — Ooh those late assignments.”

Sherrill Miller - Mary McNamara: “... Don and Dick respectively.”

‘Cris’ Cross: “The last school days made at Milne.”

Barbara Mabus: “Thinking of excuses why I shouldn’t be here.”

John Murphy: “The September welcome speech telling us Milne is a friendly school.”

Ginny Edwards: “My aching arms!”

Norma Rogers: “The illegal powder fights in the locker room!”

Bill Hoffman: “Those ‘nice’ student teachers.”

Gretchen White: “All the ‘crazy times and swell kids.”

Brenda Sandburg: “My favorite supervisors and student teachers.”

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Milnites Lead League

This year the Milne Varsity baseball team is competing for the first time against Columbia, Schenendehowa, and Van Rensselaer in the newly formed Capital District Baseball League. At the end of June 3, Milne and Columbia were battling for top honors in the league as both teams won four league games and lost one.

**Raiders Rap Rams**

Milne opened the league season in a game with Van Rensselaer on May 13 at Coyne field. The Raiders jumped to a 4-0 lead in the first inning. Joel Berman, Milne’s lead-off batter, rapped a double. Then centerfielder, “Cris” Cross, singled to drive in the first two runs. An error by the Ram’s catcher allowed Cross and Bob Byrum to score. Milne’s third and fourth runs. The Raiders tallied another run in the third inning. This looked to be enough, but, in the fourth inning by Rensselaer brought them back into the game. In the last of the fifth inning, the Rams scored two more runs to tie up the ball game at 5-5.

Russ Peck led off in the top of the ninth with a three hit blast, and then rallied to drive in the Ram score. Lockwood’s second hit of the afternoon. This was all Milne needed to clinch their first league victory, 6-5.

**Milnites vs. Schenendehowa**

On May 13, Milne traveled to Schenendehowa and easily handed the home club its third straight league loss. R-3-5, Milne, Eagles relieved John Wolfe, who was credited with the win, in the fourth inning and finished the game allowing only one hit.

**Columbia Edged**

The Raiders trailed Columbia up until the seventh inning when they managed to tie up the ball game, 5-5 in a dramatic last minute rally. Then in the bottom of the eighth, Bob Byrum singled and was advanced to third by a single from Bill Bullion. The visitors after they rallied to score three runs in the fifth inning.

The Raiders lost their second game of the season to the Bethlehem Central Eagles, 7-3. The Milnites were swamped by a big seven run fourth inning as they never able to catch the fleet-footed speedsters from Delmar. John Papaul, the Milnites’ centerfielder, and Don Wilson, who caused with a two run homer in their big fourth inning, in which B.C. sent 12 men to the plate.

May 13, on a very soggy Academy field, the Albany Academy Cadets downed the Raiders, 12-7. Despite the mud the Cadets managed to score seven runs in the fourth inning, and then maintain their lead throughout the rest of the game.

Milne dropped a close game, 3-2 to Bethlehem Central on May 18. The Raiders took an early one run lead and had the advantage of a 2-1 lead going into the seventh frame. The B.C.H.S. scoring potential was stifled until then with the help of Russ Peck, Milne’s left fielder, who caught seven fly balls in the first four innings. In the bottom of the seventh, B.C. squeezed across two runs to tie up the game, 3-2 in a brilliant climax.

Milne retaliated on May 26 to beat the Albany Academy Cadets, 6-2 in a well played game. Milne took the lead in the first, 3-1 and never was approached by their opponents. Russ Peck came in to relieve the winning pitcher, John Wolfe, in the fourth inning. The V.I. Lions roared over the Red Raiders at Ridgefield on May 28 and by a score of 15-2. Both Milne pitchers had very little luck in holding the Lions as they broke out to score 15 runs, nine in one inning. Milne whipped Altamont, 9-1 at Ridgefield on June 1. John Wolfe and Dick Eggleston combined to hold the visitors to only four hits.

**TENNIS TALK—**

**By JOHN BENEDICTSON**

The tennis team has gone winless thus far this season with only a few matches left to be played, although several times during the season we have suffered very close defeats. This inefficiency may be traced to the absence of coaching throughout the season which if it were present, I believe would have made a great deal of difference in our record for the season.

**Tennis Team Attends Clinic**

On May 12, the Milne tennis team attended the Spalding Tennis Clinic sponsored by the Albany Y.M.C.A. This clinic required a total of 18 credentials which were awarded to sophomores, juniors and seniors. There were 11 honor pins presented to nine juniors and seniors, while two separate tennis clinic awards were given to Bob Derick and Judy Jenkins, received them also.

**Mothers Achieve Awards**

Special awards were presented next. The prizes for the earliest reservations went to Miss. Happener and Mrs. Bonczyk. Miss Murray was surprised by a gift from the council and in turn surprised Mrs. Scully with special corsage. Stationery was presented to Mrs. W. Lester, Mrs. C. Cook, Mrs. R. Miller, Mrs. Scully, Mrs. A. Johnpierr, Mrs. J. Wurst and Mrs. H. Kornan for attending their first banquet. Special awards were given to the first 10 girls of the fly ball club, which consisted of Hilda Melius, Mary Myers, Jackie Bonczyk, Betty Korman, Elly Jacobs, Sheila Fitzgerald, Polly Viner, Carolyn Male, and Mary Killough.

**One Man Attends**

Mr. William Stockdale, who was the guest speaker, gave an illustrated talk on Alaska. Everyone enjoyed this entertainment and agreed the banquet was most successful.
Societies and Clubs

Annual Elections

This being the end of the school year, various societies and clubs have been holding their annual elections for officers.

In the following paragraphs are the results of these elections.

Tri-Hi-Y Elections of Officers

On June 1, the Tri-Hi-Y members elected the officers they want to lead them next year. Mimi Ryan, the president, took the nominations. Sara Seiter was elected president, assisting her will be Judy Hallenbeck as vice-president. Jerry Kane will be handling the money, while taking down the minutes at the meetings will be Elsa Weber. Sheila Feicht was elected chaplain.

F.H.A. Elections of Officers

Nine chapters of the Future Homemakers of America elected their officers for 1954-1955 at a meeting in the home economics room.

After the nominations were accepted, by president Alene Gannell, the questionnaire Ann Gayle as president, Diana Lynn as vice-president, Barbara Wolman as secretary, Carol Pleiener as treasurer, and Mary Ann O'Connell as sergeant-at-arms.

Theta Nu Literary Society Elections

On Wednesday, June 2, the Theta Nu Literary Society held their annual elections of officers.

The officers elected for next year were Joel Berman, who will replace Jud Lockwood as president; Tom Nathan, vice-president; Bob Keller, secretary; Dixon Well, treasurer; David Noville, librarian, and Tom Foggio keeping order as sergeant-at-arms.

Theoseum Literary Society Elections

The Theoseum Literary Society held their annual elections on June 4, with president Jim Myers presiding.

Elected as officers to run the Theoseum society next year were: Dick Green, president; Sandwich Rub, vice-president; "Frank" as treasurer, and elected as secretary was Steve Weinstein.

Election of New Student Council

The junior student council elections were held on May 13 in the Page Hall auditorium during the first period of the day. Speeches were made by the candidates and their campaign managers.

The candidates for the office of president were Annabel Page and Bob Killough. Those nominated for vice-president were John Garman and Stephanie Condon. Running for secretary were Ruth Page and Donald Ruf. For treasurer, "Frank" was nominated.

The voting was held in the auditorium. The speeches were given. These results were announced at the beginning of the third period: Bob Killough president; Stephanie Condon, vice-president; Katie Simmons, secretary, and Bill Reepmeyer, treasurer.

STUDENTS FACE EXAMINATIONS

By ALMA BECKER

At this time of the year, all students are thinking of final examinations. The most students are glad that they were good kids and did their homework. The remaining students are sorry they have followed "Superman" so closely through the year. The latter have one compensation, they can learn from this experience and next year do differently. (Maybe try Donald Duck. He's easier on the brain.)

Yes, almost everyone is wondering if he was gyped, when they were handing out that grey matter that supposedly fills the space inside our funny little heads.

One also begins to think that they shouldn't have played so many tricks on their student teachers. At least then they could have passed us for trying hard.

Seniors Think of Graduation

The seniors are thinking of graduation. Some will be glad to leave and graduate. Others will become just a little regretful. Six years of wonderful times with fellow classmates and student teachers will end. Some seniors will graduate to college professors. Quite a change, but after all most of us will become well-rounded individuals with a broader outlook on life in general.

Other Milne students are thinking of the fun they got to have during the summer. Can't you just see them lazily lying around the house sipping lemonade or lying on the beach soaking up the sun.

Summer Has Darker Side Though

This thought has a darker side though. Many parents seem to think that their children have been dependent on them long enough, and that it's high time they learned the real value of money. Most of us do learn this value strangely enough. The foolish things we spend our parents' money on, we are reluctant to buy with our own money.

Some students will be the school loving type and continue to pursue their studies through the summer. We will all think of you fortunate ones, as you stumble up the steps of the coming year. Some will be glad to leave school, and other necessary information. All of the girls are very proud of their charter and are grateful to the faculty for assisting in its issuance.

GRETCHEN WRIGHT

This issue we're interviewing "our gal" Gretchen Wright, a blonde who really gets around.

Born January 11, 1936 in Rochester, Illinois, she also lived in Maine and Massachusetts before coming to Milne in the tenth grade.

Gretchen was in the senior play, was co-chairman of the card party, sales, the senior banquet, and co-chairman of invitations for the alumni ball.

"Gretch" dislikes being used as a punching bag for certain people, and also dislikes liver, bugs, and all types of math. She says she can't add two and two. We don't know whether to believe her or not.

Among her likes are trips to West Point, crazy open houses, and pizza with an appropriate beverage. That's not hard to agree with.

To the variety of "senior sayings," Gretchen adds, "turn blue."

She plans on attending college after graduation, but isn't sure where. She thinks Hong Kong U. sounds nice. Is she kidding?

MARTIN WOLMAN

Well now, look who's here! None other than Martin Wolman, who is one of our most respected and admired seniors.

Before entering Milne in the seventh grade, he attended School 16. Marty has been a vice-president of Adelphi, and of the senior choir. He has been a member of the M.B.A.A. for three years, as well as being the chairman of the senior ball.

Marty's favorite habit is eating four meals a day.—(Mary Killough says, "You big load"), and he just loves to dig into big, juicy pumpkin pies. Of course Marty's favorite like is a certain sophomore girl, but Stan Kenton's "cool" music also rates high with him. He despises girls that smoke, noisy people, and Senator McCarthy.

Marty plans to attend Brown university, and follow in his father's footsteps by becoming a lawyer.

Look What's Coming

Monday, June 14
Senior high exams begin

Wednesday, June 16
Senior high exams end

SHERRI L MILLER

The lights have been dimmed, and now the Senior Spotlight shines on Miss Sherri L Miller.

Sheri was born way down in Scranton, Pennsylvania on June 12, 1936. After moving to Albany, she attended school 27 and Philip Livingston junior high. In her freshman year she earned our hallowed halls.

Sheri is president of Sigma, secretary of her senior class, and was the grand marshal of last year's graduation. She has been writing the spotlight for this past year.

I imagine we all share Sherri's pet peeve of getting up in the morning. She simply can't stand the circus, or grocery stores: while V.M.I., sewing, and mint ice cream are the closest things to her heart.

Our "you-know-girl" plans to attend Potsdam State, and then wants to do a lot of traveling around this big world of ours.

FRED BRUNNER

Look what Loudonville sent us! The class of '54 is privileged to have as one of its very popular members, Fred Brunner, whose personality and style is unique.

When asked where he was born, Fred's first reply was East Podunk. However, it was really Albany, on July 22, 1936.

Fred has been on the M.B.A.A. council; he is a member of Adelphi, and presently an Adelphi on the Inter-Society council.

As might be expected, his favorite like is blondes, blondes, and more blondes. He also likes Pogo, and can't find a thing wrong with B.C.H.

Fred very emphatically dislikes native women and non-Pogo fans. This boy has the distinction, he says, of being the originator of, "What's your trouble? Now we wonder . . ."

After graduation, Fred will attend Colgate university.

Friday, June 18

Regents exams begin
Senior ball 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 24

Report cards end

Friday, June 25

Report cards
Commencement exercises