Students Look At Honor Roll

Motivation is the primary purpose served by the Honor Roll, according to the recent survey conducted among Milne students. Recognition of achievement, which faculty members had accorded first priority, was ranked second by the pupils.

When asked to rank relatively as possible purposes of honor roll recognition, "motivation" and "provision of data for colleges," 27.7% of the students gave first priority to recognition; while 51.7% accorded motivation first place. Provision of data for colleges ranked first with 7.0%; no answer was given by 11.0% of the students and 1.0% gave other purposes first place.

Motivation Discussed

The motivational function of the honor roll was further confirmed by 47.5% of the student body which answered affirmatively to the question, "Do you frequently think about the honor roll before the last week in the marking period?" The answer to the question was given by 9.8% and 42.6% answered "No.

Asked if they would recommend the elimination of an honor roll, 13.3% of the students failed to answer, 71.8% said, "No," and 14.9% said, "Yes." 9.3% of the students who were eligible for the honor roll in the preceding year, 38.5% reported that they had been on the honor roll, 56.3% said that they had not, and 53.2% did not answer.

The Milne band's woodwind section rehearsing for today's Christmas assembly.

Canadian to Visit

Thirty students at Eastview High School in Ottawa, Canada, will visit Milne on January 16, 17, and 18. The Canadians will stay at the homes of French III and IV students during their visit.

On their arrival in Albany, the visitors will meet the members of Milne's French III, IIIx and IV classes at a reception in Milne's library. On Friday, the Canadian students will attend classes with their individual hosts. After school from 3:30 to 5 the visitors and their hosts are invited to the Governor's Mansion, following which will be a pot luck supper back at Milne until 7. Friday night everyone will attend the basketball game and the dance that will be held afterward.

The farewell brunch will be held at 10 on Saturday morning in one of the College buildings. After the brunch, the Canadian visitors will head back to Ottawa.

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The Milne band performed for the first time since 1959. The group now has twelve college students also aid the Milne students. The program marked the beginning of Christmas vacation and this year there were two new additions to the program. Along with the Milnettes, both the Milnemen and the Milne Band performed for the first time. The Milnettes, conducted by Mrs. York and accompanied by Dr. York, sang "Merry Christmas," "Sleigh Ride," "Echo Son," "Son A Will Be Done." The Milnemen sang "Christmas Is Coming," "Now the Day Is Over," and "De Gospel Train." They also sang "Winter" and "Riding, Riding" together with the Milnettes.

Since last year the Milne Band has been preparing for its first performance, which took place today. Grades seven through twelve are represented in the band. Several college students also aid the Milne members and today played with the group in its debut. Today the band played "National Hymn.

Audience Participates

As is traditional, the audience joined the Milnettes, Milnemen and band in the "Jingle Bells," "White Christmas," "Its Beginning to Look Like Christmas," "O Holy Night," "Silent Night," and "Silent Night.

Juniors Sponsor Dance

Tomorrow night, December 21st, the class of 1965 will sponsor the annual Alumni Ball. This year the theme is a Winter Carnival, which is a change from previous years' themes of Starway to the Sea, Sea, and Moon. The separate committees for this dance, under the supervision of the chairman, Steve Hutchins and Lance Nelson, have been busy for the past two weeks gathering ideas and materials. Heading some of these committees are Carol Lynch, in charge of the decorations; Joanne Braul, head of Invitations; and Roberta Polen, entertainment. From 8 o'clock until midnight, Milne's juniors and seniors will attend "a winter carnival" at Brubacher Hall.

Happy Christmas and ... Merry New Year.
Don't smoke

I don't think anyone who wants to be an athlete should smoke. Smoking cuts down on wind and that's what he needs the most. When a man's in competition, he only wants fresh air in his lungs.

Most of the great Olympic champions don't smoke. A champion can't be half-hearted when he trains. He must do everything to keep himself in condition. It pays off in the long run.

I can't tell you not to smoke. You will if you want to. But before you take that first drag, do me a favor. Take on long, deep breaths of fresh clean air. Then decide.

Bob Mathias
Twice Olympic Decathlon Champion
American Cancer Society

Honor Roll

Is "motivation" really the reason why Milne students hold the present Honor Roll system (see p. 1) so dear? If 45.57% of the student body favors lowering the standards by which the Honor Roll is compiled, and only 3.5% favors raising them, how can "motivation" be a reason for maintaining the system? We don't think it can, and the results of the faculty poll agree with us.

Because Milne students would like to see a lowering of the standards for making the Honor Roll, their kind of motivation is not strictly the constant striving for self-improvement type, but for recognition in the form of seeing their name placed on a first floor bulletin board. The placement, therefore, of both "motivation" and "recognition" on the poll is ambiguous because one is an explanation of the other.

The Honor Roll is, however, a worthwhile means of recognizing achievement. (Achievement here doesn't include just marks in the "Achievement" column on a report card, but also the pay-off for efforts to satisfy the standards.) We would disagree that Achievement marks in Physical Education should count, simply because many such marks of C or lower in gym can't be helped at the time, or ever. While this would admittedly apply to a small number of students, the inclusion of gym marks in the system can't be justifiable for anyone if it can't be for all. While adjustment marks in subjects which also grant achievement marks should certainly remain as criteria, those given in study halls and homerooms should, we feel, be eliminated. As in the case of gym marks, a system which is not fair for everyone is not fair at all. This unfairness in homeroom and study hall marks arises because some teachers arbitrarily give marks of "average" to many of their students who are seldom present during that period because of going to the library, meetings, or remedial classes.

The Honor Roll should remain—71.8% think so. The recommended changes would, we believe, make it more equitable and therefore a more accurate way of recognizing worthy students.
SENIOR SPOTLIGHT - Class Officers

By MARK LEWIS

The President of this year's illustrious senior class is Dave Ker­
serves as President of the sub-dis­

The Hand-Raising Mania . . .

By JOE MICHELSION

Have you ever stopped to notice the several types of hand raisers about you in class? Some quietly raise their hands and leave them in one position. Others brace their raised arms with the other. Some even brace those two with a third, but they are quite unusual. Anyway, the real interesting ones are those who get very excited. They move forward to the edge of their chairs, sometimes rotate both arms like airplane propellers, and then wait until the teacher moves on and they move back to the center of their seats. This raises some kind of commotion on the part of the teacher. Anyway, there are many different types, and they all have their own mannerisms.

One of the most common is the Excitable Hand Raiser. It happens when a student raises his hand and then moves it up and down in the air, sometimes even rotating it. The teacher usually ignores this type of hand raiser, but it can be quite entertaining for the other students.

Another interesting type is the Excited Roller. These students move their hands up and down in a circular motion, often leaving their arms hanging over the sides of their chairs.

The Excited Rocker is another type, where the student rocks back and forth in their chair, sometimes even moving their arms in a rhythmic motion.

The Excited Jumper is a type that is quite vocal. They jump up and down in their seats, sometimes even jumping on the floor.

The Excited Swinger is a type that is quite physical. They swing their arms like a pendulum, sometimes even knocking things over.

The Excited Dancer is a type that is quite a show. They dance on their seats, sometimes even moving their bodies to the rhythm of the music.

The Excited Whinger is a type that is quite annoying. They moan and groan, sometimes even crying out to the teacher.

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Through the lonely night I wander

By JOE MICHELSION

Through the lonely night I wander

Amid the dark, echoing chambers

And many a rock or stone does

Cold and damp are the shadows

What is it that so tightly and

Salt with the sea of so many yes­

Beauty beckons and I long to run

Can the world He created have

Either we are perverse or He is or

Perhaps God is dead?

A cheerful voice calling, "You're a

Up in the laboratory, what do we

Your test tube on the floor?

Shakes the beakers on the wall,

It rattles in the test tubes,

Students even stand aside as it

Drop your pencil in the sink—

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Did your little green gram weight

hit the guy next door?

No man on earth can save you,

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The Red Raiders dominated the early part of this game, as they claimed a 29-9 first quarter lead. Led by Jim Nelson and Pete Slocum, who repeated last year's successful lay-up baskets, Milne built up a commanding 31-15 lead by the end of the first quarter. The early play was so good overall that Tom Kingston. In the second half, the Milne team gradually widened its lead, thanks to five foul shots by Dey Mellen and Valenti led a late surge.

Raiders Lose Basketball Debut to Greenville in Overtime

J.V. Wins 3, Loses 2

Milne's Junior Varsity opened the 1963-64 season on a bright note by beating Greeneville 43-22. The first quarter saw a cold-shooting Milne team fall behind 10-9. However, the Milne boys gained the lead, thanks to good overall play by Milne and the Rams in the second quarter. Milne gradually widened its lead, and the Rams held on for the overtime win.

Rensselaer

The J.V. Raiders went down to their first defeat November 26 at Rensselaer. With a score of 49-38, the first quarter saw the Raiders go into the locker room leading 10-9. The third quarter again saw Milne's lead over Rensselaer fairly even, but the Raiders were unable to contain Milne in the fourth quarter. If the Raiders had the ball at the end, they could have pulled away from Milne and went on to victory.

Shenendehowa

The Milne Upsets Cohoes Friday, December 13th was a most unlucky day for Cohoes High School. The Milne Red Raiders, after four quarters and three three-minute overtime periods, pulled out a thrilling 52-49 win over the Tigers.

The Raiders made a dramatic come-from-behind victory over Van Rensselaer, winning 71-39. The Plainsmen were led by Greg Wilson's all-around fine performance. Wilson controlled both boards and added 26 points in the game. The Milne boys gained the lead and ran out the clock, beating Greenville, 42-32. The first quarter saw a see-saw battle with the Rams coming out on top. 10-8. The second quarter saw Milne point guard Gould's set shots and jumpers, the Tigers unable to respond. The Tigers cut the lead to two, but a three point play by Dave Shoudy injured, the Raiders kept the lead to 44-35 at halftime. The Tigers could do nothing against the Raiders' defense. The defeat was costly as the Tigers could do nothing against the Raiders' defense. The defeat was costly as the Raiders could do nothing against the Raiders' defense. The defeat was costly as the Tigers could do nothing against the Raiders' defense.

Plainmen Win Opener

Milne's home opener on December 7 turned out to be a disaster as the Raiders could do nothing against Shenendehowa 71-39. The Plainpersons were led by Greg Wilson's all-around fine performance. Wilson controlled both boards and added 26 points in the game. The Milne boys gained the lead and ran out the clock, beating Greenville, 42-32. The first quarter saw a see-saw battle with the Rams coming out on top. 10-8. The second quarter saw Milne point guard Gould's set shots and jumpers, the Tigers unable to respond. The Tigers cut the lead to two, but a three point play by Dave Shoudy injured, the Raiders kept the lead to 44-35 at halftime. The Tigers could do nothing against the Raiders' defense. The defeat was costly as the Tigers could do nothing against the Raiders' defense.

"The Dark scores." Peter Slocum scores a two-pointer against Greenbead in the second overtime, Chuck Shoudy, Jim Nelson and Bob Valent look on in amazement.

Raiders Sneak By Rams In Offensive Battle

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