

# CRIMSON AND WHITE

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## Christmas Assembly Precedes Vacation

This year's Christmas assembly started off with "Deck and Hall," and "Jingle Bells" medley. The choirs, band, and audience participated.

The senior choir then sang "Religion is a Fortune" and "O Bone Jesu."

### Milnemen Sing

A wonderful new addition to the program was the Milnemen. They are Martin Wolman, Paul Howard, John Reynolds, Creighton Cross, Don Wilson, Dick Green, Ron Killelea, Don Smith, Jim Meyers and Leonard Ten Eyck. This was their third appearance. They sang "Silent Night" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," with the Milnettes doing the descant on "Silent Night." Leonard Ten Eyck did the solo part in "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Cynthia Berberian followed by playing Debussy's "Reflections in the Water," as a piano solo.  
**Choirs Vocalize**

The junior choir, consisting of seventh, eighth, and ninth graders, sang the "Cradle Song" and "Prayer" from "Hansel and Gretel."

The Milnettes joined in singing "Here a Torch, Jeanette," "Isabella," and "Carol of the Sheep Bells."

The senior choir, returning, sang "As Torrents in Summer," "Meditation," and "When Icicles Hang by the Wall." Next, the Milnettes sang "White Christmas," with the audience joining for the second chorus.

The program concluded with the audience and both choirs singing "Silent Night" and "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Accompanists in order of appearance were Beryl Scott, Toby Scher, Charles Moose, Cynthia Berberian and Carol Newton.

### Council Elects Officers

On December 4, the Music Council elected officers. Cynthia Berberian was elected president, Nancy Redden, vice-president, Eleanor Erb, secretary, and Beatrice Weinstein, treasurer.

### Milnemen Make Their Debut

On December 16, the Milnemen made their debut at the Third Reformed church. Appearing with them were the Milnettes. They also sang at a faculty tea in Brubacher hall.

## Look What's Coming

**Friday, December 18**

School closes  
Columbia at Milne

**Tuesday, December 29**

Alumni Ball

**Monday, January 4**

School resumes

**Friday, January 8**

Academy at Milne

**Friday, January 15**

Milne at B.C.H.S.

## Juniors Prepare for Ball

### "Orchids" Theme Of Alumni Dance



This is your Alumni Ball committee—Left to right: Sally Cook, Cecil Blum, Jerry Thomas, Ann Strobel, Ann Crocker, Alma Becker, Ed Berkun and Janet Vine.

The class of 1955 is working hard on the plans for the thirteenth annual Alumni Ball which will take place in the Page Hall gym on December 29, 1953, from 9:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. The purpose of this dance is to reunite the alumni of past years with each other and the upperclassmen of Milne.

The junior class elected one of their members to head each of the five committees for the ball which are: decorations, refreshments, invitations, reception, music and miscellaneous.

### Big Surprise

Those of you who attend the ball will find the gym transformed into a magical dream world of purple, violet, and lavender hues. Be careful not to fall into the "big surprise" which will be located in the middle of the dance floor under a giant suspended orchid. Alma Becker, chairman of this committee, commented, "The decoration committee has worked exceptionally hard this year. We hope our efforts will be rewarded by a large crowd at the dance."

### Committees At Work

Ann Strobel, chairman of the refreshments committee, has ordered "gallons and gallons" of punch to keep you on your toes, and with the junior girls supplying the cookies, you'll get an excellent sampling of many different varieties and recipes.

Nearly four hundred invitations have been sent to alumni of the past five years by Ann Crocker and her committee. One invitation has been sent to Dr. Theodore Fossieck, principal of the school, inviting the faculty, and another to Creighton Cross, president of the senior class, inviting the seniors to attend this gala event. Mr. Harlan Raymond, of the industrial arts department, has graciously consented to print the invitations for the juniors.

As you enter the gym, you will be greeted by Ed Berkun and his reception committee, which consists of three junior couples who have been chosen by Jerry Thomas, president of the class.

### Frank Mayer's Band To Play

Milnites and alumni will dance to the beautiful strains of "Orchids in the Moonlight," played by Frank Mayer and his band. The gal who is responsible for this part of the program is Janet Vine, treasurer of the class.

### Chaperons Invited

Miss Harriet Sartwell, of the Latin department, Miss Mary Lynch, of the Mathematics department, and Mr. Hugh M. Smith, of the English department, with his wife, will attend the dance as chaperons.

Jerry Thomas stated, "I know it will be a big success because the class of '55 is putting it on."

## Seniors Acquire New Privilege

By BARBARA MABUS

"Scuse please! Whoops, look-out," and away they go! Yes, the seniors are off again!

Each day at 11:06 this little scene takes place as the seniors enjoy their newly acquired privilege of going off campus for lunch. At 11:35 the "jet propelled kids" still stuffing last pieces of food into their mouths may be seen charging back over the playing field, into the senior room and as the last bell sounds, they arrive panting, but happy, in homeroom.

The seniors may eat anywhere they please, but so far, Eddie's has been the scene of senior pandemonium. Could this be because of the tunnel?

Like all good things, the privilege of dashing madly off campus, gulping down a few morsels, and dashing back to class has some strings attached. Seniors may not enter cars or other motor vehicles and every student must be in homeroom when the last bell rings. But as any senior will tell you, it's worth it!

## 'Herbert' Smash Hit

The senior class is proud to announce that their profits from the senior play "Big Hearted Herbert," amounted to the sum of \$477.16. This means that the 1954 class made \$69.84 more than any other senior class in the history of Milne. Congratulations seniors!

The **Crimson and White** on behalf of the senior class wishes to thank all the Milnites for their loyal and enthusiastic support, and let us not forget the parents, relatives, and friends.

## Societies Initiate New Members

Thursday, December 10, the annual Quin, Sigma installation banquet took place. This year the banquet was at Herbert's. The main course was roast beef.

Mary Killough was the mistress of ceremonies for the entertainment provided by the new members of Quin, and she was assisted by Gail McCormack. The program consisted of Shirley Vanderberg portraying "The Girl in the Flannel Nightgown," Joan Canfield in a modern version of "The Night Before Christmas," and Carline Wood, Lois King, and Dorothy Glizbe singing "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth." Judy Weibel, garbed in striped nightshirt and cap, pantomimed "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." Connie Edwards sang "I'd Like to Hitch a Ride With Santa Claus," and "The Day After Christmas" was described by Ginny Edwards. The entertainment closed with the Quin members singing "White Christmas." The traditional installation service followed, and the banquet concluded with the singing of the Quin song.

### New Members Entertain

The Sigma girls chose Mary Ann O'Connell as their chairman of entertainment. The first number was performed by a group of new members called the "Quintet," accompanied by Jackie Bunzick. A chorus of girls sang and danced to "There's No Business Like Show Business," and Lois Smith told a story about her "Hound Dog." The members did a burlesque of "Pocahontas." Those participating were Elsa Weber, Hilda Klingaman and Mary Ann O'Connell.

The new girls were installed by the president, Sherril Miller, and the evening ended with the singing of the Sigma song.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The wish, "Merry Christmas", will be expressed many times and in many ways today as school closes for the holidays and each of us goes to celebrate the holiday in his own way. We of the Faculty would like to take this means of insuring that every student receives our best wishes for the Christmas season, and we thank the **Crimson and White** staff for the use of its editorial space for this purpose.

During the next week each of us undoubtedly will hear or use the phrase, "Merry Christmas", many times. If we take time to think about how often that greeting is used, we may be tempted to remark that we wish there were some new way to convey that idea. However, thinking a little further, we probably would say reverently, "Thank God, there isn't!"

The greeting "Merry Christmas" has the happy distinction of being one of a few permanent features in our world of constant change, and we need a few such landmarks to give us perspective as we move rapidly along the path of our busy lives. That unchanged greeting reminds us that the event which we are celebrating is the same that Dickens wrote about, the Crusaders called a truce to observe, and the shepherds in Palestine wondered about two thousand years ago.

The spirit of this season is as simple as direct as the phrase, "Merry Christmas!" It needs no special advertising campaign with a new slogan each year. It doesn't need the seventy-two new popular songs, twenty-six of which have Santa Claus in the title, which have been introduced this year. The true Christmas spirit comes from within and can be expressed equally well by the smallest child and the most mature adult, especially if they use the word, "Merry Christmas!"

Theodore H. Fossieck,  
Principal

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"Big-Hearted Herbert" was the name of our play—and among those seen at "our play" were: **Kathy Hunter, Terry Lester, Bob Killough, Maria Hartmann, Dixon Welt, Judy Cotter, Ed Blessing, Paul Tamaroff, Penny Male and Kathy Scott.**

After the play, the seniors had open house at **Margaret Moran's**. **Gail McCormack, Nancy Nedden, Karl Becker, Betty Alexander, Ira Rheingold, Sally Simmons, John Murphy, Bea Weinstein, Fred Brunner, Donald Wilson and Kathy Kendall** were just a few who were there.

While most of us are dreaming of a white Christmas, **Hannah Kornreich** is dreaming of getting a sun-tan during vacation. How come? She's spending the Christmas holidays in Cuba, the lucky gal.

Another of our girls is also spending the vacation where it's nice and warm. **Barbara Mabus** is traveling to Chattanooga, Tenn., to see if Southern Santas really do say, "Merry Christmas, you-all." She's promised to give us a full report when she returns.

**Betsy Price** had a birthday party and **Katie Simmons, Brud Snyder, Annabel Page, Stephanie Condon, Mary Condon, Richard Lockwood, Dick Berberian and David Klingaman** were all there riding the horses. You see, Betsy has lots of them!

If you say that R.P.I. is the place for a dance, **Cecil Blum, Alma Becker, Mary McNamara, Sara Seiter, Barbara Wolman and Judy Brightman** will certainly agree with you. The dance was the annual Armed Forces Ball.

**Nancy Kelly's** open house was a big success. **Sara Seiter, Sheila Fitzgerald, Judy Hannan, Carol Myers, Hilda Erb, Judy Hallenbeck and Sally Cook** all added to the fun.

**Willa de Sousa** had a slumber party after the Van Rensselaer game. **Ginny Pitkin, Jackie Torner and Jackie Bonzyck** were some of the drowsy girls.

Home for Thanksgiving vacation **Dick Nathan** had an open house. Although those present were mostly alumni, others who were there were **Mary McNamara, Ann Strobel, Bill Bullion, Polly Viner, Jud Lockwood, Connie Edwards, John Murphy, Sally Cook and Creighton Cross.**

New York, New York, it's a wonderful town, or at least so **Dick Bruce, Emmett TenBroeck and Dave Howard** tell us. How do they know? Because they spent a weekend in the "Big City" recently. Also seen enjoying the sights were **Jerry Thomas and Bob Byrum.**

by Shirley, Ann, 'n Jim



# The Inquiring Reporter

By MIMI and NORMA

Question: If you were five years old, what would you like Mr. Claus to bring you for Christmas?"

**Jerry Kane:** "My two front teeth."  
**Steven Levine:** "A five year old girl."

**Carol Stein:** "A teddy bear."  
**Sally Simmons:** "A full piggy bank."

**Judy Webel:** "A doll house."  
**Judy Hallenbeck:** "A gross of lollipops."

**Willa de Sousa:** "Long red underwear."

**Jackie Torner:** "A pony with a charteuse saddle."

**Beryl Scott:** "A bottle of Dixie Bell."

**Miss Murray:** "A little puppy."  
**Barbara Mabus:** "Santa Baby."

**Mr. Cowley:** "A glass house."  
**Don Smith:** "A two year's supply of Carter's Little Liver Pills."

**Honey McNeil:** "A jar of paste."  
**Tom Foggo:** "A choo-choo train."

**Judy Young:** "A Girl Scout merit badge."

**Don Wilson:** "A space ship."

**Gail McCormack:** "A space suit so I can ride in Donald's space ship."

**Dixon Welt:** "A book on Einstein's nuclear theory."

**Howard Warner:** "A piece of 'double bubble'."

**George Hartman:** "That's a good question."

**Diane Reed:** "A tot rod."  
**Alan Alpart:** "A candy cane."

**Billy Airey:** "A water pistol."  
**Judy Hannan:** "A nice five footer."

**Marion Preisser:** "Superman Jr."  
**Brenda Sandberg:** "I would love to meet Rudolph."

**Eleanor Erb:** "An extended Christmas vacation."

**Sandra Stegman:** "A hippopotamus."

**Pat Canfield:** "A Kiddilac."  
**Lois King:** "A six year old John Wayne."

**Shirley Male:** "A Mexican jumping bean."

**Betty Alexander:** "A popo stick so I can go pop."

## ALUMNEWS

**Frances Ann Mitchell '52**, a senior at LaSalle junior college, is betrothed to **Paul Carson Van Alstyne**.

Ed's, where the Milne elite meet to eat, say many familiar faces during Thanksgiving vacation. They were **Bill Wade '53, "M.F." Moran '53, Allison Parker '53 and Jerry Hanley '53.**

**Robert Yaguda '49**, entered Albany Law school this fall.

**Mrs. Paul Hubbs**, the former **Helen Cupp '50**, had a baby boy on Thanksgiving day.

Seen at the senior play were **Gene Cassidy '53, Nancy Tripp '53, Ruth Dyer '53 and Frank Parker '52.**

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## Look What's Here

By SUE BOWER

Here we are on the eve of our Christmas vacation, which is an especially long one this year. Oh! What a happy day for all the Milnites. Many of them have made plans so this holiday will be an especially good one. It has been rumored that a few of the students are high-tailing it for the warm climate of the deep south. While many are content to stay home and have lots of fun at open houses, skiing (if it only snows) and of course tobogganing parties under the same circumstances.

### Relax With Some Records

After those chilly sessions in the snow you will probably find yourselves relaxing next to a cozy fireplace, drinking cocoa and listening to some of the fine new Christmas records. This year, Columbia has put out two outstanding long players. Sammy Kaye's "Christmas Serenade" and "Christmas With Arthur Godfrey and His Friends." This includes Julius. Practically every recording company has an album of the traditional Christmas carols and songs. An exceptionally fine one is Mantovani's release for London. However "Bing's" album for Decca still rates number one with the public.

### Novelty Tunes Prove Entertaining

On the novelty side we find many singles the current rage. Two of those which have set the pace are hardly comparable. One, "I Want a Hippopotamus for Christmas" and "Are My Ears Straight" is a Columbia label done by Gayla Peevey, a cute little gal with freckles on her nose and blond pigtails. The other disc is "Santa Baby" by Eartha Kitt (need I say more). Another natural for the holiday season is Stan Freberg's Capitol recording of "Christmas Dragnet."

### Milnites Dress for Occasion

While listening to this seasonal music, you will find the gals decked out like Christmas trees. The latest fashions are separates. However, this season they are not only colorful but glittery and noisy as well. Brightly colored felt and quilted full skirts are splashed with sequins, spangles and jingle bells that really ring. Topping these skirts are jersey blouses and jeweled cardigan sweaters. The old standby is velveteen and taffeta dresses, which are still prevalent. Also, the gals will be drifting across the dance floor in both ballerina and full length formals made of yards and yards of nylon net and chiffon in beautiful rainbow shades.

### Holidays Take On True Meaning

Although much of the holidays will be spent having a wonderful time partying, skiing and dancing, many of the students are remembering the real meaning of Christmas. Various groups are going caroling to some of the more misfortunate and are making up Christmas gift packages. There isn't any reason why the friendly spirit at Milne can't be an "honest to goodness" true Christmas spirit. Let's all make this vacation not only a gala one, but one we can remember as an especially significant one full of good will towards our fellow men.

Merry Christmas,

Susy

## Raiders Rally to Rout Averill Park Five, 65-53

The Milne varsity copped their first victory of the season Wednesday, November 25, as they downed a fighting and aggressive Averill Park squad 65-53 on the losers' court. It was a close, hard fought battle all the way with the Milnites establishing their victorious margin in the closing minutes of the contest on superior scoring and rebounding strength.

### Parkers Set Early Pace

Led by Don Stiles and Harold Foster's fantastic outside shooting, Averill Park got off to a fast start as they established a 22-12 advantage at the quarter.

With Judson Lockwood and Don Smith finding the range on jump shots, the action continued at a fast pace throughout the second quarter. The Crimson tied the score at 26-26 before the Parkers retaliated with two quick field goals to take the lead 31-29 at the half.

After the intermission, the teams matched each other basket for basket most of the way.

### Raiders Roar

Smith, Lockwood and Cross were the big guns of the Milne attack as the Crimson slowly pulled away during the closing minutes of the game. The Milnites also showed their best form of the evening in the fading minutes of the game, as they froze the ball in order to run out the clock. Don Smith and Jud Lockwood were high for the Milne outfit with 17 points, while Harry Foster scored the exact amount for the losers.

### J.V. Triumphant

In the preliminary game, the Milne jayvee, led by the two Fitzgeralds, won by the decisive margin of 41-31.

## Senior Class Committees

At a recent class meeting the seniors formed various necessary committees for their commencement in June. The committees and their chairmen are: caps and gowns, Bill Bullion; announcements, Sherril Miller; class gift, Beryl Scott and John Murphy. The seniors have also chosen a committee to supervise and approve various things in the senior room. This committee approves and checks posters set up in the senior room and announcements written on the blackboard and certifies them correct with their initials. This is especially true when Dr. Fossieck has an announcement.

## English Classes Conduct Drive

If you were wondering why the seventh graders were running around with arm loads of books, perhaps you stopped and realized that November 16-21 was Book Week. The second period seventh grade English class conducted a book drive to collect books for boys and girls at the Child's Hospital. A total of 216 books were collected and brought to the hospital on Thursday, November 19 by the members of the book drive committee.

## Saints Score, 53-46

On December 4, the mighty Milne hoop squad traveled to gigantic Convention Hall in Saratoga only to lose another close thriller 53-46 to St. Peter's of Saratoga.

### Raiders Take Lead

Capitalizing on their foul shots, the Raiders grabbed a quick 6-2 advantage and were never threatened in the period as they took a 13-7 first quarter lead.

The second period was a preview of the first as the "young pros," proficient shooting, superb rebounding and sensational defense sent them into a commanding 26-17 halftime lead.

### Saints Sparked

Starting the second half the St. Peter's purple and gold scored two consecutive hoops to cut the Crimson lead to five points 26-21. Sparked by this turn of events the St. Peter's five applied a pressing defense on the Raiders, and intercepted three consecutive passes, which they converted into Saint markers, thus taking a substantial four point lead at the three-quarter mark 39-35.

### Raiders Retaliate

Scoring two quick points to start the final period, it looked as though the Crimson might pull the contest out of the fire, but after tying the ball game up, the "profs" faltered and dropped farther behind with each final minute. With exactly two minutes left the Raiders scored two quick hoops to come within striking distance, but two free throws by St. Peter's captain, Bob King, sewed up the ball game for the Saints.

"Criss" Cross played an outstanding game for the Crimson as he notched 23 markers, while King and Bostick combined 29 Saint's points.

## Cobleskill Creeps Past Milne

On Tuesday, November 24, in their opening basketball game on the Page Hall court, the Milne Red Raiders dropped a heartbreaking 58-56 decision to the Cobleskill Red Devils before a capacity crowd of enthusiastic Milnites and energetic Red Devils.

The first quarter of the contest featured an exciting nip and tuck see-saw battle with the lead changing continually throughout the period. Finally with 15 seconds left in the quarter "Criss" Cross connected with a jump shot to give the Raiders an 11-10 lead at the period.

### Profs Proficient

Starting fast in the second quarter the Milnites scored three consecutive hoops on interceptions to take a 20-12 point advantage. However, their lead slowly dwindled as the Red Devils began hitting on long shots from the outside, but the Crimson managed to hold the lead at intermission 26-24.

### Raiders Increase Lead

With "Criss" Cross, Don Smith

## What If?

Gretchen were wrong instead of Wright?

John were a sheep instead of a Wolfe?

Toby Lee were a pebble instead of a Stone?

Robert were a bugle instead of a Horn?

Sherril and Joyce were a cobbler instead of Miller?

Lois and Don were a Jones instead of Smith?

Carline were brick instead of Wood?

Annabelle and Harry were a book instead of a Page?

Don were B.C.H.S. instead of Milne?

Janet were a bush instead of Vine?

David were yellow instead of Brown?

Scott were a keg instead of a Beryl?

Ira were Schlitz instead of Rheingold?

Creighton were kind instead of Cross?

Leonard were a DeWitt instead of a Ten Eyck?

Tommy were a queen instead of a King?

Jerine were a crutch instead of a Kane?

William were June instead of May?

Toby and Irwin were heavy instead of Scher?

Brenda were a hamburg instead of a Sandberg?

## F.H.A. Activities

"Have they come yet?" "Are they here?" "We'll get them Friday?" The long awaited F.H.A. pins finally came. The F.H.A.'ers received them in the installation ceremony and after a long struggle, finally got them pinned on. We are not through yet, another order has been sent in and is expected soon.

Christmas is coming, so, as we've always done in the past, F.H.A. is sending five dollars toward the Federation for Children Christmas Fund. In order to help finance this project and future projects, Future Homemakers of America is sponsoring a bake sale. This sale will take place on January 8, during lunch period and at 2:15.

Any starving Milnites are to come to the Home Ec. room to purchase homemade cookies, fudge, and assorted snacks. Mary Ann O'Connell is chairman of the publicity committee and Polly Viner is chairman of the foods committee.

Willa De Sousa, Carline Wood and Elsa Weber are going to help Miss Marks at the F.H.A. office, with the newsletter for this area.

and Joe Page finding the range the Milnites slowly increased their lead to seven points over the invaders 37-30, and were still leading by a comfortable margin at the end of the third period 46-40.

### Devils Deadly

As the last period of play started, Cobleskill scored a hoop on the center jump and then tallied three consecutive hoops on long shots to take a 48-46 lead.

# New York

By BARBARA MABUS

'Tis the day before Christmas  
And all through the city  
Many creatures are stirring  
All's rush and rapidity.

In every apartment  
On Park Avenue  
Butlers carry boxes signed,  
"From Santa Baby to you!"

From Riverside mansions  
To cold water flats  
In the Stork Club . . . Lindy's  
The Automats.

Uptown, downtown  
From Brooklyn to Queens,  
From crowded subways  
To big limousines.

From Orbach's and Macy's  
To Henri Bendel  
Bonwit Teller, Lord and Taylor  
And more, too many to tell.

Why all the bustle?  
Why never a pause?  
'Cause everyone's rushing  
To help Santa Claus!

But this writer stands  
By Capezio's door  
With an armful of boxes  
But funds no more.

And so, dear St. Nick  
In my stocking tonight  
Won't you leave this poor dancer  
One pair of wool tights!

## Will It Snow?

By ARTHUR MELIUS

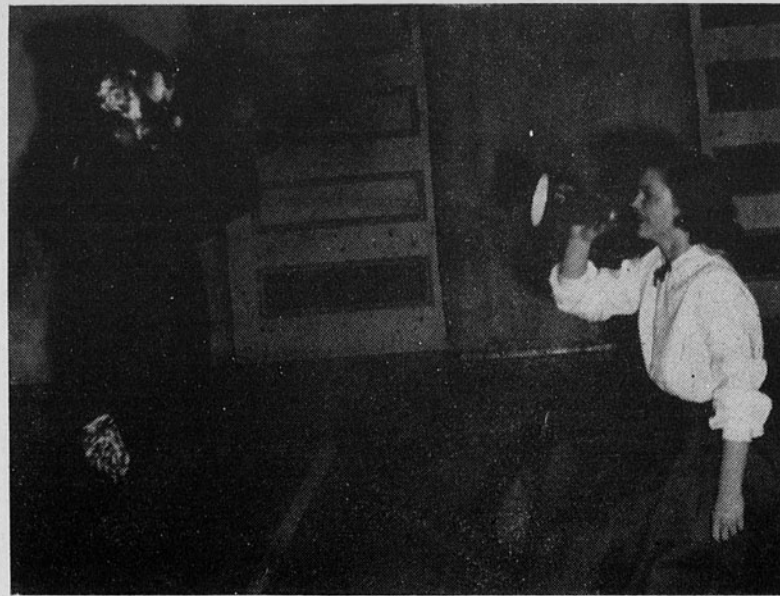
"I'm dreaming of a White Christmas." I just looked out the window, and I don't need to dream. I saw all those beautiful six-sided flakes of snow which make such lovely patterns. How fortunate we are that we have snow for Christmas. It seems like months since I was able to gaze upon mother nature's bare green earth. Thanks to the snow, I've been able to earn most of my Christmas money by shoveling sidewalks and driveways. Even my sore back was worth it, because I love snow. Just think, snow for Christmas! One of the nice things about living in the north is that we are always sure of having snow for Christmas?

Those unfortunate southerners who have no snow for Christmas! How could St. Nick's sleigh be explained to children in the south? It looks like a long skiing season this year, and there will be a lot of ice skating if anyone has the ambition to clear the ice. The snow is just right for making snowballs and snowmen, the symboys of winter. Albany has it's usual traffic jams because of the heavy snows, and the weatherman has predicted more snow in the week to come. Everyone who can beg, borrow, or steal a toboggan is having a toboggan party. Oh what fun!

Am I dreaming? Pinch me! But what a wonderful dream it was.

### What Will St. Nick Bring?

Now that I have my two front teeth, I'm wondering what to ask Santa for Christmas. I'm also wondering what happened last year. I don't think Santa is cross-eyed or needs glasses. Perhaps he just read my list wrong. At least I don't remember that I asked for coal. This year I hope he has a better assort-



Pat Canfield, captain of the varsity cheerleaders, coaches our mascot.

## Milne's New Mascot Tells Own Story

By DORIS MARKOWITZ

I was made by Mary McNamara, (she really worked awfully hard) and I was dreamed up in the spring of last year. Each week a small fund was set aside to make the idea of a school mascot work. Secretly, gals from the M.G.A.A. council sewed and pasted parts of the costume together. Mr. Edward Cowley and Mrs. Anna Barsam helped many times when we had troubles. (When didn't we?) Miss Murray notified me of my new position for I had known nothing of it previously. Each day I went up to the Home Ec. room for fittings. Mary Ann Bullion and Trudy Shaw labored on the head. What a job! Mr. Cowley graciously consented that we could have the use of the art room for this task. (So that's where all the paper towels went!) At first it was difficult to put the head on my cranium, but after removing half of the paper mache it slipped on easily. All we needed now was a miniature air conditioning system inside, and we would be set. The pep assembly finally arrived when I received the name "Happy." The first games were fun to.

I am also learning how to throw a basketball in my new outfit.

I want to see all you Milnites at the next basketball games. This is "Happy Bear" signing off, and I'll see you there.

ment of ties and handkerchiefs. His usual variety of trinkets and toys do not appeal to me.

Now if Santa would bring me a college scholarship or something like that. . . . But I know I must work for it myself. What then could he bring me that I would enjoy? Since I don't know, I'll leave it up to him.

The theme of the Christmas story is giving. Does Christmas mean this to you? Let us rethink what Christmas means to us.

## Faculty Chatter

Hurray for Christmas vacation! On December 18, the Milnites will leave the halls and classrooms of Milne to return rested and ready for work on January 4. The students are not the only ones who are eagerly awaiting this vacation. Teachers too, are making plans. Mrs. Armstrong is going to New York for a few days. She hopes to see the Music Hall Christmas program. Writing a magazine article will also take up some of her time. Miss Dunn is taking a trip to New London, Connecticut, to visit her brother and his family. She is also going to help play "Santa" to a little niece, Rosemary. She states, "Then . . . I hope to get some sleep!" Our librarian, Miss Jackman, is going out to the midwest. On her return she plans on stopping in Chicago to see the Cadler Wells ballet. Mr. Fagan will spend his time writing a story. Mr. Smith is looking forward to the Alumni Ball, to be held on December 29. Weatherman permitting, Miss Glass is going skiing. Miss Murray is going to Vermont to ski and on to Canada if there is no snow available in Vermont. Mr. Soderlind will spend one week in New Haven and another in the Catskills. Miss Wasley has a very important two year old nephew whom she is going home to see. Two of our student teachers, Miss Snyder and Miss Presmont, also have plans. Miss Presmont is going to write a term paper and take a driving test while Miss Snyder hopes to spend most of her time "Just relaxing." Miss Hudson's plans include practicing guidance on a six year old nephew and five year old niece. Mr. Tibbetts is staying home to work on the house.

On behalf of the **Crimson and White** the student body wishes the entire faculty a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

HAPPY WISHES TO  
THE JUNIORS  
FOR A  
MERRY ALUMNI BALL

## St. Nick Visits Church Mice

(With apologies to Clement Clark Moore)

'Twas the night before Christmas  
when all through the church,  
Little mice were running in flight  
and in search.

There stockings were flung o'er the  
altar without care,  
And the thought of St. Nicholas set  
their hearts aflare.

They scampered and then snuggled  
warm in their paws,  
While their tiny minds visioned cats  
that danced and mewd.

Mamma in her gray skin and I in  
my brown,  
Had feared that St. Nicholas would  
not visit our town.

When out in the church yard there  
rose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my pew to see what  
was the matter.

Away to the stained glass, I flew  
like a flash,  
Tore open the shutters for there  
was no sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-  
fallen snow,  
Gave a luster of midday to good  
mice below.

When what to my bellicose eyes  
should appear,  
But a giant size sleigh and eight  
mammoth reindeer.

With a jolly old driver so lively  
and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be  
St. Nick.

My heart pounded loud as I heard  
on the roof,  
The crash and the clatter of each  
monster hoof.

As I hopped off the sill and was  
turning around,  
Down the steeple old Santa came in  
with a bound.

He looked humorous as could be  
from his head to his foot,  
For his clothes were all tarnished  
with ashes and soot.

Then he looked straight at me, but  
he saw me not,  
And dumped beautiful toys onto an  
old cot.

He spoke not a word, but went  
straight to his work,  
And filled the torn stockings, then  
turned with a jerk.

Then laying his finger alongside his  
nose,  
He gave a quick nod and up steeple  
he rose.

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team  
gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the  
down of a thistle.

But I heard his exclaim 'ere he  
drove out of sight,  
Happy Christmas to all, and to all  
you CHURCH MICE.

By a junior

CRIMSON AND WHITE  
WISHES YOU  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# Rams Rap Red Raiders

## Milnites Drop Capital Debut

In their first league game of the season, the Red Raiders from Page Hall were victims of a stunning upset, suffered at the hands of their arch rivals, Van Rensselaer high school. V.R.H.S. displayed a balanced attack, which thwarted off late Milne rallies by an overshadowing of scoring punch, to produce a slim 48-47 victory.

### Rams Rally

With a burst of offensive power, which combined speed and accurate shooting, the Eastsiders captured an early lead of 17-8 as the buzzer sounded ending the first quarter. Kenny Colville and Alvin DuBois spearheaded the Rams' early attack as they combined for nine points.

### Raiders Retaliate

The second period was a real thriller as the Milnites rallied to overcome the Rams' lead and temporarily take the driver's seat. "Criss" Cross and Joe Page led the rally as they displayed outstanding set-shooting ability. The game continued at a fast pace during the entire quarter, as both teams featured accurate shooting and good ball handling. The lead changed hands three times, with Rensselaer holding a slim two point margin at half time, 24-22.

In the third period neither team outscored the other decisively, but the Rams continued to employ their bewildering zone defense and aggressive tactics to take a 39-34 lead.

### Crimson Come Close

As the fourth and final quarter progressed, tension began to increase with the clock ticking off those all important minutes. With the clock showing just two minutes to go, Rensselaer began to freeze the ball and therefore, stalled play just long enough to merit their 48-47 victory.

"Criss" Cross was high scorer for the evening with 17 points, followed by Ed Gardner of Van Rensselaer with 14.

An Albany newspaper quoted the Rams' surprising victory as "Especially frustrating for Milne," which stands as an understated truth. This quote will undoubtedly spur the Milne team to capacity, and should produce victories as an outcome.

### Junior Varsity Victorious

In the preliminary game, the Milne J.V. captured their fourth consecutive win of the year by a score of 44-28. Barry Fitzgerald was the feature performer as he tallied 10 points to lead both teams.

## Win Four Straight

In their first four games this year the Milne Jr. Red Raiders have survived without a defeat. In compiling this record, they have scored 156 points to their opponents' 117 and have limited their opponents to an average of 29 points, while they have racked up an average of 40 points per game.

The best of luck and breaks to a fine team and a successful season.



Harry Page and Don Smith tussle with visiting Cobleskill stars.

## GROGAN'S GALLERY

By HORACE and HERMAN

**Bill "Pauncho" Bullion:** Advancing from the junior varsity, Bill, has a fine array of left hand shots and has the distinction of being one of the smallest men on the squad. He's a mere 5-10.

**Bob "Bugsy" Byrum:** Bob, a colorful performer on last year's j.v. team, recently has developed strong driving ability and fine reflexes, which coupled with an excellent defense makes "Bugsy" a valuable member of this year's squad.

**Creighton "Criss" Cross:** Last year's high scorer and one of three of last year's returning starters, "Criss" has a "dead-eye" right hand push shot and an assortment of good pivot shots. "Creight," as he is sometimes called, is also a capable floor man and a scrappy rebounder. These abilities along with his 6-3 frame should help provide a record breaking season for the team of '53.

**Horace Judson Lockwood:** A veteran standout and first string player on last year's varsity, Jud exhibits a fine set shot and a capable right hand push from the foul line. These assets should help him become a steady and important performer.

**Art "Meal" Melius:** A 6-1 senior, Art was a very capable player on last year's squad and should reach his peak in performance during the progressing season. Art is the owner of an excellent set shot and is a fine team player, which should be of incomparable help.

**John "Dickie" Murphy:** A 6-3 senior, John spent last season dividing his time between j.v. and varsity in order to gain much needed experience. He possesses an accurate jump shot and is a fine pivot man.

**Harry "Joe" Page:** Acquiring confidence in his set shot, "Pogo" is a

key factor in Milne's basketball fortunes having developed scoring polish and finesse, Joe may provide the spark to insure a winning season.

**Don "Herman" Smith:** If you see a rather tall, humorous male, displaying cat-like features, sauntering down Milne's halls of learning, stop and take a second look. It's probably Milne's answer to income taxes, Weirly Smith. Although real gone, Don possesses a great deal of varsity experience, being a veteran first stringer, and has an excellent corner shot. This coupled with his effective rebounding and developing drive should prove advantageous to the squad.

**Don "Willy" Wilson:** One of the outstanding newcomers to this season's team, "Willy" is a competent team player and prize hustler. He is a clever ball handler and constantly fakes his opponents out of position.

**John "Wolfie" Wolfe:** A graduate from the 1952-53 j.v. outfit, John has an extremely accurate jump shot and is a bulwark on rebounding. If John lives up to his past performances, he will have a very successful and prosperous season.

**Paul "Lover" Howard:** Last year as a freshman, Paul displayed a good scoring punch with the possession of a variety of shots. His terrific touch and 6-1 frame should help Paul blossom into a future performer on the hardwood floors of Page Hall.

**Russell "Russ" Peck:** "Russ" has a tremendous stride and like Paul is a sophomore with a boundless energy to learn and gain experience. He is trying new shots all the time and is rated as a good prospect for future Milne teams. "Russ" is also an outstanding performer on the baseball diamond.

## SCOOP FROM SCOTT

Well, here's where I can test my powers of ad libbing. Having checked with everyone in sight, I found that the Milne gals have done nothing drastic in the last three weeks, so I will try out my gift of gab which I have been accused of possessing for so long.

### Basketball

Miss Murray has surprised us with the announcement that the Page Hall gym will be open to Milne gym classes on Mondays, Wednesdays and every other Friday. For those who like basketball, this is a welcome surprise. For those who like square dancing, all I can say is "Better luck next year."

### Powder Fights

Don't get me wrong? I'm not trying to give the seventh graders any ideas. They've probably already heard about powder fights in the girls' locker room, but if they haven't, they soon will.

A powder fight usually begins before gym class, and is ended after gym is over. This is the time when every gal uses up all her old talcum powder, and goes home with gray hair. The object of the game is to use up all your own powder, and so get everyone in sight covered from head to foot with that horrible stuff that makes even the innocent bystanders choke. The only trouble with having a powder fight is that all the little gals have to clean up afterwards. You haven't done anything until you've cleaned powder off of cement floors. The catch to this little story is that there will be no more powder fights by anyone, even the mighty seniors, orders from "The Mur." So, seventh graders, put away all your pipe dreams about having a good fight. They aren't any fun anyway.

### Roller Skating Party a Success

On November 1, Hoffman's Skateland was the scene of the Milne Girls' Athletic Association's annual skating party. The affair was a big success and fun was had by all.

### Murder Ball

A familiar cry coming from the little gym is "Hey, I hit you. You're out." This, as all the gals know, is what goes on in murder ball, that fast-moving game where you either duck those fast balls, or suffer from an injured knee the rest of the day. The object of murder ball is to eliminate the opposite team, yet keep yourself in the game. What results oftentimes, however, is that some of the girls, in an endeavor to keep themselves in the game, accidentally on purpose forget the rules of the game. This, known to Miss Murray as well as their classmates as cheating, does not go well.

### Hats Off to the J.V. Squad

Thus far, the Milne jayvee squad has had an undefeated season. I think they deserve a big hand. Here's hoping you can keep it up, fellows.

### Merry Christmas

Christmas time is here once more. Buying our presents; what a chore! Let's give a gift of service. To those who really deserve it! Happy holidays to everyone!

## Honor Roll

Congratulations to the Milne students who received all "B's" or better on their report cards. Leading the school, with seventeen members on the honor roll, was the sophomore class. The seniors just missed a tie with sixteen students represented from their class. The largest improvement was in the junior class where six new members were added.

**Freshman Class**—Stephen Arnold, Gertrude Frey, Lois Grimm, Susan Hershey, Melinda Hitchcock, Ellen Hoppner, Robert Kercull, Carolyn Male, Doris Markowitz, Sue Powell, Ellen Sherman, Helen Stycos, Sandra Wurst.

**Sophomore Class**—Howard Chura, Merrill Andrews, Paul Cohen, Stuart Doling, Arthur Evans, Barry Fitzgerald, Jayne Harbinger, Lois King, Hilda Klingaman, Jacqueline Marks, Barbara Rutenber, Frank Ward, Edward Schwartz, Stephen Weinstein, Gaile Westervelt, David Wilson, Carline Wood.

**Junior Class**—Cynthia Berberian, Edward Berkun, Ann Crocker, Anne Gayle, Judith Hannan, Peter Hoppner, Carol Myers, Thomas Nathan, Carolyn Olivo, Marion Preisser, Toby Scher, Sara Seiter, Martin Silberg, Janet Viné.

**Senior Class**—Susan Bower, Alfred Brunner, Patricia Canfield, Mary Deitrich, Virginia Edwards, Alice Gunther, Richard Holzhauer, David Howard, Barbara Mabus, Shirley Male, Willard Myers, Mary McNamara, Art Melius, James Rulison, Beryl Scott, Gretchen Wright.

## French Club Sends Gift, Money

French club started this year with an interesting film about Paris. At the following meeting Miss Alice Cohen discussed the highlights of her trip to France. The French club elected as their leaders Judy Young, president; Hilda Klingaman, vice-president, and Shirley Vandenburg, secretary.

### Fun for All

Contests and an assortment of games are weekly projects. The favorite game is "Bingo", for which prizes are awarded. All is not fun and games, however, the French club is a very beneficial club to its members, not all play and no work, by any means.

The French classes are planning to send a Christmas present of money to two French schools. In previous years packages have been sent, but due to the high shipping rates, the classes have decided to send money instead. In return the French students will correspond with various Milnites. Congratulations to the French club for their good work!

## Tri-Hi-Y News

Tri-Hi-Y is certainly having a successful year under the leadership of "Mimi" Ryan. It was reported that all the shakeroos made by the organization were sold and the pencils are selling very well.

To keep in the spirit of Christmas, Tri-Hi-Y is sponsoring a family, to whom they are giving food and gifts. This warm-hearted committee is headed by Ann Stroebel.

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By SHERRIL 'n GRETCH



### HANNAH KORNREICH

Lookee here, without this gal, we'd never have to hand in assignments for the *Crimson and White*. Besides being our news editor she has been active in many other activities, some of which are: homeroom and junior class secretary; C.S.P.A. delegate, graduation usher, secretary of the senior student council, and treasurer of Sigma.

Hannah doesn't care for noisy gum chewers, betting on the Dodgers, or playing scrabble with "little brothers." More to her taste are: trips to Cuba, bumping around in cars, "Dem Dodgers," Stewart Granger and those "crazy open houses." "C'est la vie," remarks Hannah, using her favorite expression.

There's just one thing that irks this bright-eyed gal and that's egotistical people. Her goals are set for an "A" in history, and to beat "Little Mo" in tennis. Good luck!

Hannah has been accepted at Beloit college in Wisconsin.

### DONALD SMITH

Here comes another one of our many Milnites. None less than A. Donald Smith. He attended P.S. 19 before entering Milne in the seventh grade and upon graduating he hopes to have the position of assistant door keeper at the court of appeals. If he doesn't quite meet the qualifications, he plans on going into toothpick manufacturing.

While attending Milne for six years, Don has participated in many activities. Some of these are: co-sports editor for the *Crimson and White*, sophomore class and Adelphi secretary, C.S.P.A. delegate, junior class homeroom president, and graduation usher. Sports have also kept him busy as he has played varsity basketball and baseball since his sophomore year.

"Smittie" has one definite dislike and that is: to have all the windows closed on a red hot day with the radiators and bunsen burners going and the Pharmacy college.

### MIMI RYAN

We won't tell you her name, because it's common knowledge around these hallowed halls that she's not too fond of it, but she'll always answer you when you holler Mimi. Mimi who? Why Mimi Ryan of course! "Meem" was born in Troy, on April 11, 1936 and lived in Latham until the age of eleven.

Like quite a few of our Milnites, Mimi came to Milne in the seventh grade. Since then her many activities include secretary of her homeroom, president of Tri-Hi-Y, mistress of ceremonies of Sigma, inquiring reporter on the *Crimson and White* and naturally participating in playdays.

Ask Mimi what she likes and you will hear her reply, pizza, sports, the Dodgers, and riding in the blue goose with its head off (that's her dad's car). Also, she likes those crazy knee highs. Her pet peeves are having to think up questions for the inquiring reporter and those Yankees.

### ROBERT DORN

Robert James Dorn, more commonly known around school as "just plain Bob" was born in Albany, on March 24, 1936 and brightly comments that his mother was there, too!

Since coming to Milne, Bob has worked on the *Crimson and White* and *Bricks and Ivy*. In his senior year, his fellow classmates elected him president of Hi-Y, sergeant-at-arms in Theseum, and he is head man of all Milne varsity sports.

Just like most Milnites, Mr. Dorn loves eating pizza, square dancing and just making a general confusion. Bob looks sort of dazed when the name Marilyn Monroe is mentioned, and the only thing he can say is, quote "wunnerful," unquote. The only thing he can't stand is girls who show off!

"Just plain Bob" is going to Bryant college in Providence, Rhode Island. He plans to major in business administration.

# Everybody Loves A Saturday Night

By JOHN WOLFE

All of us enjoy having a little recreation now and then. After the long school week has drawn to a close, baggy-eyed Milnites look to Friday and Saturday nights as the time to have a little fun and forget it all. A short fling at the phone, and a date is obtained with the present passion. However, a problem sometimes arises at this point. Just what is there to do?

### Everyone Goes to the Movies

Perhaps the most popular form of entertainment is the movies. It is noticed in the paper that Fifi La-Shape is starring at the Firetrap theatre in her latest hit, "The Lost Opium Den of Heroin Street." So you go sailing over to sweetie-pie's house, pick her up, and take the bus downtown to the show. If you manage to survive the trip, you emerge at the theatre to see a huge line of people. After taking a taxi to the end of the line, it is the generally accepted procedure to pitch a tent and prepare for a long wait.

### Procedure for Ticket Buyers

Eventually the ticket booth is reached and you are relieved of your father's hard-earned money. Another fifteen minutes must be added at this point to elbow your way into the interior of the building. Finally entering, you ask an usher to direct you to some seats. He looks at you and croaks "Are you kidding. I've been working here for ten years and I haven't seen one yet." He walks away, a contemptible smirk on his face, and you glance toward the screen. Suddenly you are struck by a vague similarity between this picture and one which you observed last summer. You are forced to face the hideous truth; you have seen the picture.

### There's Always a Hayride

Another mode of amusement is that noxious institution known as the hayride. To us Milnites, who of course know better, it seems insanity for people to endure this torture. A hayride is usually held on some bitterly cold winter night. With the wind howling about your ears, you attempt to burrow as far into the hay as possible. As for the hay itself, well, a whole volume could be written on the subject. There is very little of it, and it smells exactly like the stable in which it was formerly used. Furthermore, it is inhabited by numerous little creatures such as mice, fleas and chaperones. And there's always some comedian who gets cold and drops a lighted match into the hay to warm things up a bit.

### Is There a Solution?

I have no concrete solution to offer to the problem of our inadequate recreational facilities. To be serious for just a moment, it seems to me that a city of Albany's size and supposed enlightenment could provide a youth center, where many teen-age activities could be carried on. Many other towns have organizations of this sort, and they have proved to be quite effective in the prevention of juvenile delinquency. Let's get on the ball!