

Milne Begins . . .

The halls were silent for the summer . . . disturbed only by the far off noises of alterations, for the walls must present a facade each year as new as the faces it will greet, the minds it will meet, and the ideas it will sire.

The building is stone. And the idea of education that it represents comes to be like the stone. For knowledge is as indestructible as the stone that houses it. It can be



diluted; its organization can be shattered; its very strength can be ground into dust; yet it remains! The pieces of knowledge, like the bricks of our school, can be gathered, organized, and fashioned into a bastion of wealth that contains the richest treasures of mankind . . . the working materials of progress . . . to inspire genius and teach others of it. In the spirit of education we begin our . . .

. . . 75th Year

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Milne Welcomes Faculty

The coming of the new school year brings five new teachers to Milne. They are: Mr. Donald Pruden of the Science Department, Mr. Joseph Kelly, also of Science, Mr. Robert Shostak of English, Mrs. Joanna Milham of Business Education and Miss Barbara Palm, the physical education instructor.

Mr. Donald Pruden will be supervising chemistry and general science classes. He received his Bachelor of Science degree with a major in biology at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and his Master of Science at the State University of New York at Albany. Mr. Pruden has previously taught for three years at the Rush-Henrietta Central School. His spare time is occupied by photography, tropical fish, and fencing.

The Science Department also welcomes Mr. Joseph Kelly who will be supervising the biology classes. Mr. Kelly acquired his Bachelor of Science at Albany State in 1956 and his Master of Science at Cornell University. His teaching experience includes high school teaching in Chatham, New York, as well as teaching at Cornell University and the State College at Oneonta. He is an enthusiastic outdoorsman.

English Teacher Arrives

Mr. Robert Shostak will be an addition to the Milne English Department. He will be supervising eighth and tenth grade English classes. At Colgate University, Mr. Shostak received his Bachelor of Science degree and he received his Master of Science at the State University of New York at Albany. He has previously taught high school in Peekskill and Bronxville, as well as teaching at Albany State. He is interested in music, art, professional football, theatre and cinema.

Supervisor Returns

A former Milne supervisor, Mrs. Joanna Milham will again be seen in the Business Education Department. She has received both her Bachelor of Science and her Master of Science at the State University of New York at Albany. Her experience as a business teacher includes Milne, Albany State and the Albany High School Annex. Mrs. Milham's free time is mainly occupied with raising four children. She also enjoys reading and music.

New Gym Instructor

The Milne girls' physical education program will be supervised by Miss Barbara Palm. She acquired her Bachelor of Science degree at the State University of New York at Brockport and her Master of Education at the University of Arizona. Miss Palm's past teaching experience includes the Mohonasen Central School in Schenectady, Phoenix Central High School in Arizona and the University of Arizona in Tucson. Her hobbies include photography, reading, music, and travel.

NEW FACULTY



Left to right: Miss Palm, Mr. Shostak, Mrs. Milham, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Pruden.

Three-Fourths of a Century

By SALLY BUTTON

The Milne School, in its present form, has existed for 75 years. Its real beginning, however, goes back 120 years to the start of the state experimental school. Although the school have been altered, Milne has really retained the same spirit with which it began so many years ago.

In its mere history, the Milne School has survived more name-changing than even State College has experienced. It began as the Experimental School, and had four or five changes before its present label, the William J. Milne High School, was conferred in 1916.

Milne's scholastic levels also have been altered during its history. It started as a school for those of age six through fifteen, later adding a kindergarten and dropping many grades until its present state.

Students Remain Unchanged

The school has remained coeducational since its start. The student body has not altered much, however, in its long history. In 1923, a bill was passed to the effect that anyone

“throwing erasers or chalk or hanging out of windows or defacing the building shall be publicly reprimanded.”

The building also hasn't changed much during its 35-year use. Milne High School was moved in 1929 from the top floor of Draper Hall to Milne Hall between semesters. “The building was incompletely, dusty, noisy, full of electric shocks, but all our own,” according to a student at the time.

The best example of the unchanged school life would be this quotation by Dr. Sayles, principal from 1907 to 1939: “If you want to dance, you must pay the fiddler. This is the beginning of the school year; what tunes are you going to call today, tomorrow, next month? What is worth paying for?”

Many Changes Accompany New Year

Innovations, large and small, will combine this year to make Milne's seventy-fifth year an exciting one in many areas. Along with the yearly influx of seventh graders and other new students, other changes will also be noticed at Milne this year.

For the first time in many years, chemistry will be offered as a junior

course. Therefore, for the 1964-65 school year, both juniors and seniors will be taking chemistry. Juniors will also be offered a course in reading improvement.

Physical changes are also taking place. The Little Theater is being furnished with extended arm chairs, making it possible to seat an entire class for special courses or for class meetings. A new refrigerator, stove, and clothes dryer are being added to the home economics room.

Student Wins Prize

Milne claims the winner of the Second Annual College Fund Awards Essay Contest this year. Joseph B. Michelson was named the recipient of a \$1,500 scholarship as the first prize winner of this contest, which was sponsored by the Joseph Dixon Crucible Company.

Competitors included numerous college students, who were instructed to write an historical essay on “The Significance of the Capture and Transport of Fort Ticonderoga's Immortal Guns”. Second and third prize winners were both college students from different states.

Initially, Joe was presented with a prototype of the \$1,500 check in front of the Education Pavilion at the World's Fair; the award was presented by the president of the Dixon Crucible Company. However, Dr. Fosseick will present Joe with the actual check.

C&W WINS 1st PLACE

In the 1964 Columbia Scholastic Press Association contest, the Milne **Crimson and White** was awarded a first place rating. The newspaper received 854 points out of a possible 1000.

Publications are rated according to the type of publication.

Although some aspects of the **Crimson and White** were criticized, the judges considered the best aspects of the paper to include the imaginatively presented features, the art included in the publication, and the senior spotlight. The worst feature of the newspaper, according to the judges, was the subjectivity of the news stories.

POLITICS AND THE PUBLIC

Often the tragedies and meaningless acts of national and international idiocy around us become overbearing and we wish to turn off the world as we would a television set. Isolation is one way to escape the world, if we truly want to escape it. But others seem to have a different philosophy: they look for someone upon whom they can thrust their mature responsibility of being informed citizens. They look to the horizon, like so many desperate, outnumbered cowboys on a television melodrama, for the shining hero galloping toward them on his white horse.

Heroes are nothing new. But the white horse brand of heroes often have quick answers, fancy words, rash actions, and many appealing traits, the most common of which is that they can resolve the given plot and end the TV program happily in the allotted time. They are fast, dashing, and brilliant in appearance. They have quick answers for our problems. They are tough and aggressive with our strength. They put on a show for our money. They are indeed fine for television. They are excellent and enjoyable viewing. But our nation, which is daily becoming warped in perspective by too much of the unreal world of television, had better awaken to the fact that many of these heroes are riding, with the dust fanning out at their tails, off the television screen and onto our political platforms.

—Joe Michelson



By SUE LURIE and MARY MOORE

Busy was the word for Milne's junior high set this summer. Marilyn Reiner assembled Nancy Sundin, Carole Warner, Barry Richter, and Paula Rosenkopf to give Jamie Littlefield a good start for Europe with a surprise party.

Eight Milnites, Kathy Langer, Karen Walsh, Linda Wyatt, Judy Schuster, Peggy Bulger, Roslyn Walsh, Roshelle Donner, and Carol Fila, spent their last days of freedom camping near Fort Ann.

Debby Sherman, Sue Weiss, and Marcia Speigel spent their summer at the Jewish Community Center Day Camp.

Several Senior High students patronized the usual summer resorts. Judy Dexter, Bob Edwards, Andy Zalay, Carol Lynch, Craig Leslie, Liz Breuer, and Nan Knox vacationed at Lake George, while Donna Kirk, Janet, Sue, and John Mellen enjoyed Cape Cod.

Other Milnites didn't see the sun quite as much but did earn more greenbacks. Robin Morse, Rhona Abrams, Joe Michelson, Linda Bearup, Carl Rosenstock, and Froisine Karlaftis added their names to the list of laborers this summer.

Bright kids who combine the sun and the money-making! Robin Miller, Barbara Boyd, Nancy Hyman, Ira Rosenblatt, Sheri Press, Liz Eson, Steve Harrison, and Joanie Proctor spent their summer days as camp counselors.

The Sophomore class highlighted their summer with a hay ride and bonfire arranged by Sue Barr and Gwen Pritchard. Seen riding the wagon at Rolling Meadows were Judy Levine, Barry Press, Steve Milstein, Carol Dillon, Ricky Gould, Gail Sanders, Amy Linter, Mark Borlowsky, Ronnie Meckler, Mary Rosenstock, Barbara Proctor, Jack Bennet, and others.

Our boys in red during the summer, alias Milne's summer basketball league were Tom Kingston, Bud Marshall, Ronnie Kovan, Bob Moore, and Bill Dey.

So much for the summer—let's have a good year!

WELCOME STUDENTS

"On behalf of the faculty and staff it is a pleasure to welcome each of you back to Milne as it opens its seventy-fifth year," said Dr. Theodore H. Fossieck, principal, in the first all-school assembly held in Page Hall on Thursday, September 17.

"Vacations, like all other things both interesting and dull, have a way of coming to an end. We know that you would rather continue on vacation but we expect you as developing adults to learn to accept such things and resolve to do your best with the new tasks that you must begin.

"As you return to Milne you will find some changes in the physical plant, personnel, and curriculum. All of these have been made in our attempts to improve the kind of education available for you at Milne. Whether or not they are effective depends upon the use to which you put them.

"During the summer we have acquired considerable new science and home economics equipment. A set of new furniture has been ordered for one classroom, and we have equipped the little theater with 75 table arm chairs so that an entire class or grade can be seated there for class or meetings. A new floor is under contract for the Page Gym and we hope to have it installed soon.

"Five new faces will be found among the faculty and twenty-three among the student body. We hope that you will continue the traditional Milne practice of greeting everyone whom you meet in the halls, whether or not you know them, with a cheerful "Hello." You will get to know their names shortly and we hope that you will make them feel at home.

"The curricular offerings are much the same as previously. It is in this area that I would like to urge each of you to take advantage of the opportunities which Milne has to offer so that you are making the best possible record. Your previous record cannot be changed, but you can show by the work that you do this year that you have learned by any past mistakes and that you are capable of working at the highest level of your ability.

President Johnson Spotlited

New York—"I believe the destiny of your generation, and your nation, is a rendezvous with excellence."

In Seventeen Magazine's special message from the President (an excerpt from his recent remarks to the Presidential scholars), the Chief Executive tells young Americans that they "will participate in the building of the second America—just as you will also be partners in building the first world of universal peace and justice and freedom . . . By the standards you set, by the services you render, you will show the world that when the doors of equal opportunity are kept open in our democracy young men and women will respond with an instinct for excellence such as history has never known."



Dr. Theodore H. Fossieck

SCHOOL BLAZERS

The decision on the adoption of a Milne blazer will be made early next week, it was announced today by Dr. Theodore H. Fossieck, principal. Collection of student opinion on the desirability and possible colors of the proposed school jacket has been going on all week.

Samples of a possible blazer were shown in a senior class meeting on Wednesday, September 23. The three-button, crimson-colored coat carried the Milne seal in white on the breast pocket. Plans call for the delivery of a plain, extra pocket which can be easily substituted when a person wears the coat to college.

A survey of senior opinion taken in homeroom last Friday indicated that thirty students were interested in securing the jacket. Thirty-five of the class said that they would like one color for all Milne blazers, and twenty-two voted for different colors, possibly a different color for each class. The majority said they liked the crimson color of the sample although twenty-two voted for different colors.

Blazers are custom tailored by the Eastwood Apparel Company of New York. The cost will range between \$26.25 and \$29.25, depending upon the number ordered. Delivery would be made shortly after Thanksgiving.

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Cross Country Enters 4th Year

Results: Procter Invitational

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| Varsity | |
| McNally | 68 |
| Geletta | 85 |
| Marshall | 113 |
| Reynolds | 123 |
| Elsworth | 125 |
| Team Total | 514 |
| Wachsman | 127 |
| Oliphant | 142 |
| J.V. | |
| Wahl | 101 |
| O'Neil | 187 |

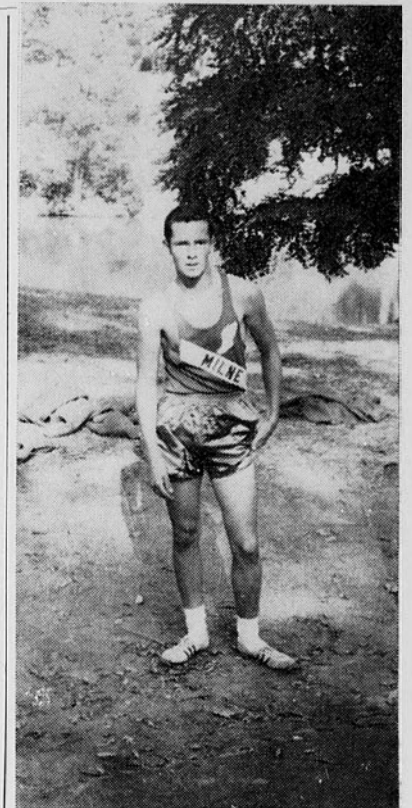
Milne's Varsity placed twenty-first out of twenty-three schools. Ossining took first place and Chenango Valley took second.

Milne's J.V. did not place as five men are necessary for a team.

Cross Country Schedule 1964

| Date | Meet | Location |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Sept. 18 | CBA (Duel) | Home |
| | 26—Procter Invitational | Utica |
| Oct. 3 | Grout Invitational | Schenectady |
| | 10—Cobleskill Invitational | Cobleskill |
| | 13—BCHS (Duel) | Away |
| | 17—Milne Invitational | Home |
| | 23—*City Meet | Home |
| | 31—Buffalo Invitational | Buffalo |
| Nov. 7 | Sectionals | Schenectady |
| | 14—Intersectionals | Baldwinsville |

*If the City Meet can be moved to November 27 Milne will run in the Bishop Gibbons Invitational at Schenectady on November 24.



Tim McNally—First finisher for Milne Varsity in first two meets.

Gone, But Not Forgotten

This fall will find the members of last year's graduating senior class attending many institutions of higher learning. That Milne will be widely represented is evident by the following list of seniors and their choices of colleges.

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| Cornell Univ. | Marilyn Hesser, Marcia Hutchings, Martha Lowder, Susan Tafer, Sam Zimmerman |
| Albany Business College | Harriet Brown, Linda Garibaldi, Toby Gellman, Dede Smith |
| State University of N. Y. at Albany | Dick Algonzine, Brian Lind, Judy Lennon, Stan Lockwood, Jeffrey Martin, Chuck Shoudy |
| Bard College | Diane Bakke, Jane Mayersohn |
| Buffalo State Univ. | Randy Hatt, Bill Peterson |
| Hobart College | Mike Frumkin, Sandy Levitt |
| Univ. of Miami | Bill Lorette, Jim Lorette |
| Parsons College | Susan Gerhardt, Peter Leue |
| R.I.T. | Carol Hagadorn, Marcia Pitts |
| State Univ. of N.Y. at Stony Brook | Mike Benedict |
| Wagner College | Dick Blabey |
| McGill | Diane Brown |
| Hamilton College | Bernard Bryan |
| Mildred Elley | Nancy Button |
| Howard Univ. | Kris Cassianno |
| Mt. Holyoke | Peggy Crane |
| Champlain College | Danny Dugan |
| St. Lawrence | Peter Einhorn |
| The Citadel | Sid Eisenberg |
| Pratt College | Chuck Eson |
| Clarkson | Dave Golden |
| Beloit | Ann Russell |
| Upsala | Bill Sheldon |
| F.I.T. | Rick Sherman |
| Norwich | Barbara Toole |
| Cobleskill State Univ. | Bob Valenti |
| Albany Jr. College | Joan Griffin |
| Lafayette | Karen Hoffman |
| Wheaton | Betty Kelsey |
| Boston Univ. | Dave Kermani |
| Muskingum | Janet Levine |
| Brown | Margie Linn |
| Garland | Bob Mendel |
| Wheelock | Larry Pellish |
| Alfred | Sue Press |
| Union | Laurie Reiner |
| Univ. of Rochester | Jeffrey Rider |
| State Univ. of N.Y. at Cortland | Andy Seigal |
| Clark | Peter Slocum |
| American International Col. | |
| Chicago Univ. | |

Activities Resume

As the 1964-65 school year begins at Milne, interest in clubs and student activities is resumed. Many clubs have already elected their new officers.

New officers of the Future Homemakers of America are Joan Proctor, president; Judy Montague, first vice-president; Barbara Boyd, second vice-president; Meri Rosenstock, secretary; Sandy Sheldon, treasurer; Frosine Karlaftis, song leader; and Sue Polen, historian.

Zeta Sigma's new officers are Cindy Newman, president; Selma Levitz, vice-president; Sue Polen, secretary; Marilyn Shulman, mistress of bookworms; Bonnie Losee, treasurer; and Ginny Bearup, sergeant-at-arms.

This year's officers of the Quintillian Literary Society are Roberta Polen, president; Judy Graham, vice-president; Karyl Kermani, secretary; Sherry Press, treasurer; and Karen Gavryk, mistress of ceremonies.

The National Honor Society has elected the following members as their officers: Andy Zalay, president; Roberta Polen, vice-president and historian; Bonnie Losee, secretary; and Lynda Bearup, treasurer.

The officers of the Riding Club are Barbara Boyd and Bob Spaner, co-president; Betty Wirshing, secretary; and Paula Boomsliiter, treasurer.

The officers of the Council of the Milne Girls' Athletic Association are Judy Montague, president; Judy Graham, vice-president; Karyl Kermani, treasurer; Marilyn Shulman, business manager; and Sandy Sheldon, office manager.

This year's officers of the Milne Boys' Athletic Association are Paul Schrodt, president; Jimmy Gewirtzman, vice-president; Andy Zalay, secretary; and Bob Langer, treasurer.

Tri Hi-Y's new officers are Magie Hardmeyer, president; Karyl Kermani, vice-president; Frosine Karlaftis, secretary; Louise Andrews, treasurer; and Nan Knox, chaplain.

The new Junior Student Council will be headed by Richard Ettelson, president; Cathy Levitz, vice-president; Rachael Tompkins, secretary, and Barry Richter, treasurer.

Cross-Country Teams 1964

| Varsity | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Ron Reynolds | Co-Capt.—Senior |
| Bud Marshall | Co-Capt.—Senior |
| Nick Geletta | Junior |
| Ron Koven | Junior |
| Tom Oliphant | Junior |
| Tim McNally | Sophomore |
| Dean Elsworth | Sophomore |
| Bill Wachsman | Sophomore |
| Junior Varsity | |
| Dennis O'Neil | Senior |
| Dave Gellman | Sophomore |
| Tom Wahl | Sophomore |

Freshmen

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| Bill Kachedorian |
| Joe Aponte |
| Reed Golden |
| Dean Quackenbush |
| Ira Oser |
| Jon Goldfarb |
| Dick Ettleson |

Milne-Shaker Freshman Run

September 26—Away—1½ Miles

Milne 24—Shaker 31

Milne's First Seven Finishers

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|---------------|------|
| Khachadourian | 2nd |
| Goldfarb | 4th |
| Aponte | 5th |
| Oser | 6th |
| Ettleson | 7th |
| Quackenbush | 11th |
| Morrison | 14th |

NEW STUDENTS

Eighth Grade—Betsey Friedman, Paul Hardmeyer, Phyllis Jacobson, Alan Jupiter, Lawrence Alfred, Joan Carroll, Stephen Fula.

Ninth Grade—Robert Kraft, Mary Louise Braden, Robert Castellani, James Beecher, Bruce Williamson.

Tenth Grade—Katherine Brewster, Albert Holzinger, Ronald Olinsky, James Khachadourian.

Eleventh Grade—Robert Rowe, Daniel Martin.

Twelfth Grade—Melvin Ginsburg.



THAT FIRST DAY *Senior Spotlight Focuses on . . .*

By SUE HOHENSTEIN

What is it like to be a seventh grader on the first day of school? Being an ancient sophomore myself, I decided my memory didn't qualify me to write an authoritative article. Instead I decided to get the story from the best source: two seventh graders. Finding two typical specimens wasn't hard as they can be distinguished by their eager, innocent faces. I decided the best place to look was in the cafeteria.

A number of brave volunteers agreed to be interviewed, particularly Lynn Sherman and Ruth Klein. My first question, obviously, was, "Do you remember your first day here?" The answer, in unison, was "How could we forget it!" Of course first impressions are always the best(?) so I asked them what each of their's were. Lynn decided there were "too many kids," while Ruth's first thought was "Help!" Both frantically sought out bulletin boards as they fought their way through the milling mass.

The first day of classes was the big day, however. First period class was found without too much difficulty but the real test began with the end of the period. THE STAIRS! Their clearest memory (and mine) was being caught on the landing going down stairs and facing those terrible moments of indecision: whether to wait and go up, fight your way up or turn around and get swept down to the first floor.

The day progressed into lunch, which consists of walking down the long line looking for ice cream or through the short line looking for french fries. Finally, clutching their hard won lunches tightly, walking into the Senior High lunch room to be told, "the other room is yours." "Great! What other room?"

Ruth was offered a cut-rate ticket to the swimming pool on the fourth floor but luckily she put it in the same category with the elevator tickets she knew so much about. I then asked: "Was anyone really conceited about being upperclassmen?"

"Only the eighth graders," says Lynn. This is explained by the traditional saying, "Do unto others as others have done unto you."

Lastly, the blessed hour of 2:22, ending the first day at Milne for Ruth Klein and Lynn Sherman, who will soon fade into the mass known as Milne students and forget they ever were seventh graders.

The joy of life is upon my soul
And sings within my breast.
And amid the blackish sorrows I
hear
A wierd, dizzy, aimless laughing.
I rise and sink and swirl
to crazy heights and impossible
depths,
Yet ever sweet—high and clear
is the laugh.
Other voices whine and moan
cry and shriek but
My strange voice
constant laughs—
(Clear pebbly laughter of new-born
brooks and
Gentle joy at wide, wonderful
show stars)—
At amber dusk and ash-hued gloom
My strange companion voice
Follows faithful
Yet when I whirl to confront her
She's gone—deep into my soul
Where I cannot comprehend her.
So soon I no longer try,
Satisfied to breathe her
effervescent mirth. —Linda Paul

Senior Spotlight Focuses on . . .

CLASS OF '65

By CARL ROSENSTOCK



From l. to r.: Ed Spath, Sue Lurie, JoAnn Bradshaw, and Andy Zalay look pleased with their new found senior status.

JO-ANN BRADSHAW

If you walk into the main office on a Friday morning and see a young lady frantically shoving papers into the mailboxes, do not be alarmed. Jo-Ann Bradshaw is merely doing her best to get those Student Council minutes to the homerooms on time.

The secretary of this year's Senior Student Council hails from Fairfax, Virginia. She moved to Albany when she was five, and then began an illustrious career in the Albany public school system. Jo-Ann attended P.S. 11, P.S. 24, and Hackett Junior High School before moving on to Milne in her sophomore year.

Jo-Ann's life at Milne has been an active one. She has been a class officer, an officer of Quin and F.H.A. and a Student Council representative from homeroom's 233 and 333. After that glorious day in June, Jo-Ann would like to continue her studies in the field of nursing.

ANDY ZALAY

The word Buda means one of two things to most people. It is either one-half of Budapest, a city in Eastern Europe, or someone who is worshipped in parts of Asia. To Andy it is actually part of the city of Budapest. Csend Utca (which is not a slip of the typewriter) is the street where Andy was born on October 15, 1948.

In 1956, following the unsuccessful revolution in Hungary, Andy left his homeland and journeyed to America. After arriving in Albany, he entered Milne's seventh grade. Since then, Andy has been active in many Milne organizations. He has distinguished himself scholastically, having been chosen to the National Honor Society. In the world of sports, Andy can be seen serving up a mean tennis ball or frantically scribbling the minutes of the latest M.B.A.A. meeting. Last but certainly not least, he is also the Editorial Editor of this newspaper.

SUE LURIE

As far as Milnites are concerned, the words "Sue Lurie" and "folk singer" are synonymous. Her talents as a folksinger are familiar to most of her fellow students. She is known to folk singing enthusiasts outside of Milne, having sung in programs at the YWCA and elsewhere.

Folk songs weren't the first things in Sue's life, however—hoofbeats were. You see, Sue was born in Saratoga, home of the "sport of kings," on December 20, 1957.

She didn't come here directly from Saratoga; she took the long way around, via Kingston. Having finally reached Albany, she entered Milne in the tenth grade. Sue has led an active school life, as well as being an officers of her temple youth group.

Upon graduating this coming June, Sue would like to continue her studies at one of three colleges. These institutions of higher learning are Stony Brook, Harpur, and Buffalo.

ED SPATH

Ed Spath, like the other Seniors spotlighted in this column, is not a native Albanian. Born in Rensselaer on May 4, 1947, he spent his grammar school days at Van Rensselaer School.

Ed first entered Milne's hallowed halls as a seventh grader, and he soon showed his proficiency in sports. He has played junior varsity and varsity basketball. In addition, Ed has been one of our top varsity tennis players for the past two years.

Ed's scholastic record is also one to be proud of, having maintained high grades while mastering physics problems and Advanced Placement Math.

Although as of this writing Ed has no college in mind, I'm sure the U. of Minsk will offer him a big fat athletic scholarship.

Independence

By SALLY BUTTON

I slithered my way to the front and waited expectantly. The gaunt, gray Republican capitol looked down disapprovingly. The crowds were impatient and began to shift when the first line of gray-faced, gray-hearted dignitaries filed in. Corning, O'Brien . . . I counted them off to myself. Wagner! This I wasn't expecting!

A few more minutes dragged by, with the craning necks peering to see the motorcade. Finally, he emerged from the dark recesses behind the stairs. A murmur, then a full-hearted surge of emotion rose in the cold, damp air. My disgust varied between the people below and those towering above. Still, it felt so strange to actually see him, and I, too, tried to shake his hand. Then the mayor began . . . I could almost outline the speeches. The invariable tribute to our late beloved President; the welcoming of all the "great Democrats" to "this great Democratic city." I chuckled.

The crowd was large; I couldn't see it all. Scattered in smatterings were bobbing signs. "Money-bags, Go Home" . . . "RFK All the Way" . . . and the ones that really made me wonder what entails greatness: "We Need You, Bobby."

The band was playing, the young man was handsome, the people were happy—but the sky was gray.

The Wrath of A Mad Scientist

Every day in physics lab Boris goes to his dark little corner and works on his special project. He comes in after school and even during lunch period to experiment in the laboratory.

But people are used to this, for Boris is a very unusual character. He is obsessed with physics and does not participate in any extracurricular activities (except the science conventions). His oversize spectacles, long hair, and stained lab coat make him conspicuous in school. According to rumors, his favorite sport is fighting the ban-the-bomb demonstrators on Pearl Street. The rest of his life is shrouded in mystery.

However, everyone will agree that Boris is a genius in science. In eighth grade he built a working model of the U-238 atom. While he was in biology class he constructed a crude X-ray machine using radiothulium-170. But a crisis came into Boris' life during his junior year—he couldn't do the physics problems. For the first time in his life he failed science.

Following the catastrophe, Boris did not come to school for two weeks. When he finally returned, he appeared even more sullen and even more absorbed in thought. Students would see him reading text-books on nuclear physics or carrying large lead boxes labeled radioactive.

Whenever someone asked Boris about his project he would just mutter something like: "They had no right to flunk me in physics, but I'll show them."

Tonight Boris finished his project. At 5 o'clock a dark shadow slipped out of the building and vanished into the darkness. Precisely 3 hours later the Civil Defense reported a mushroom cloud over the city.

—Andrew Zalay