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## Council Slates Series

For the first time in two years, the Student Council has sponsored a career series. Under the supervision and guidance of Mr. Thomas Winn, guidance counselor, Joe Michelson, chairman of the series, invited many prominent Albany leaders to speak to the senior high about the opportunities their careers will hold for today's teenagers.

### Old Clothes Collected

World Clothing week once again demonstrated the always prevalent sense of social responsibility at Milne. The clothing drive, headed by Craig Leslie and assisted by Joe Michelson, netted eighteen large bags of clothing, shoes and other items, all collected from interested Milne students and their families.

The clothing, which was seen scattered throughout the halls of Milne, was placed in bags and tied for shipping. Next, the bags were loaded into a car and taken to the Interstate Trucking Company in Colonie and then sent to a regional center in St. Louis. From there, they will be distributed to needy Americans in all parts of the country.

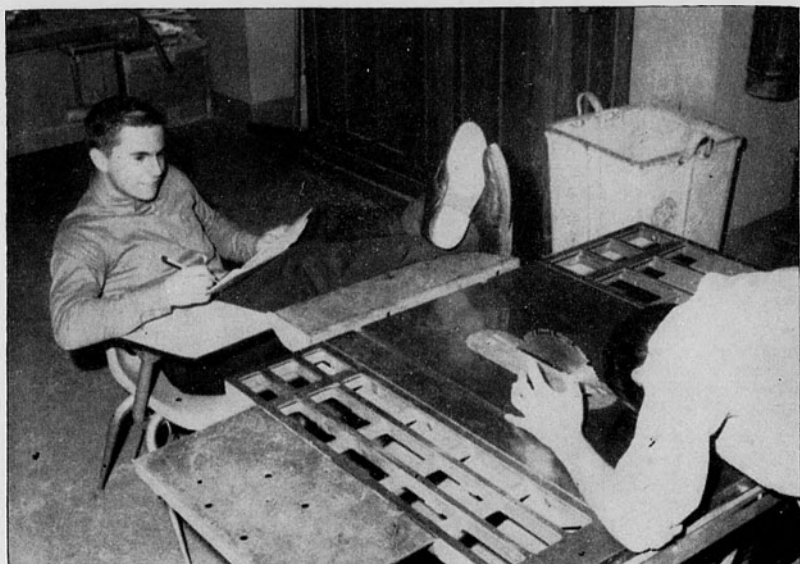
A great deal of the credit for the success of the drive goes to the Student Council for its help with the phoning lists. But to the Milne students and their families goes the lion's share of the praise.

### Kiwanis Provides Guests

Mr. Deuel of the State University of New York at Albany's business department contacted the several speakers, all of whom are members of Albany's Kiwanis Club, to speak here. The speakers included a journalist from the Knickerbocker News, a clinical psychologist from Albany Medical Center, a social worker, an Albany attorney and physician, several educators, a home economist, and representatives of other vocations.

### Students Choose Committee

The senior high student body was broken up into committee groups, each having one speaker from each represented occupation. The morning was split into two periods, and each student was allowed to attend the two different meetings of his choice.



Laboratory assistant preparing data for a student's latest paper "Variations of Bone Thickness of Human Crania."

## Milne Sports Knights

An untraditional tradition was being reactivated this year by the Foster Parents Plan Committee and Tri H-Y. Another Sports Night was held on April 17 at 8 p.m. in Page Hall Gym. Admission was \$5.00 in advance or \$.75 at the door.

Some treats that were in store for the overwhelming number of participants expected included a basketball melee between Quin and Sigma Literary Societies with cheerleaders and songleaders chosen from the stronger sex and a relay race between seventh and eighth as well as ninth and tenth graders. A special added attraction was a volleyball game between the faculty and juniors and seniors. Hunting for unusual items was the pleasure of some of the "scavengers" of all grades who attended, as well as members of the audience who were participating. Certain students of each class were also to be participants in a pie-eating contest. A dance for the Senior High followed the other entertainment.

## Milniks to Brave Yukon

French III and IV students plan a trip to Canada April 23, 24, 25 and 26. Both classes will visit Montreal and French III will also travel to Eastview while the French IV class plans to spend most of its time in Quebec.

Eastview is the town outside of Ottawa where the Canadians who visited Milne in January reside. The French III students will stay in the homes of French Canadians there. On Friday the students will attend classes at Eastview High School and visit the Canadian Parliament in Ottawa. They will then head for the Laurentian Hotel in Montreal, where they will spend the night. Saturday night they will attend a performance at a theater. Dr. and Mrs. Fossieck, Mrs. Losee and a former student teacher will accompany the French III students.

Meanwhile, French IV will be visiting Quebec and staying at the Chateau Frontenac. They will tour a boys' and girls' school there (respectively). A trip to the theater Friday night and a combing of the Old City on Saturday are also planned. The French IV students, supervised by Dr. Wasley and Mrs. Klein, will return to Montreal and the Hotel Laurentian late Saturday night.

Sunday the entire party will return to Albany. The one question that remains unanswered is when homework will be done.

## NEW IMPROVED STAFF

This year's editors of the school newspaper and yearbook announced the new staffs of the two publications at the **Crimson and White, Bricks and Ivy** Dance.

The new editors of the **Crimson and White** are: Joe Michelson, Editor-in-Chief; Robin Morse, Associate Editor; Andy Zalay, Editorial Editor; Dave Skinner, Sports Editor; Paul Schrodt, Feature Editor; Sue Hohenstein, Exchange Editor, and Tom Oliphant, Treasurer.

The new staff of the **Bricks and Ivy** consists of: Sherry Press, Editor-in-chief; Lance Nelson, Assistant Editor; Liz Eson, Literary Editor; Jean Feigenbaum, Art Editor; Ann Nelson and Joan Proctor, Advertising Editors; Steve Hutchins, Business Manager; Dennis O'Neil, Photography Editor, and Pete Drechsler, Assistant Photography Editor.

## NATS CHOSEN

Eight juniors were announced to be the new members of the Milne chapter of the National Honor Society on April 9th in a school-wide assembly. These students, cited by Dr. Fossieck for outstanding scholarship, leadership, service, and character are Lynda Bearup, Elizabeth Eson, Bonnie Losee, Frank Marshall, Joseph Michelson, Roberta Polen, Peter Slocum, and Andrew Zalay.



Senior honor students. (Missing: Susan Tafler).

## Honor Students Earn Praise

Seven honor students in the Class of 1964 of the Milne School were presented with certificates of achievement at the Annual Senior Honors Assembly held in Page Hall Auditorium.

Susan W. Tafler was announced to be the valedictorian of the Class of 1964 with an all "A" average. Her Regents average is 95.8. A National Merit semi-finalist and a Regents scholarship winner placing third in Albany County, Susan was also selected as a National Science Foundation Fellow at Syracuse during the summer of 1963. She received the Margaret Armstrong award for the highest scholastic average in her sophomore year. She has been a member of the National Honor Society and is currently Editor-in-Chief of the **Bricks and Ivy**. She is also a member of the Tri-Hi-Y and the Girls Athletic Association.

Larry Pellish was named salutatorian of the Class of 1964. He is the President of the Milne Student Council, a member of the Debate Club, the Chess Club, and the National Honor Society. Larry received the Francis E. Harwood award at Milne and also received a National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation.

The other seniors designated as Honor Students for having as many "A's" as "B's" in their records are: Diane Bakke, Michael Benedict, Nancy Button, Margaret Craen, and Sue Press.

## Two Win Math Prizes

Two Milne students, Lynda Bearup and Judy Montague were winners of the College of Saint Rose award for receiving the highest scores of any Albany girls entered in the Mathematical Association of America and the Society of Actuaries annual competition. Judy won \$10 and Lynda \$5.

Out of 294 upstate New York schools that competed for team scores in the test, Milne placed 12th.

# THE QUEST FOR UNTRUTHS

The large space of the editor-in-chief's column is now exclusively mine to play around in. This is like moving from a gravel pit, with all my little shovels and dump trucks, to a monogrammed sandbox. I feel greatly honored and very proud.

I want to use my first editorial to stress an idea which I consider very real and important to us all. A favorite topic of old bench warming cynics is the young man searching for truth. There is nothing foolish about the young knight, except perhaps the old buzzards who fondly pick him apart. (I'm sure you all know such cynics.) Anyway, whether we like it or not, we are all, even now, such young men searching for truth. We all accept beliefs. But the only wholly pure truth I have so far discovered, is that nothing is wholly true. Everything: religion, science, math, philosophy—all are based at least partly upon assumption. Sure, some zealots have their favorite examples of proof to cite the credulity of their belief, but it can never truthfully vouch for the basics. This is why mature evaluation of ideas is so important. Each mind is sovereign to choose the truths it feels are valid. And since nothing is wholly true or proven, it is up to the individual to seek out the truth in something, or evaluate the truths, untruths, and assumptions of an idea before accepting it. And nothing should be taken wholly for gospel. Nothing should be accepted verbatim without testing. You are all probably saying that this is food for the old buzzard cynics. But I maintain that the statement of nothing being wholly true is not skepticism, it is not food for the cynics, it is the fuel for our age. We live in a world of science, of complicated machinery, of complex theories. An untruth, merely by its existence, suggests the need for progress. If we are going to live in an age of progress, if we are to rally by its banner for the cause of our mutual betterment, we will not deny the existence of untruths, but seek them out. We shall probe an idea or discovery for its ingredient of untruth in order to improve it; to better the idea or discovery as a whole. I doubt that anything will ever be improved beyond further improvement. We will always be able to progress in every field of man's interest. But whether we actually do or not depends upon our conservatism and our willingness or unwillingness to sacrifice tradition.

Perfection, I believe, will never be achieved. This I feel is more beneficial to mankind than any kind of perfection would be. If we did approach perfection, man's curiosity would crumble, his mind would starve for want of challenge. Man's intellectual thirsts are as live and vibrant as his physical thirsts. This too is a boon; we will always have playgrounds for our mind, with, we hope, constructive benefits as the fruits of our energies. So as young men, we must avoid ourselves, if we are to aspire to doing good, not to the quest for truth, but to the quest for untruths—to improve them for ourselves and others.

—Joe Michelson

## The Challenge

Probably the most difficult thing in Milne is getting to school. It is survival of the fittest. The student is pitted against treacherous snow storms, suicidal-drivers, and a thousand other obstacles.

In winter, only the most resolute and the most courageous reach the hallowed halls of Milne. These un-sung heroes must shovel impassable driveways, endure sub-zero temperatures, and must often walk for miles. Some students take their lief into their own hands—they ride the bus. After waiting an agonizing hour at the bus-stop, they finally board a crowded, decrepit vehicle. Many survive the stifling atmosphere and the constant jostling. But woe to those students who have claustrophobia or are the last ones in the line and must ride on the bumper.

With the advent of spring, things change somewhat. Now the individual must be ready to run—run after the bus. Playful bus-drivers feel that it is their duty to get the country on its feet. Arguing with them is useless, and they wage a cold-war against dissenting passengers. You may suddenly find yourself caught in the jaws of the automatic door or unable to get off the bus, since it will not stop.

Of course, students can choose between the lesser of two evils and persuade their parents to drive them to school. However, even this has some disadvantages. Many mothers who drive their children to school fail to differentiate between red and green traffic lights (a definite handicap). Others challenge one-way signs and play tiddlywinks with the pedestrians. Fathers are not much better. As soon as they slide behind the wheel of a car they are transformed into race drivers. Students find themselves traveling at Mach 1, skidding around sharp turns, and darting in and out of lanes. Almost everything is blurred, but sometimes it is possible to see people running for their life, shouting all sorts of forceful phrases.

In this modified Grand Prix there is a lot of action.

Such are the obstacles which Milne students must overcome every morning. Shakespeare summed them up very well when he wrote: "To be or not to be," obviously referring to the question of school transportation and suicide.

—Andrew Zalay

## MALCONTENT?

What's that? You don't enjoy school? I'll show you the ropes. Be a wise-guy, fool around, cultivate sarcasm. Throw pith-balls in class? Sure! But that's just the beginning. Learn some new tricks every day. Show your teacher that you intend to enjoy life—not to waste your time on homework and study. Talk back to the faculty? Certainly! Be a non-conformist act flip. Remedials? Tear them up like any self-respecting "bruiser." Keep these points in mind . . . you'll go far. Never ahead, just far.



By SUE LURIE

Traditionally marking the beginning of vacation was the French Twist which was high-lighted by the hilarious "Beatle-acting" of Penny Contompasis, Mary Contompasis, Nancy O'Neil, and Linda McCade. Joining in the laughter were Paula Boomsliker, Kathy Levitz, Steve Milstein, Ronnie Kovan, Jean Feigenbaum, Ginny Bearup, Pete Leue, Randy Hatt, Ann Nelson, Larry Pellish, Toby Gelman, Bernie Bryan, Dave Golden, Steve Hutchins, Ed Spath, and many, many more.

Parties were many and lively over vacation. Seen "living it up" at John Margolis' party were Diane Jones, Amy Linter, Nancy Hyman, Sue Barr, Mark Borlowsky, Bruce Korotkin, Artie Cohn, and Ken Brooks. Other parties in the freshman class were given by Carol Dillon and Diane Jones. Honoring Nancy Button's birthday at a party given by Sue Press were Craig Leslie, Cindy Newman, Dork, Zobo, Dianne Bakke, Mike Benedict, Mark Lewis, Carol Hagadorn, Bill Peterson, Sam Zimmerman, Margie Lynn, and Peggy Crane. Other Senior parties were hosted by Ann Russell, the Lorettes, Carol Sanders, and Carol Hagadorn.

At the scene of Robin Morse's crucial accident (on the slopes of Corinthia) were Dave Kermani, Anita Harirs, Gail Sanders, Karen Hoffman, Shelly Zimma, Joan Griffen, and all the other notorious skiers.

While Pete Drechsler, Jim Nelson, and Lance Nelson were playing "man-around-the-house" (and Hoop), Jo Ann Bradshaw, Frosine Karlaftis, Sue Lurie, and Ann Nelson went bike riding—but not for long. The famous Milne thieves were at it again; and while the girls were visting Joan Proctor, Ira Rosenblatt, a disguised journalist, and Marc Kessler (ex-Milnite) stole the bikes.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I admit I'm new in Milne being a seventh grader, but who was that sawing off my locker lock? He had on grey pants with a red stripe down the side. This is no laughing matter! I'm no green apple you know.

—Ajax Thumb

Dear Mr. Thumb:

Heresy. Milne locks on Milne lockers. You may be no green apple, but you're ripe for an N.

Editor-in-Chief

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# Spring Track

Mr. Arthur Ahr, Milne's cross country mentor and shop prof, has agreed to instruct and train those interested in placing one foot in front of the other for distances of one quarter, one half, one, and two miles.

This may not sound like much of an art but try it in fast company. 15 mph and out of a one fortieth horsepower plant! That's on the short hands, though. Fuel economy demands a slower speed on longer trips of a mile or so.

Milne will probably have meets against some schools of comparable size if interest can be aroused in the short four event card. The city and sectional track meets will also require some running by Milnites.

Milne's efforts to repeat as Section II Class D champs in Cross Country for an unprecedented third time next fall should be greatly aided by the spring track activity.

For those too lazy to stagger up to Bleecker Proving Grounds where the team practices, an alternative is offered. The squad may be seen around four o'clock being draped over fenders in the middle of Central Avenue. Characters like Frosh Dean Elsworth are leading in perfecting something called a three man weave.

Dean is one of the optimistic new group of runners. They expect to survive the season.

Seriously, the breed out on the track is basically a hybrid of the hill and dalers, also known as hot foot barriers, that troup around Washington Park in the fall. Among the mob (small but faithful) that is out is Junior Ronnie "Muscles" Reynolds.

Sophomores, "Look at that boy go," Koven, Nick (handsome) Gilletta, "Midget" Oliphant and Andy McCollough. Freshmen Tim (catch that Koven) McNally and "Risky" Elsworth along with an all class

### Basketball Scoring

VARSITY	FG	FT	TP
Slocum	98	61	257
Nelson	94	58	246
Valenti	71	36	178
Rider	54	16	124
Dugan	26	16	68
Shoudy	22	24	68
Dey	11	32	54
Mellen	21	8	50
Spath	7	0	14
Lockwood	0	2	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>1061</b>

# Intramural Program

The Intramural Basketball League finished its first successful season, under direction by the Intramural Committee, on March 6. The season ended with the All-Stars suffering a crushing defeat to the Student-Teacher Stars??? 49-45.

The next project of the Intramural Committee was co-ed Volleyball. Playing in Page Gym on Monday afternoons, five teams were organized from grades 9-12. Captains were Jeff Rider, Bill Peterson, Pete Leue, Bill Sheldon and Jim Lorraine. Due to the lack of equipment, the 50 odd co-eds split into two teams each week and played in one large game.

The Intramural Committee, set up earlier in the year by the Student Council, is composed of Dave Golden, chairman, Joyce Carey and Jean Feigenbaum. Plans for organizing Intramural softball are forthcoming.

group that isn't out yet fill out the squad.

This group isn't out yet because those teams which have cuts have still been making them. Remember no cuts in Track!

### SENIORS ARE CONSPICUOUS BY THEIR LACK.

Things are now settling down. The team is in reasonable shape and is experimenting before deciding on permanent excuses for poor performance.

Mr. Ahr has been quoted as follows: "I'm surprised at the turn out for track after the many protests about square dancing. Perhaps a less demanding sport, like tiddly-winks, could be instituted at Milne which would be acceptable to a larger number of Milne Boys."

Ronnie Reynolds, team leader, made numerous more caustic and insulting remarks that are not printed here due to, uh, space limitations.

Girls have been reported to have great interest in the team, especially a group of juniors who went to join it. The boys are in favor of this idea. There is also some track activity in the Junior High with a team being organized.

### Capital District League

April 30	Cohoes
May 7	At Hudson
May 12	Academy
May 14	At Shenendehowa
May 19	Averill Park
May 21	At Van Rensselaer
May 26	Lansingburgh
May 28	At Watervliet
Home games to start at 3:45.	

# Bowling Title Gained



Captains Brown and Hutchins with trophy for Section II Class D. Bowling victory, posing with fellow bowlers.

Milne went into the 1964 bowling season trying to improve upon their 3-29 record of the previous year. They did just that. Behind Steve Hutchins' 566 and Paul Korotkin's 509, Milne took 4 points from Van Rensselaer. The following week Milne met Ichabod Crane in a non-league tilt. Ted Brown carded a 558 to pace a 2471-2244 victory. In the third match of the year, Bill Butler broke the school record for the high single by 13 pins with a 245. He finished up with 564 as Milne dropped 3 points to Lansingburgh. Two days later Bill came through with another fine performance, a 555. But Hutchins' 568 was high as Milne set a school record of 2534. However, the day was ruined by a 3-1 loss. Milne invaded Hi-Way Recreation, those beautiful lanes in Averill Park, and bombed out a 2280-2279 victory. However, the match was split. Bowling Green was the next stop and all sorts of records were broken. Ted Brown combined games of 186, 226, 215-627 to break the school record of 582. With Steve Hutchins' 552, Milne set a school record of 2540 in romping over Ichabod Crane. The following week, Milne split with V.R. and then lost all 4 to Cohoes. Averill Park invaded the Playdium and three boys broke 500. Ted Brown 551, Steve Hutchins' 507, and Bill Butler 502 paced Milne to a split. The last match saw Steve hit 536 as Lansingburgh triumphed 3-1. The sectionals were a different story, however. Working under a handicap, Milne scored 2556 to set a school record and win for the second consecutive year. Hank Stock also gained fame, as bowling in his last match for Milne, he set a mark of 248. He finished with 618 and together with Ted Brown's 220-549, collected awards after the match.

# COACH COMMENTS

"I'm very disappointed in the track turnout. Many boys have asked when are we going to start football and when are we going to start new sports. Incidentally, the boys who ask are the nonparticipants. When a sport is introduced no one will come out for it. The reason they don't come out for these sports is simply that they are just plain lazy, have no school spirit, have no desire to excel and would prefer to sit on the side lines and criticize.

"In most schools the athlete is a person looked up to and admired because of his ability and hard work. For some reason at Milne the athlete not only is not respected but there is a tendency to look down at him.

"Presently there are four seniors out for baseball and none for track. There are seven juniors out for baseball and one out for track. That is twelve out of approximately seventy boys.

"It's true that everyone is not an athlete but the sad part of the story is that we have boys who have the ability, and who would like to play, but don't want to practice and don't want to work. Some boys rather than be athletes or do anything constructive join societies or write newspapers whose basic function is to criticize existing procedures especially in the physical education and athletic department.

"In the past two years we have had members of the Milne faculty who have put in much time and effort in helping to coach our athletic teams. My main hope is that our students will someday realize that hard work, enthusiasm, and pride are far more important and commendable than laziness, apathy, and being critical of other students who are being constructive."

### REMEMBER:

RIDGEFIELD IS

NOT TOO FAR

AWAY



Junior Varsity Jacks: onesy, twosy, threesy, etc. (Milne's newest sport).

Follow Hand To Victory

## Non-Conformist In Democracy

By MR. DANIEL GRANELES

You are not alone! If this is a comforting statement, you are deserving of my pity.

If you do not care enough about your government to be actively responsible, be assured you are not alone! I am speaking about your student government, but this seems to be an inherent disease of American democracy as well. Like your adult counterparts in American society, the voices of criticism are loud and at times deafening, but you shriek without know'edge of what you are saying. Criticism by the governed is necessary to make the government responsive to the needs of the governed. However, it must be constructive criticism accompanied by active participation on the part of the governed to give positive guidance to those empowered to act on your behalf.

How many times this year have you actively participated in a homeroom discussion to help your representatives support the views of the majority? How often have you attended council meeting to hear and be heard? Indeed, how often have you actually heard the minutes of the council being read in homeroom? Most of you deplore conformity, but you are conformists in the most important aspect of living in a democratic society.

### Milne Fortunate

Actually, we in the Milne School are very fortunate to be under an administration which affords so much freedom of action to our Student Council. Certainly there is an administrative and constitutional framework in which the Council must work, but no other school that I know of has so much legislative latitude and policy-making power. It is therefore the responsibility of the student body, through its elected representatives, to exercise effectively the confidence the administration and faculty has in your ability and sense of duty.

### So Far, So Good

The Student Council has many functions it must perform even though it gets little active support from the student body. You are fortunate, indeed, to have elected strong leaders who have acted with conviction and dedication to maintain and further the Council's work, but don't expect it to act much longer in a vacuum.

### Rally To Your Convictions

If you don't want to have an important part to play in the areas which directly concern you, join the conformers and do nothing but complain. If, on the other hand, you want a student government responsive to your wishes, then actively support the new administration and earn the right to criticize with intelligence. Prove to yourselves that you deserve the responsibility to run your own affairs. Be non-conformists where it counts, and set a new trend for a democratic society.

### THE ANT

O ant, you tiny engineer  
Working there without fear,  
Building from the grains of sand  
A structure from a tiny hand.  
Lifting many times your weight,  
Never giving up or late.  
And a brain no bigger than a pin!  
It seems to me it's such a sin  
That I, who could never perform  
such feats—  
Could crush you with one.

## Senior Spotlight Focuses on . . .

# PAST C & W EDITORS

By MARK LEWIS



### MIKE BENEDICT

In case you've been wondering why you have been hearing so many seniors calling "MIH-CHAEEL" in the halls recently, it's because we're all plagued with Senioritis and have nothing better to do. The person who we're yelling for is none other than Michael Christopher Benedict. Those firsthand accounts of this year's basketball games in the C&W have been most accurate due to Mike's position as chartkeeper. The former sports editor is also president of the Honor Society, a member of the Student Council, treasurer of the NFS, and was a co-founder of the Albany Liberal, that treasure of the journalistic world.

Mike, an ordinary senior, conducts much of his extra-curricular activity during school hours. Reading the New York Times is a typical pastime. Those lucky colleges chosen by him are Cornell, Princeton, McGill, and Dordt.

### KAREN HOFFMAN

Besides stale news, this paper also goes in for some thoughtful editorials. This part of the paper is run by the editorial editor (who else?) who this year was Karen Hoffman. Throughout her tenure here (starting with summer orientation before seventh grade) Karen has taken part in many Milne activities. She has participated in the intramural program of MGAA, and has served as vice president of the MGAA Council. She has served as vice-president and treasurer of Sigma, and as secretary of Tri-Hi-Y. Also, Karen is a member of FHA, the Assembly Committee and is responsible for getting the school's name in the Knickerbocker News. She's the one who tells their columnist how all Milne students think.

Aside from playing a flute ("not well") Karen does, in her words, "nothing thrilling" outside of school. After all, what could be more thrilling than going to Milne. Well, perhaps going to Israel this summer and Boston University next fall—these are Karen's immediate plans.

### NANCY BUTTON

Nancy Howe Button can certainly be described as Milne's foremost newswoman. For the past year, her main concern has been hounding people to write their articles on time, trying to do her best in her capacity as editor-in-chief of this paper. Time was of little importance to Miss Button. Not only did she give willingly of her free time for her job, but also of time spent in English class, Chem class, and any other where she could get away with it.

Nancy's activities in dear old Milne are manifold. For three years she has sung with the Milnettes, being treasurer this past year. She has also been a member of the Student Council, Music Appreciation Club, and the Ski Club. Her hobbies outside of school are "entertaining friends" and having birthday parties given in her honor. Either Cornell or Mt. Holyoke will gain this future woman of the press, whose ambition is to become a noted columnist.

### SUE PRESS

Milne's present woman of the Press is Sue. You would expect that someone with this name would wind up as Associate Editor of the C&W. However, much to my surprise, Sue has other activities to keep her busy. She is secretary of the Honor Society, President of Sigma, a member of Milnettes, and has served four years as a cheerleader. She should also be remembered for her portrayal of Mrs. Grose in this year's play.

Besides giving birthday parties for Nancy, Sue keeps busy with many diversified interests. She may be seen strumming her guitar, either singing folk songs or reading Haiku poetry. If this sounds ridiculous, how about her other hobbies—eating ice and inventing new ways to diet (don't swallow?).

The University of Rochester made a wise decision in accepting Sue, however she is waiting to see if she cut the ice (without eating it) at either Bryn Mawr or Brandeis.

### NEW STUDENTS

The youngest Press—Marie D.  
The youngest Button—Billy.  
A thinner Skinner.  
An excused Bearup.  
A ripe Mellen.  
Another Contompasis?  
A Pellish to relish.  
An Arnold Benedict.  
A Rubba Dubb, three men in a tub:  
Throckmorton, Felix, and Endicott  
Flonck.

A Hardy Ahr. Harry Hahr . . . Hahr.  
A Cheatham, Beatham, and a  
Gottham.  
Miss Dunn's daughter—Almost.  
Another Quaille joins the flock.  
Mr. Oakes' nephew: A. Korn.  
Mr. Atkins' son.  
Found: A. Miller's tail?  
U. Winn. Oui Winn.  
A Horton Norton.  
E. Nuff or Eddy!

## Are Prayers Answered?

As another ostensible proof of our sparkling genius, we are presenting a series of articles written by eminent clergymen and scholars of our community. The first of this series is written by a man who has distinguished himself as both a prominent clergyman and a noted scholar. Dr. Alvin S. Roth is the rabbi of the Reformed Jewish Congregation Beth Emeth of Albany. Rabbi Roth is well known for his clever writing, keen wit, and shining eloquence. Personally, I consider him one of the most brilliant men I've met. Editor-in-chief.

Some high school people tell me that prayers are not answered. This is not my experience. I believe all prayers are answered—even the foolish ones.

Consider some of these:

Johnny was fidgety today. He had several important quizzes. He didn't know the answers; he couldn't even understand the questions. He hasn't opened a book all semester, but that didn't stop him from praying. He prayed and promised that if he passed, he would study next semester. I predict that when Johnny gets his grades, he will tell you that prayers are not answered.

Tomorrow is the big game. Almost everyone at both schools is praying for victory. What did Napoleon mean when he said that God is on the side with the heavier artillery?

Next Friday is graduation day. Commencement exercises will be held in the stadium, weather permitting. Students are praying for a clear day, but farmers have been praying for rain. Can prayer affect the elements? Someone's bound to be disappointed.

I know a junior who says he wants to go to college. He told me he is praying that it be possible. However, at this point he hasn't even a C average. He may go to college, I suggested, if he makes better grades this year and next. Prayer is no substitute for hard work. When his class is off to college, we may know how he feels about the efficacy of prayer.

Some people think of prayer as a magical means of twisting God's arm, convincing Him to pass special miracles in their behalf like setting aside the law of gravity for a moment or two.

We should not seek to barter with God or to persuade Him to do anything. The purpose of prayer is not to change God's will but to enable us to fulfill it.

When some people don't get what they ask for, they doubt the power of prayer. My experience is that all prayers are answered. Only sometimes the answer is "No!"

### Ode to a Physics Teacher

How do I love thee?  
Let me count the ways.  
I love the way you hold labs  
On our study hall days.  
I love you for your cheerful smile  
As you pass out the tests.  
I love for the warnings  
My father always gets.  
I'm glad we hold the mutual thought  
That physics is such fun.  
And if you say it one more time,  
I think you'd better run.

—John Done