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Mr. Gordon Simpson and Miss Rosemary Thomas listen as Joe Hanley states his views on lunchroom regulations at a Student-Faculty Committee meeting, while Margaret Diggs takes notes for the C&W.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### C&W and B&I Get Office

Husted 151 has been placed at the disposal of all student groups needing office space. The *Crimson and White* and the *Bricks and Ivy* have moved most of their operations to the Student Activities Office.

### 8th Grade Produces Play

*A Man Without a Country*, a novel by Hale, was rewritten to take on the form of a fire scene play by an eighth grade English class. The production was held today at 1:15 in Page Auditorium. Joe Nunez and Linda Pierce had the lead parts.

### Milne Bells Ring

Miss Barbara Quayle became Mrs. William Dupuis on Nov. 30. Jackie Itzkow, Sandra Jabbour, and Barbara Wolz attended the Home Economics teacher's wedding.

### Music Assembly Coming

Band will open the traditional Christmas Assembly on Dec. 20 with "Fruit Frappe." Milnettes will sing "Echo Song" accompanied by a flute obligato "Toyland" and "Three Round Frolic." Students will join in singing Christmas carols afterwards.

### WHMT Features Photos

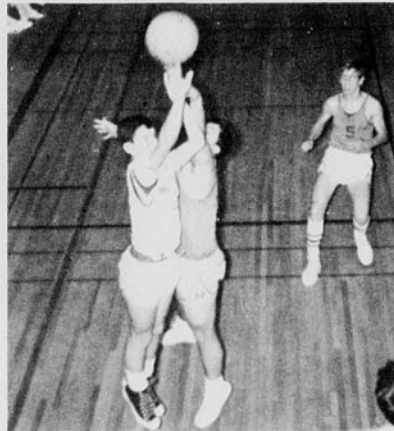
"Let's Take Pictures," a program on the fun of photography sponsored by Kodak for educational television, is on every Monday at 8:30 on channel 17.

Four short films by young filmmakers will be presented by NET on Dec. 18 at 9 p.m. and on Dec. 21 at 8 p.m.

## LUNCH RULES CHANGE

The Student-Faculty Committee is revamping lunchroom regulations. So far they have lessened the restrictions against eating out of the cafeteria, abolished the "In" and "Out" doors, and liberalized the rule preventing boys from going to the locker room.

The Committee's chairman is Joe Hanley. The principal faculty member on the committee is Mr. Gordon Simpson of the business department.



Eric Shlamowitz shoots for a basket in spite of opponents' harassment.

## Council and Money Assembly Thurs.; Student Poll on Dress Code Friday

Student Council will sponsor an assembly Thursday to discuss the budget and the dress code. On Friday, homeroom delegates will poll the students in their homerooms for their views about dress code.

Half of Thursday's assembly, "will probably consist of general discussion of the budget" while "the second half will probably consist of dress code" according to President Stu Welch.

Student Council repealed the dress code on Nov. 13 for a four week trial period which was extended through Thursday at their last meeting. Delegates will ask their homeroom whether they think the dress code should be reinstated or permanently repealed.

The budget portion of the assembly will deal with finances of individual clubs. Usually club finances are discussed only at the budget assembly in May. According to last year's student council treasurer, "There isn't adequate time for the students to ask questions concerning the budget," at the May assembly.

Stu Welch sponsored a constitutional amendment to elect delegates for eight week terms, but the amendment was rejected.

## C&W PROTESTS DRESS CODE ARTICLE

The *Crimson and White* editors officially protested the article on the Milne Dress Code in the November 22, 1968, issue of the *Knickerbocker News* by writing a letter to the *Knickerbocker News* asking for a corrected version of the article. The story, written by Sandy Caruso, is presently posted on the bulletin board next to the Senior Room. The following is an excerpt from that letter:

"The article was inaccurate on many points and left out many important facts. The fact that the Student Council repealed the Dress Code on November 13, 1968, for a four week trial period was omitted. The fact that most students didn't support the dress code when it was introduced in 1967 is not only omitted but is contradicted by the false statement that the dress code received a warm response when introduced to the student body. The article incorrectly said that safety, health, and the educational process were the basis of the dress code; style and taste were also used as criteria . . . the elected leader of the student body, Student Council President Stu Welch, should have been consulted. In addition we feel that the *Crimson and White*, the only news gathering organization at Milne also should have been asked for information to give you a more accurate background. We believe that in the future the *Crimson and White* and the Student Council should be consulted in matters relating to the student body such as the dress code."

## Winter Sports Underway!

The varsity basketball team seeks to even its record against Voorheesville tonight. Our record is 1-2 in the CHVL and overall. Leading scorers are junior Mel Grant and senior Bob Kayne.

Milne meets Middleburgh Thursday in the first round of the Middleburgh Christmas Tourney. We play in the finals or consolation match Friday. After vacation Milne meets Heatly in the first Tuesday after vacation and hosts Albany Academy later that week.

The varsity bowling team won its opening match against Waterford last week. Milne trounced Maple Hill yesterday.

The Girls' Volleyball team lost its opening match to Albany High 2-1 last week. The Junior Varsity also lost to Albany High.

## CHAIRMAN EXPLAINS ALUMNI BALL DELAY??

by Adrienne Schapiro

According to Gerry Hausler, Alumni Ball chairman, "The only problem is tradition. You've got to conform to society."

Traditionally the Alumni Ball is in December on University property. This year it's going to be Apr. 12 in Upper Brubacher Hall. The reason for this change centers on tradition, according to Hausler.

The majority of juniors "wanted a private hall" since all SUNYA facilities, with the exception of Page Gym, were scheduled for December by other groups. Rental for a private hall would cost the juniors an extra \$20 which could be taken from the \$140 allotted by Student Council for a band. The use of a private hall would violate tradition and Page Gym was

still open. Among Chairman Hausler's many objections to Page were the many flights of stairs which would be hazardous to girls with long dresses, bad acoustics, lack of proper ventilation, and the small size of the gym.

Rather than use Page Gym, the Juniors postponed the ball to April since they weren't allowed use of a private hall.

According to Hausler, the Juniors were given "no specific answers as to what facilities would be open."

The Alumni Ball has traditionally been one of the major social events at Milne and an opportunity for Alumni to visit old friends.

## FUTURE CHANGES

The following situations are not found at Milne and they probably will not be in the future either. Yet isn't Milne experimental and aren't these situations worth experimenting with? Read my proposals carefully and judge for yourself.

A new type of study hall will be available to honor-role students. Here the students will be allowed to go anywhere they wish without a pass. They are free to go to such places as the cafeteria, the gym (if not in use by a class) and even anywhere outside on campus, providing they return to their study hall at the end of the period. This type of study hall will remain effective as long as the students do not abuse it by roaming the halls and disturbing other classes.

Once a month Milne will have an assembly, similar to the one that presented the mock election. These assemblies will consist of a discussion period led by a group of interested students, followed by a question and answer period. Controversial issues such as the war in Viet Nam, student riots, and draft dodgers will be presented in an effort to make the student more aware of the world he lives in. Time will not be a factor at these assemblies and they will continue until the students become disinterested or restless. If it is found to be more profitable to hold separate assemblies for the junior and senior high then this too will be experimented with. —R.H.

## The Blahs

The cases of this mystifying tropical disease seem to be increasing at a faster rate than in previous years. Students are not only leaving their English, social and math classes, but are beginning to leave school during study halls and lunch. One of the causes of this large outbreak of the Blahs (Note: This is the medical terminology for feeling tired and bored.) can be attributed to the fact that Milne has a school nurse. No longer can students walk into the main office, say that they are sick and be handed a large band-aid or an Alka-Seltzer tablet before being told to return to class. The devious minds of the fakers and non-fakers are now working every minute to dream up new symptoms for the Blahs. It has even been reported that there is a contest to determine who develops the most unusual complication for this disease, and fools the nurse the best.

Some of the excuses reported to be used by the students are very interesting and amusing. One student burned himself while sitting on a cold radiator in the middle of a poetry lesson. Another student caught a cold and sneezed so many times that he fainted. A third pupil walked into the nurse's office last week complaining that she had suddenly developed an allergy to her teacher's beard.

There are many other imaginative symptoms of the Blahs. The person who develops the most unusual complication between now and the end of the semester will be awarded a three-day sick leave. —Rich Lipman

## Our Physicist

This faculty member is unique. Doing his bit for society, he refuses to drive a car and increase air pollution and, instead, rides his 10-gear bicycle to school every day in all types of weather. Now he is wearing his psychedelic orange snow suit to keep warm. You wouldn't believe it was him in that outfit, but you see him slip upstairs to the wild science department, and, despite your knowledge of Mr. Atkinson, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Boehm, and Mr. Kelly, you realize it could only be him. Up in that perfect atmosphere, for creativity, he plans the day's surprises.

The class we think we should fear the most is transformed into a circus when our teacher gives us living data. He shoots arrows from the front of the room to a target in the back, sometimes missing his aim, hitting pipes or splitting other arrows. (He admits he is not an archer.) He raced from Robin St. to Lake Ave. on his bike to demonstrate velocity and acceleration and ran into problems when the Albany High gym class took its morning jog in the opposite direction. He bombards marbles with other marbles he shoots from his simulated blow gun. When he raced his bicycle 20 miles down Rt. 85 against Mr. Ahr, who ran 10 miles 8:00 one Sunday morning, he won. After our first snowstorm he went outside to shoot arrows into the air for us. (At something like a 50° angle he could have hit someone in Albany High but he restrained himself.) And this man is the fencing expert of the school. He practices with his students all over the science department and scares the other science supervisors. He supervises a sport in which the boys depart with cuts and bruises and leave behind broken and even more dangerous foils.

He is devoted to science, and even if you hate science, when you get to know him, you're forced to find a place in your heart for physics and him. If you don't know him, perhaps you think he is quiet and uninteresting, but he reveals himself as a fantastic, funny, reasonable (he doesn't think memorization is worth much to us unprospective physics majors, so he writes all of the formulas on the blackboard during the tests), admirable but unbelievable man: our physics expert, Mr. Donald Pruden.

—Linda Balog

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing to complain, as usual. This time it's about tests, quizzes, and any other variety of empty blanks that tax the mental powers. By the time I'd emerged from my seventh period class today, I had been informed that I was going to be besieged by three tests in three days time and one test in two days time.

If I remember correctly, some time last year the rule that said only three tests a day was abolished, and another put in its place which said that students must be warned at least one week in advance of a test, but there was no limit on the number of tests per day. Obviously no one is either abiding by (teachers) or insisting on (students) these rules. If you study in advance, it is impossible to retain all of the material needed by the time you take a test. If you study for a bunch of tests in one night, you wind up with an Excedrin headache. This is not to mention the fact that we have a social life outside of school and schoolwork.

I think this constant testing is unnecessary anyway. A sprinkle, yes, a deluge, no. Just so nobody can accuse me of unconstructive criticism, I suggest we set a limit of no more than two tests per day, plus or minus a few quizzes; three days advance warning for tests and one or two days warning for quizzes. End of complaint, and I do hope that somebody has READ THIS!

Many thanks,  
Janet Anker

## Reflection

A mother looks upon her son  
"He is a man"  
and the father's son replies  
"I am a man."

by Andrea Valenti

## NASA's Budget

I feel that the NASA budget shouldn't be cut. It's not a matter of the prestige of getting to the moon first. I'm looking at the wonderful things it's done for other fields, such as medicine.

I just read about a man whose life was saved by the space program. A grocer was shot in the head by a robber. The bullet was in a part of the head where, if the doctor tried to operate, the man would die. The doctor decided that it was impossible to take the bullet out, but he also decided that the man's life could be saved if the bullet was moved into another section of the brain. The man was moved to a space center where he was put into a man-sized centrifuge. The spinning of the centrifuge caused increased gravity, and the bullet was pulled into a section of the brain where it wouldn't be fatal. The man was saved.

This story shows one of the many contributions the space program has made. Another benefit of NASA research can be found in the field of electronics. Integrated circuits are fast replacing transistors, tubes, capacitors and resistors, resulting in miniature radios, televisions and phonographs. —Jon Soffer

To the Editor:

It has been suggested to me that I elaborate on a statement in an editorial in the last *Crimson and White* that "too many things (are) wrong with Milne and society (for C&W editorials) to stick to the nice aspects of student life." I gladly comply.

Among those facets of Milne I find objectionable and incorrect are: the almost non-existent level of communications between the student body and the administration, the need for students to return to study hall from the library and remedials, the fact that underclassmen have no place to go to talk and relax (an underclassmen room), the *Knickerbocker News* printed an incorrect article about Milne, Student Council is unable to sponsor an assembly to discuss student affairs with the student body, Student Council's meetings are during the school day and the minutes are mediocre, there were several fire drills during inclement weather, many classrooms and clocks are in need of repairs, except for the Chrysler production no modern music has been performed at Milne, clubs have been going badly this year, the lunchroom resembles a pig sty.

Socially many things are wrong including: Viet Nam, Nigeria, Arabs, Russia, poverty in most of the world, poverty in our country, division and apathy in the United States, government and public officials indifferent to the needs of the people, not enough money for too many useful government programs, racism, the pressures for high grades, the draft, and many more. During the year the *Crimson and White* will discuss some of these problems. A problem will not be ignored, no matter how small the problem is or how large and hopeless its solution seems.

Aaron W. Kuperman

## MERRY CONSUMPTION

Heck with all the poor and needy.  
Fa lala lala, lala lala.  
'Tis the season to be greedy.  
Fa lala lala, lala lala.  
Don we now our mod apparel.  
Fa, lala, lalala, lalala.  
Let's all look like Mia Farrow.  
Fa lala lala, lala lala.

Shun the wretched sights before us.  
Fa lala lala, lala lala.  
War's a drag and riots bore us.  
Fa lala lala, lala lala.  
Appalachians are starving.  
Fa, lala, lalala, lalala.  
Bring the turkey in for carving.  
Fa lala lala, lala lala.

by R. W. Lewis

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