STUDENT BODY RATIFIES BUDGET

The Milne student body on Wednesday approved a budget of $7470 which will call for the proposed per-pupil tax of $16.70.

More than half, approximately fifty-four percent, of the budget goes to support school athletics. Many of the expenses Milne students meet, it was explained, are taken care of by the public schools of education.

Thirty-four percent of the budget supports publications. Bucks and Ivy and the Crimson and White. This figure was lower than last year because the C&W did not expand its last year's budget.

Compared to the budget of last year, M.B.A.A. will receive a cut of $150 while M.G.A.A. suffers a loss of $100. Student Council requested $200 this year to bond and insure Mr. Mueller. Last year, Council used the remaining funds from T.A.P.E. to pay for the insurance. This year, T.A.P.E. was abolished.

San Diego Harkowitz, treasurer of Student Council, stated, "My main grievance is that the preparation of the budget is left shortly before the end of the school year. There is not adequate enough time for the students to ask questions concerning the budget. This can be verified by the reasons for voting "no" on the budget."

Seniors Warn

Seniors raised $700 last month through four bake sales, a film "Man on a Flying Trapeze," a spaghetti dinner, and a car wash.

Major expenses for seniors are the Senior Ball, the class gift to the school, and caps and gowns.

Explaining their fiscal problem, Senior Treasurer Jim Beecher said that, "We started out in a hole because we didn't realize last year and in previous years how much money we should have gotten when we were seniors."

Jim warns that, "Underclassmen should be informed of the financial obligations of their senior year."

CANDIDATES BACK UP PLEDGES; COUNCIL CONSIDERING REFORMS

Vice-President elect Paul Hardmeyer suggested in council that we hold forums at which students can express their views. He believes the forums will bring about better student-faculty relations.

Forums would be held monthly during assembly period or after school if the plan is adopted. During these meetings anyone present could discuss school or council policies.

Joe Hanley and Paul Hardmeyer directly called for forums during the election while Stu Welch called for open meetings, "stressing the idea of student participation."

Mr. Robert Neiderberger, student council's advisor stated that, "Many ideas are lost because council meetings are held during the school day. Last year, council met at lunchtime allowing everyone, including non-members, to participate. This is the first year that council meetings are not at a time where all students can take part.

In a poll conducted by the Crimson and White earlier this year, a plurality of underclassmen said they were under represented in the Student Council.

Student Council is considering instituting a system of political parties to help encourage student interest in student government.

President-elect Stu Welch proposed political parties during the election in his speech and in a council meeting.

On the committee studying the idea are Paul Hardmeyer, its chairman; Stu Welch, Joe Hanley, Barb Leder, and Aaron Kuperman.

Stu Welch favors having political parties all year but some members of the committee want them only during elections.

CAREERS STUDIED

Twelve members of varied professions described their vocations to senior high students during the annual career day on May 16. The Kiwanis Club provided speakers.

French Canada Visited

Twenty-five students plus four teachers visited Quebec on May 28 to 30. After visiting a Quebecois school, they saw a French film.

Imperial rulers of the Milne Empire: left to right, Mrs. Mary Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Ray York, Jr., Mrs. W. F. Fossett, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, and Mrs. Harriet Norton.
Binding Commitments

Now that we have elected new officers, are we going to be content with just sitting back and letting the student government run itself? Complaining about the shortcomings and failures of our Student Council is ridiculous unless we decide to see improvements made. Until visible changes are made in the efficiency of our government, we will not know whether the four candidates whom we have placed in office are the best four.

Stu Welch, our new president, has suggested holding "open meetings where all students contribute ideas" and reporting to the students on the allotment of student tax, thereby strengthening communication between students and their government. He also thinks the creation of political parties a possible solution for inaction. A standing committee with faculty advisors could establish better communications with the faculty, he suggests.

Similarly, Paul Hardmeyer, vice president, proposes "a forum to be held once a month open to all students and faculty members." He recommends that council officers explain school rules and sports programs to all new Milne students on a designated day in September. A rewarding of Milne's vague rules, improvement of the Hall of Fame and the lunch line, and ultimately, the treatment of Student Council as a serious organization, are also Paul's objectives.

Joe Hanley seeks to represent the students' interest where money is concerned. As treasurer he will be more cautious in distributing Council funds. He wishes to raise the qualifications for eligibility of an organization receiving money, demanding that each maintain a "good performance record."

These suggestions, if acted upon, would undoubtedly improve student morale and elevate the prestige of the Student Council. But they remain words. We, as the government, have a right to bind these people to these suggestions which were made in their own campaign speeches. Let's see what happens. —K.S.

Black Thursday, April 4, 1968

By

Arthur Collins, Professor of English
at S.U.N.Y.

Today, America, black is best.
All in black your hopes are dressed.
White lies, black deeds, must be confessed.
When Martin King is laid to rest.

In hope and faith, in summer's heat,
Mr. Lewis provided them.
The "bawling outs" were also
Without your efforts,

Today, Martin King is laid to rest,
In his understanding manner, patience and encouragement have given us one of the finest physical education programs in the area. On page three, his many accomplishments may be read.

To Milnites Robert Lewis has been more than a coach. He is a friend. We appreciated it when Coach got someone out of a jam, wrote a recommendation or taped an ankle. The "dancing outs" were also needed, and Mr. Lewis provided them.

Congratulations for your coaching record on and off the field, and good luck at S.U.N.Y.A., Coach Lewis. You have given us your time and energy, and accomplished all that teachers strive for. Your efforts here will not be forgotten. They will be remembered wherever you go.

Letter to the Editor

To all who love a democratic society:

Recently student rebellions have broken out in many democracies including France, Germany, Italy, and the United States. These students proclaim their love of democracy, freedom, justice, and the masses. So did Hitler and Stalin.

They advocate free speech; yet, they interfere with people of different ideologies who desire to express their views. So did the Nazis and Communists.

These free thinkers have shown little interest in the rights of other people to live the way they want to. They have interfered with the function of government, destroyed public and private property, and have refused to respect the laws which the people have chosen. Would-be tyrants use force even when there are peaceful and legal means for them to accomplish their goals.

Here are the true successors to Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini. Like many despots throughout history these students are trying to impose their views on unwilling masses. We should be wary of them. You may laugh at my warning. They laughed in 1930 when people warned about Hitler. —Aaron Kuperman

A Plea!
The C&W or any school newspaper can only be as informative and interesting as the students make it.

When a reporter or editor asks for information or a quote and is brushed away, responsibility for the lack of coverage does not lie with him. (Being impolite to staffers does not help a club's reputation either.)

Reporters cannot be expected to be everywhere all the time. If a club or organization wishes the C&W to call something to the attention of its readers, it must take the initiative by reporting the story.

Contributing to the C&W benefits you and those who associate with you. Everyone must do his part in helping to make next year an informative one.

What's Happening

Fri., June 7—Schubert Mass in E Flat with chorus, orchestra and soloists at Trinity Methodist Church—small admission charge—8:00 p.m.
Mon., June 10—School Honors Assembly
Tues., June 11—Fri., June 11—School Exchange
Mon., June 17—Thurs., June 20—Regents Exams
Thurs., June 20—Senior Picnic
Fri., June 21—Report cards distributed—1:30 p.m.
Fri., June 21—Commencement—8:15 p.m.

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Tracksters on Way to Record Season

By STU WELCH

With a league championship under their belts the tracksters look ahead to the sectionals. Defending champ Port Edward seems to be weaker and Middleburgh looks to be the team to beat. Mr. Ahr points out that it will be a tough battle all the way. The outlook could be best summed up by looking at the men in each event.

Shot and Discus
Don VanCleave, the top man, has thrown 142-6 which is the school mark. His 142-6 in the discus looks to be good enough to win. Don's brother Andy, Jim Dickerstein, and Steve Gasarowski round out the weight men.

Hurdles
Rich Reynolds holds the school record of 17.6 in the 120 high hurdles. Bob Dorkin and Jon Kunsdorff are depth here. Dean Quackenbush, now in the hurdles, may pick up some points also.

Sprints
Bill Fox, posting a 10.8 in the 100, leads this unit. Rich Goldfarb, the top man in the 220, can also be helpful in the 100.

The success story of this season's squad has been Mel Grant who set a school record in the long jump at 6 ft. Photographs of Dave Dorkin and Kinney head Milne's pole vaulting department.

Distance
Rich Millard and Dean Karlofs in the mile and Stu Welch in the two mile provide Milne with an excellent chance to pick up valuable points. Welch, posting a 10:26 in the two mile, and Chris Barker, also in the mile, may be shooting for a sweep in this event.

Relays
With a strong 880 relay and a good medley team, the relays should be beneficial for Milne.

The team members would like to thank our spectators and friends for their support. The 1968 season has indeed been successful.

Where Are They Now?

By STU WELCH

There is a question being asked by the baseball team, track team, and various girls sports. The question is, "Where does all the school spirit go after the basketball season ends? Do the cheerleaders disappear with their boundless energy?"

A typical scene at a baseball game is a few members of the track team and a handful of others—the only ones to attend the game. Ironically, Page courtyard seems to be overflowing with prospective cheerleaders who are seen all the time.

Many times this winter I was approached by cheerleaders and others asking if I were going to the basketball games. If I said I could not, I was lectured on my lack of school spirit. I'd like to know where all the cheerleaders now have their school spirit. Certainly not attending track meets or baseball games.

The teams are nothing to be ashamed of. The track team won the league championship and baseball continues. Does Milne center around only one sport? If it does, it's wrong. It is my belief that if people go out for teams no matter which one, they should be supported.
The Changing Times

The following article is an opinion of two Milne students, who prefer to remain anonymous. Read in mind this article contains no medical facts or proven theories. It is merely an opinion that would like to be expressed—En.

Let this article be a sign of change. An innovation and exploration into the unknown. The topic is dangerous and yet, new. There is always room for the "new" in an ever changing world; so let this article be a little modernization of our paper. No offense.

Drugs—what a dirty word now—a-days. Just utter it around the wrong people and you're locked up for five years. Ridiculous, isn't it? Let's get real. You can't even take an aspirin without getting weird looks from little old ladies. My mother locks the medicine closet when I'm home to "be safe." She thinks I'll get into the Tums. Now be serious, will you.

You read hundreds of articles every day telling how harmful "dope" is to your system. It "eats" your mind and makes you a danger to society. Drugs revert you to an animal state; just look at Dylan and the Beatles. They turn into extroverted mon-ters and give nightmares to student teachers. They listen but don't hear. They party, carouse, and carry on, like zombies.

Recenty I have had no time to spend on my Studies and activities due to my overflowing schedule. While I am struggling with these burdens, "helpful" seniors glide by effortlessly, without care. "Why?" I asked. But the answer was very familiar. "Senior Slumps!"

Senior Slumps are the abrupt, glazed look a senior gets after he or she has been accepted by a college. (Milne of course is the singular college.) After that he becomes afflicted, books are dropped and these "unfortunate" troop around like zombies.

They turn into extroverted monsters and give nightmares to student teachers. They listen but don't hear. They party, carouse, and carry on, striking awe and terror into the hearts of underclassmen (and even a few teachers).

Now I don't want to alarm anyone, but this is disgraceful. It warps the moral fibers of our high school youth.

There is one way to eliminate the Senior Slump. Have all colleges with a class of 1968 joyously awaits the commencement calisthenics (it's better than "exercises," isn't it?) which will follow the Senior Weekend which follows the physics regents which follows exam week which is what we spend most of our time doing. And who has been joyously awaiting Senior Weekend?

Hmm. Two minions in the first paragraph alone. Why is it called exam week when it consists only of four days, depending on how healthy you are? And why is the Senior Weekend given that imposing title when all the senior activities take place in a space of little more than twenty-four hours in the middle of the week? Well, that's Milne for you.

Exams certainly are funny things. When you're a little kid your big brothers and sisters seem so grown-up when they have to study for "EXAMS," one of those scary words that are spoken in capital letters while you just have "tests." When you really do reach that age when you too can take exams—big deal. That frightening word exam turns into a memory thing when the thought of working eight hours and a quarter of an inch of ballpoint pen ink. How disgusting! But next year will be a good year for selling elevator tickets and swimming pool memberships. You may be able to get rid of some W.C. Fields movie tickets, spaghetti supper reservations, tickets to "The Conquest," the sophomore dance . . . no harm in trying, anyway.

—Laura Harris

A Personal View

About the Elections

BY LINDA BALOG

This year's Presidential election has drawn interest from everyone, especially since President Johnson decided not to run for reelection. The decision was not to vote straight down a party ticket but to vote for the best man, even if he doesn't belong to your beloved party. Politicians believe politics are unjust and the people are beginning to realize the significance of a man's qualifications. Within both parties are candidates with opposing views. Republican liberals identify more with Democratic liberals than with Republican conservatives.

We hear about Eugene McCarthy every day, but what is he? He wants a quick end to the Vietnamese war. Wonderful—but how do we do it realistically? Kennedy and McCarthy both want quick peace in Vietnam; yet, for some reason, people who support McCarthy hate Kennedy and those who support Kennedy hate McCarthy. This is because Kennedy has long hair and reveals each spur-of-the-moment thought. In any way things will be forgotten and Kennedy and McCarthy only human too. But at least he speaks.

Grandfather Hubert Humphrey is boring in Linder's following. But he might receive the nomination because of the fact that he is now Vice President. How unfortunate.

Richard Nixon, the "I'll try harder next time" Republican has returned with his hawkish ideas on the war and anti-welfare plans. He has worked diligently, spending money on campaign gimmicks and speaking to the nation. Because of his determination he will probably receive the Republican nomination and will be a contender for the Republican nominee. His opposition is Nelson Rockefeller, who couldn't decide when to enter the campaign. His decision was wrong, and now the Liberal Republican will lose the nomination he deserved. (Perhaps he could win the Democratic nomination)

George Wallace is the unique candidate. He is widely known for his segregationist views. With Wallace as President, Alabama would become the nation's Capital-State, and all Negroes would be "exterminated." Ironically, he attracts large crowds, and his Democratic block is growing. For the nostalgic ones, there is a fellow on his fifth try for the Presidency. (Will he ever leave?)

There is a money-mad candidate suitable for everyone's needs and wants of dollars of dollars. He would toss out who cares who is equal (well, perhaps not) as qualified; Charles Percy. How unfortunate.

Don't you wish YOU were old enough to vote?

The End is Near

Yes, another fun year at Milne has almost come to an end. The class of 1968 joyously awaits the commencement calisthenics (it's better than "exercises," isn't it?) which follow the Senior Weekend which follows the physics regents which follows exam week which is what we spend most of our time doing. And who has been joyously awaiting Senior Weekend?

Ann Boomsliter tutoring at Trinity.

Milne Students Provide Understanding

Underprivileged children of the South End have been receiving tutoring by members of Milne's Ambassadors Club at Trinity Institute in Albany. Active members are Paula Rosenkopf, Ann Boomsliter, Sandy Blumberg, Brad Knipes, Rosanne Rez, Susan Weiss, Rachael Tompkins, Vicki Vice, and Cathy Levitz.

The children, who come to Trinity from surrounding neighborhoods, all have basically one thing in common: the inability to learn within a formal classroom situation. Low grades and unhappiness with the classroom setting have engendered a disinterested attitude towards education. Trinity, by providing a useful, informal supplement to the classroom learning experience, helps to overcome the negative attitudes and improve the educational performances of those tutored.

Although Milne students have had limited success in improving the grades of their students, a greater understanding had been reached between both teacher and student.

The children come to Trinity with problems and the tutors come willing to help, but there is a gap between the two that has to be filled before any improvements can be made.

If the program at Trinity could be measured as either a success or a failure in terms of progress made towards filling this gap, it certainly is a success.

—Rosanne Rez

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