Two Semifinalists, Others Named

Judy Margolis and Clint Bourdon

1961-62 Merit Program as a result of the National Merit Qualifying Test.

Two Milnettes were named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program for their outstanding performance on the qualifying scholarship exam. These two Milnettes are among approximately 10,000 seniors throughout the country who attained Semifinalist status through their high scores on the qualifying examination, a test of educational development given last March in more than 15,000 high schools.

The Semifinalist group is composed of the highest scoring students in each state and in the United States Territories. The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced that the two Milnettes now move a step closer to winning a four-year Merit Scholarship to the college of their choice.

President Speaks

The annual program is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, a non-profit organization. Its president, John M. Stallings, said:

“... This nation’s future intellectual leaders will come from young people who have the qualities of the Semifinalists in the Merit Program. Their accomplishments bring credit to themselves, their schools, their parents, and their communities.

The achievement of any student is usually the product of many influences, ability is of course a major factor. The wish and the will to make the most of that ability are equally important. Ambition and drive are key factors.

At a time when brain power is increasingly a source of national power, we must all encourage, in every way possible, the pursuit of intellectual excellence by our able students.

Colleges Informed

To increase their opportunities to obtain financial assistance if they need it, the Merit Corporation sends the names of all semifinalists to all accredited colleges and universities and to other scholarship granting agencies and financial aid sources.

Studies show that about 50% of the Semifinalists obtain scholarship assistance from other sources than the Merit program.

Milne’s two Semifinalists will take another right examination, the three-hour Scholastic Aptitude Test of the College Entrance Examination Board, to be given on December 2, 1961.

Students whose scores on the second test substantiate their performance on the qualifying test will be endorsed by their high schools and will become Finalists in the competition. In past years, more than 91% of the semifinalists have become Finalists. All Finalists received a Certificate of Merit in recognition of their outstanding performance in the program.

Finalists Announced

About April 28, 1962, the names of the Merit Scholars will be announced, the exact number depending on the extent of sponsorship support.

Colleges designate the college to which they wish to send their Finalists. The college then sends a “Letter of Communication” from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their outstanding achievement on the qualifying scholarship exam.

After they did not score high enough to become Semi-Finalists in their states, they are no longer being considered for Merit Scholarship.

Others Commended

Richard Doling, Jana Hesser, John Bildersley, and Ellen Spritzer have received a “Letter of Commendation” from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for their outstanding achievement on the qualifying scholarship exam.
Let’s Open the Boys’ Locker Room!

It was brought to the attention of Coach Lewis that having the locker room locked before school and during the lunch period constituted an unsatisfactory situation. We realized that closing the locker room caused the students to tend их books in the halls, creating an unnecessary mess. It also defeated the purpose of a locker room. For the locker room should be open at all times to transient traffic, and if books, supplies, etc., are to be kept in a locker, as they should be, the locker room should be open in order that one can get these at any time they become necessary.

Mr. Lewis commented that the locker room was kept closed for two reasons: one, to insure that the minor acts of vandalism which occurred last year would not be repeated and two, that books would not use it as a place to congregate. He was, however, entirely in favor of keeping it open if some sort of student supervision was provided.

The details of this supervision have been worked out: the MBAA boys and the Traffic Squad now provide it. Thus the locker is open.

If it is to remain open the students must cooperate with these organizations. They must also use the locker room only when they need to get books and not “hang-out” there. And obviously there must not be any recurrence of the vandalism which occurred last year.

If everyone cooperates, the locker room will remain open. If everyone does not, it will again be locked. We can see the obvious advantages of the former; we hope you can also and will act accordingly.

C.C.B.

Milne Merry-Go-Round

YOU’LL NEVER GUESS who had another party! YUP—it was Moe Glasheen, party-giver extraordinaire. Ken Rapaport, Bill Rapaport, Carole Huff, Janine Donikian, Tom Bennett, Jackie Fairhurst, Peggy Robin, Sandy Longe, Penny Robin, Chuck Klepak, Jack Baltes, Leslie Murphy, Ann Miller, Jon McClelland, Leo Mohler, Jim Vaughan, Brian Casey, Cody Nuckols, Paul Feigenbaum, and multitudes of others were there twisting up a storm.

SOME OF THE SOPHOMORES had a ball, too, this summer (pardon the pun). Jeff Rider, Dave Dungan, Stan Lockwood, Dan Dugan, Bill Deey, Dave Golden, Rick Sherman and Dale Frank, played Babe Ruth. Baseball and didn’t do too badly.

THE TWIST has caught on in the Senior Class too—you couldn’t see the kids for the twisters at Terry Galpins party! Ann Riley and Sue Johnstone were some of the performers, and Sue Pollock, Harriet Gower, Mike Dugat, Jim Roemer, Bruce DeNarvo, Bob Huff, Chris Bourke, Beth Laraway, and Carol Ricotta laughed uproariously at them.

AMONG THE MILNE STUDENTS cheering the Cross Country team on to victory were Cindy Newman, John Mellen, Joan Proctor, Marcia Pitts, Carol Hagadorn, Marilyn Hesser, Lennie Mohler, Dave Wurthman, and Sherry Press, Bob Kinsion, Bob Miller, Keith Sanderson, and Dan Dugan were the first five winners to help bring the score down to 17-46. Congratulations boys! You did a great job!

TO START THE YEAR off right Doris Hafner threw a party where Marilyn Hesser, Bill Dey, Cindy Newman, Bud Marshall, Kathy LeFevre, Tom Kingston, Debbie Holland, and Pete Slocum had a lively night.

BLABEY FINISHES 3rd IN CROSS COUNTRY

By JOHN BILDERSER

There has been a new sport added to Milne’s sport department and as with all new sports, an attempt to explain the necessity.

For scoring purposes only, the first seven finishers for each team are counted. The first five score points for the team with 1 point counting for first, 2 for second, etc.

Blabeys Wins Medal

At the highly competitive meet at Central Park in Schenectady last Saturday, Dick Blabeys finished third in the Class C division of the junior varsity cross-country meet and won a medal. This constituted the first success for Milne’s new cross-country team.

No Trespassing

Editor of the C&W:

I find the new regulations as to entering the halls early a little ridiculous. I plainly see why students should not be on the first floor before 8 a.m. I think this is a good idea. However, what is the reason behind not being able to go to the third floor? I think that allowing students only in the auditorium adds for more confusion and more overall noise than you could get with students on all floors with the exception of the first.

I also have sharp opposition to the way in which this matter is being handled. I thought regimenting was one of the reasons for grade schools. Not only do we have a student traffic squad in the morning, but also a uniformed guard. Doesn’t the administration of this school have any regard as to the ability of Milne students to obey orders? It seems to me that some form of punishment can be taken on people who violate laws.

It is my opinion that the student faculty committee should act to try to reach a satisfactory program. I am not only speaking for myself, but for many others in my class. Let’s put some sense into these early morning laws.

—Mark Lewis, ‘64

Ed. note: Comment on this letter will be published in the next issue.

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Spotlight—Senior Officers

By RUSTY LA GRANGE and CAROL RICOTTA

The senior class carries on varied activities and the class officers must be able to aid in the handling of such functions as the school play, the Senior Ball and graduation. The newly elected officers of class of 1962 have a challenging year ahead of them.

At the head of this four man committee is All-American President Robert "Samp" Hill. His first idea is to build up our treasury. We will need funds as the first big project will be work on the school play which is coming in the near future. Bob is also the sports editor of the Crimson and White and reports first because he likes sports and hand material — that’s been a potential candidate for this year’s Varsity basketball squad. Next year he is interested in attending Union College in Schenectady and becoming an engineer — on a "choo-choo," maybe?

School 16, it is claimed, has sent many happy students to the Milne School, including vice-president Judy Margolis. Usually seen running around the halls, Judy is known to be always busy and involved in some organization. Many activities have included past vice president of the M.G.A.A. Council, a present author of the "Milne Merry-Go-Round,"

BOB HUFF

President

President of Sigma and she is now serving her fourth year as a cheerleader. Despite her busy schedule she is a semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Exam.

The newly elected secretary is Beth Laraway, one of the few students who migrated to Milne from School 27. Beth’s interests cover such fields as cooking, bowling, golfing, and watching baseball and basketball games. She was secretary of the Milnettes, Student Council representative, and usher at graduation. This year she is the Milne columnist for Times-Union “Youth Page.”

JUDY MARGOLIS

Vice President

Beth is also moderator of the Albany Presbytery which has the job of planning rallies, parades, and caravans for all the Presbyterian churches in this district. Next year Beth would like to attend Hartwick College. There she would like to take up religion and minor in psychology.

The treasurer, Clint Bourdon, has had good training in accepting the responsibility associated with his office because of his rewarding experiences as editor-in-chief of this paper? He anticipates his hardest task as that of collecting dues from his fellow students, and is thinking of attending Brown University next year, and majoring in psychology. Clint is one of this year’s semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Exam.

BETH LARAWAY

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