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Thespians Invade Page Hall Stage


VIVE LA FRANCE!

Dr. Ruth Wasley, Milne French supervisor, recently became one of twenty-seven French teacher winners on the S.S. United States, she sailed with the happy anticipation of seeing France once again, and the chance to study at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Enjoys Work and Play in Paris

While living in the Latin Quarter, she spent six weeks at studying at the world famous university, but work was not the only thing on the agenda. A boat ride on the Seine, a sampling of French pastry, the enjoyment of watching a cleverly produced puppet show, and a scrumptious lunch at the Eiffel Tower restaurant all contributed to a most enjoyable time in that fascinating city.

Visits Other French Cities

With two weeks remaining of her visit, she chose the city of Pau for her off the campus trip. Traveling with twenty-six other scholarship winners on the S.S. United States, she sailed with the happy anticipation of seeing France once again and the chance to study at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Senior Parents Discuss Year

The parents of Milne seniors assembled in the school library to participate in senior parents' night. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss various matters pertaining to commencement and post graduate plans and opportunities.

Fossiek Addresses Parents

Doctor Fossiek addressed the parents with reference to the various activities and practices carried on by previous senior classes, and the activities to be conducted by this year’s senior class. Mr. Howes also gave an informative talk on opportunities and plans for the future. Other faculty members in attendance were Miss Dunn, Miss Haines, and Mr. Walker. The Tri-Hi-Y, under the capable direction of Miss Glass, served as hostesses.

Look What’s Coming

Friday, Nov. 9
Second Marking Period Ends
Monday, Nov. 12
Second Quarter Student Teachers Begin
Senior Play Preview Assembly
Friday, Nov. 16
Senior Play
Marks Distributed in Homeroom
Tuesday, Nov. 20
 Pep Assembly at 9:45 a.m.
Milne vs. Cobleskill at Home Basketball—7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 21
School Dismissed at Noon for Thanksgiving Recess

Foreign Relations Club Makes Plans

The Milne Foreign Relations Club will function this year under the leadership of Fred Taylor. Jean Verlancy will assist him as vice-president. Mr. Bildersee is secretary-treasurer, and Howie Wildlove is the corresponding secretary. The officers invite all sophomores, juniors, and seniors to join the club, which plans a varied program.

Guest speakers, movies, film strips, and group discussions are to form a basis for exploration of world conditions and problems. Already members have studied the Suez Canal dispute, defined presidential campaign issues, and learned about life in France from Serge Dougal, a Milne sophomore who lived there.

Seniors Take National Exam

Eleven Milne seniors were among 135,000 seniors in high schools all over America to take the National Merit Award Scholarship examination. The nationwide test was held on October 24, 1956.

569 Scholarships at Stake

The test, which is two hours long, is used by the National Merit Scholarship Corp. to determine the winners of 569 college scholarships. These scholarships are set up by various educational agencies, and industrial concerns to make it possible for the top students of our nation to obtain college educations in fields such as engineering, business management, and teaching.

Stein, Hitchcock, Stokes, Head Cast in Comedy

The senior class will present "Mother is a Freshman," as the annual Milne dramatics production. The play, a comedy by Raphael David Blau, was so successful at Milne twelve years ago, that the senior class could not resist putting it on for our generation. The plot revolves around the adventures of a mother, who at the ripe age of thirty-five enters college against the wishes of her daughter and the better judgment of the Dean. The play will be presented at Page Hall, Friday, November 16.

Cast of Fifteen

The following characters will be seen in the production:

Mrs. Blake .................. Carolyn Male
Mrs. Miller .................. Melinda Hitchcock
Mr. SULLIVAN ............... Judy Maltzberg
Bunny ....................... Ellen Hoppner
Helen ....................... Dale Metzger
Carrie ....................... Arlene Susser
Clara ....................... Doris Markowitz
Marge ....................... Jean Eisenhart
Babe ....................... Jerry Powell
Jack ....................... Bob Kercull
Howie ....................... Irwin Scher
Bill ....................... Dick Keefer
Dean Gillingham ......... Victor Hoffman
Prof. Michael ................ Andy Stokes
Miss Jan Champagne, a senior at State College for Teachers, is direct­ ing the play. Miss Champagne will be teaching at Milne in February. Mr. Hugh Smith, English supervisor is faculty supervisor and is helping with the direction of the play. Terri Lester, a Milne senior, is the promp­ ter. The senior supervisors, Miss Dunn, Miss Haines, and Mrs. Walker, committee adviser, are also giving many hours of time and effort to the production.

Sets Committee

Sue Haselwag, chairman, Gina Huntingt, co-chairman, and the other members of the committee are hard at work painting, designing sets. The remaining com­ mittees for costumes, props, programs, make-up, lighting, are also contributing untold effort towards a polished performance.

Ticket Sellers Campaign

One of the most important jobs connected with performance is to attract public appeal, and to convince the public that it wants to attend. In charge of this committee are Jim Allen Cohen, chairman, and Larry Berman, co-chairman. In reality, every Milne senior is part of the committee. They will see to it that the entire student body is aware of the play, and that tickets may be purchased from any senior. The tickets will cost $1.50 if bought from a senior, and $1.00 if bought at the door.
January Elections? Why Not?

It seems to us that one of the inherent weaknesses in the system of student government in Milne is the fact that there is no continuity of action by the student council. Under the present system of election, the council officers, who are responsible for guiding the actions of the council, start anew each year without necessarily knowing the actions of the preceding councils.

Unless, by chance, the new officers have previously served on the council there can be no great knowledge of the actions, plans or discussions of other councils and thus no unity of action in dealing with the problems of student government. Those who have served on the council well know the delay and extra effort that would be unnecessary if there were a direct tie-in with the work of other councils.

We feel that the obvious and necessary solution to this important problem is constitutional revision. Therefore, we ask that the student council take prompt action to correct this fault by revising the constitution in respect to election of officers and representatives so as to provide for elections the beginning of the second semester, the terms running through the first semester of the following year. This would mean that the officers would be elected and assume office in February of their junior year. In addition, they would serve from February, when the new council would be elected, to June, when they would graduate, as ex-officio members of the new council, sitting in on all meetings and advising on and helping carry out any program which they originate.

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M.B.A.A. to Feature Sports Movies

Proceeds to Buy Sweater Awards

A sports movie will be the feature of the annual Milne Boys Athletic Association entertainment show, which will be presented tonight in room 319 in Draper Annex. The comedy "It Happens Every Spring," will be shown, along with a program of short subjects. The event will start at 7:30 p.m., and should last approximately two hours.

Millard to Star in Comedy

This year, for the first time, the M.B.A.A. is presenting a sports picture instead of the comedies and musicals which have been shown in the past. The film stars Roy Millard as a chemistry professor who, by accident, discovers a chemical which is repellant to wood. After pitching in a baseball game one day, he realized that if this chemical were applied to a baseball it would be impossible to hit. The story is filled with hilarious episodes as he pitches his way into the big leagues.

Berman, Blabey Head Committees

Larry Berman, the new president of the M.B.A.A., was in charge of the committee, which selected the picture. Eugene Blabey is head of the committee which sees that the tickets are printed and distributed properly.

The tickets will be available at the door, or may be purchased from M.B.A.A. homeroom representatives. The price of the tickets is fifty cents.

Proceeds to Go for Sweaters

The proceeds of the movie will go into the sweater award fund of the M.B.A.A. The money from this fund is used each year to purchase sweaters for the athletes who have earned enough credits to receive this award.

Managers Picked

The managers, who will work behind the scenes of this year's basketball team, were announced on Saturday, October 30.

Eugene Blabey, head manager, will handle the varsity timing while Larry Berman will handle the jayvee and freshman timers for the jayvee and freshman teams.

Meet the Varsity

The sports staff herewith presents a brief look at the players who figure to play prominent roles on this year's varsity.

**Bill Hoff:** "Bugs" is the only man returning from last season's varsity where he saw considerable action after transferring from Van Rensselaer. He undoubtedly will be the mainstay of the team and will play in the pivot. Bill is an aggressive player and a rugged rebounder. He has a good eye from the outside to go along with his fine hook and jump shots, and he is a dangerous driver as well.

**Pete Pappas:** Pete was the leading scorer on the jayvee last year, and will play inside this season. He is a very tough man off the boards and an effective driver. Pete is valuable on defense against an opponent that drives a lot.

**Jim Cohen:** Jim has an excellent jump shot from around the foul line, and is also capable of driving past an opponent when played too close. Jim is a strong rebounder for his size and should score well from inside.

**Tom Sternfeld:** Tom improved greatly during the second half of the season last year, while on the jayvee. He has the best set shot on the team and will play inside this season. He is a very tough man off the boards and a good jumper. He is strong on stamina and is a surprisingly good defender.

**Bob Krouse:** "Bo" is strong on stamina and is a surprisingly good jumper for his height. He is useful, as a ball hawk on defense, for he is always keeping the opposing players off balance.

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**Varsity Basketball Schedule**

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* Denotes Capital District League games.

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**Ellen Edits**

Now that school has been in session for a few weeks, we are starting to really get the spirit of things. School activities and meetings have been going on almost constantly along with the flurry of activity. The M.G.A.A. council sponsored an all-Milne playday.

M.G.A.A. Playday

The morning the playday dawned clear and warm. While the girls who wished to participate in the playday had previously signed their names on a list, from which the M.G.A.A. council arbitrarily picked eight teams and eight captains. The lucky people in charge of a team were, Punky Seiter, Holly Anderson, Carol Newton, Mary McNutt, Sue Hershey, Paty O'Brien, Mary Breeze, and Mary Lewis.

The girls played volleyball, touchball and running games. Touchball, played just like softball only without a bat and with a murder ball, was changed to softball after lunch because we were all too skillful in catching the ball. Games were played for 20 minutes, and a 10 minute rest between them. A winning team was awarded three points, a losing team one, and in the case of a tie, each team received two points.

Anderson's Team Wins

After lunch in the sun and "home-made" cookies donated by the M.G.A.A. council, afternoon games began. When the dust cleared at 2:20, Anderson's team had won, with a grand total of 19 points. The athletic members of her team were Linda Dillenback, Ann Wilson, Barbara Currey, Sue Crowley, Ellen Prie, Candy King, and Barbara Reynolds. Condolences should be given to Sue Hershey and her humble team, who lost every game. The girls who put in the most time and effort should be remembered for their noble efforts.

A second playday will be held at B.C.H.S. tomorrow, Nov. 3. Grades seven through nine will attend to participate in other games and other activities.

Songleaders Try Out

The M.G.A.A. council and Dr. York have chosen the new songleaders for this year's basketball season. The girls were first screened out a few weeks, we are starting to really get the spirit of things. School activities and meetings have been going on almost constantly along with the flurry of activity. The M.G.A.A. council sponsored an all-Milne playday.

Hockey and Speedball Begin

In our gym classes, volleyball has been discarded for speedball in the junior high, and polo for the senior high girls. Hockey is a rather fattiguing game which involves lots of running up and down the field. At the end of one of these energetic sessions, you can really feel muscles you never thought you even owned before. As you can see from the picture on page four, field hockey is also popular among certain male students.
Play Plans Ready

By SUE HIRSHEY

November 16, 1956, this is the date that Milne presents its Senior Play. The play is entitled "Mother Is a Freshman." No offense intended to mothers, but I think most of us would be, to put it mildly, a little upset if our mothers decided to attend the performance...few people we were attending this is what happens in the play. The ensuing incidents in the play are very amusing to say the least.

Choosing the Play

When we started choosing our Senior Play, we had several in mind. Among others we thought of "My Fair Lady," "Diary of Anne Frank," "South Pacific," and "Oklahoma." We decided against these because we were late. "My Fair Lady," "Diary of Anne Frank", "South Pacific", and "Oklahoma". We decided against these as we felt that our professional performance might outshine the Broadway actors to shame.

Humorous Rehearsals

If rehearsals are any sign of the finished play, the play will be a riot. Rehearsals begin in the earliest stages when there are no props. People seem to be talking to themselves while holding their hands in the air. Actually, they are talking on the telephone. A set of stairs, a table, and a piano are all in a corner of the stage. If the aspiring actors and actresses seem to have been drinking they are, there is a good reason for it. Several dozen chocolate bars, apples and sandwiches are consumed each rehearsal.

Learning lines and speaking without books adds considerably to the humorous incidents at rehearsals. Lines are forgotten by everyone at one time or another. Forgetting lines leads to confusing situations. People are supposed to enter and exit at certain lines. If the lines are not spoken, the people waiting in the wings never appear. The audience knows they are not setting, sit in the auditorium and watch. Suddenly they realize that they should be on the stage. They race out a door, stumble up a flight of stairs amid a seriers of loud crashes, and burst onto the stage only to have forgotten their lines. Other students, while trying to throw themselves completely into the play, sometimes overdo it when they hurl themselves onto a chair, miss a line to the audience.

Comments are, of course, heard often throughout the play. The director is heard to shout over and over "louder, louder." The students who are in the play are heard to say in anguished voices, "How'll I get off?" when they have forgotten a line, or "someone, slap me," when the slapper forgets to slap, or, "you look about as happy as a dead fish!"

All kidding aside, this year's play is one of the best senior plays that I have seen. It is very funny, and certain scenes are a riot. The entire play of the play is also a good one. All in all, it will be a night to remember. Don't miss it!

Play Plans Ready

By LINDA 'n JIM

BILL ENGLANDER

In this short biography you will meet S. William Englander, a member in good standing of the Class of '57. Bill, who always called himself "Jiggs", was born in Norwalk, Connecticut, on March 24, 1929. He moved to Albany shortly after that glorious spring.

"Jiggs" came to Milne in the tenth grade. He was very active during his first two years in Milne. He was a member of Hi-Y, Adelphe, and the baseball team for both years. He was also the vice-president of his class last year. At present he is the treasurer of the senior class, secretary of Hi-Y, and vice-president of Adelphe.

"Jiggs" goes wild over open houses, Bill Haley, and a "slightly" cooled off '33 De Soto. The senior room and the art room are also great favorites of his. "Jiggs" dislikes people who listen in on his telephone conversations and who keep changing the station on the car radio.

Next fall "Jiggs" will be seen roaming the campus of Hobart college. He intends to prepare to study law.

HILL HOF

Have you ever been in Rensselaer? If you have, you probably have run into William Charles Haley. He is also called "Renss", because his home is in that great "metropolis" of Rensselaer, New York.

Bill was born in Albany on October 10, 1938, but he went straight to Rensselaer, his first love. He attended Van Rensselaer High before entering to Milne in the eleventh grade.

Bill is a very active member of the Class of '57. He is the president of senior class, a member of Adelphe, is on the traffic squad and is a regular on the varsity basketball team, as he was last year.

Other than that, "Rensselaer" Bill likes getting letters, playing basketball and generally having a good time doing almost everything. He dislikes writing letters and people who don't know how to play basketball.

Bill plans to attend Cortland College next fall. He is also called "Renss", because his home is in that great "metropolis" of Rensselaer, New York.

TERRI LESTER

"Ter" or "Ter Babe", as she is called, came to Milne in the ninth grade from School 16. A "home-town" girl, Terri was born right here in Albany on April 8, 1939. This year finds Terri mistress of ceremonies for Sigma, president of G.A.A., and the girl who writes the Alumnans for the C.E.W.

Terri likes everything about Milne from seventh to twelfth grade. She is wild about wild duck, V.M.I., chessies, and dancing. What Terri doesn't go for are poor stories and chem. quizzes.

"Ter" hasn't made up her mind what college she'd like to attend, but she plans to major in retailing. After graduating from college, Terri would like to open the "most exclusive women's store in the country." She guarantees any Milne graduate a job as a salesgirl.

When Terri leaves she will miss getting to know the new seventh grade class of '53.

VIRGINIA HUNTINGTON

Virginia, or Virg, as she is also called, happens to be vice-president of the senior class, editor of the Bricks & Ivy, and president of Quin.

Ginnah (another of her aliases) was born on September 8, 1939, in Charlottesville, Virginia, and came to Albany in time to spend her ninth and tenth grades at Hackett junior high. In the tenth grade Ginnah finally made it and came to Milne high. Lucky girl!

Ginnah likes to drive. What was that again? As for her pet peeve, Ginnah has two of them, grasshoppers and unconventional people.

After Ginnah graduates from Milne, which won't be very long now, she would like to attend either Syracuse University or Adelphi, a college in New York City.

Ginnah's favorite pastime is waiting. For what though? And as Ginnah would say . . . "That's the story of my life."

State Teachers college and major in physical education next fall, and if things work out all right, Bill Hoff will someday be a big name as a coach.

French Boy Enrolls

By JOAN VERLANEY

Parlez-vous francais? Even if you aren't acquainted with French, you are probably poking at Sergio Douglas, a new addition to the sophomore class. Sergio, who comes from Mexico, is well qualified to describe the people and customs of France, since he lived there for this sixteen years. His home was in St. Etienne, in the central part of the country.

Sergio studied no English at the French public and private schools he attended, but now speaks the language fluently. He explains that subjects taught in those schools are very similar to the ones which we have here, but that several contradictions and the European school day is usually several hours longer than our own. Perhaps the combination of these two factors explains Sergio's lack of academic standing. Having completed only six grades in France, he was able to enter at Philip Livingston junior high school, where he went before coming to Milne.

Movies and sports are among the main sources of entertainment in France, where Sergio says he saw a number of American movies with soundtracks. In soccer games between nations are comparable to our World Series of baseball, for football and basketball are almost the only American sports not played in France. Television is such a scarce commodity there that only the very wealthy can afford it.

Asked for his first impressions of our country, Sergio lists the great height of New York City's buildings, the large crowds, and the large number of cars here. He was surprised to find that many American families own not one, but two cars each, as compared to the very common ownership of bicycles in Europe.

Milnites hope that Sergio will enjoy his career here, and also feel that he can contribute much to our school.

Musical Notes

Twelve senior boys have been chosen by Dr. Fenton, director of the music department at Milne to participate in a singing group known as the Milne Men. Those boys who have been selected will participate in the Christmas assembly and in the graduation. They also plan to take a trip to B.C.H.S. for an annual exchange assembly program.

Bill Hoff, Al Alpert, and Jim Cohen are the first tenors in the new group, and Bob Horn, Lou Naft, and Richy Nisasy are second tenors. First basses are Steve Arnold, Vic Hoffman, and Larry Berman while Dave Donnelly, John Fenton, and Irwin Scher are second basses. An accompanist will be chosen later. The new glee club is Irwin Scher, president, Bill Hoff, secretary, and Dave Donnelly, treasurer.