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## "Dragon Moon" Underway HONOR SOCIETY ELECTS MEMBERS

"Dragon Moon" is the theme for this year's Alumni Ball, to be presented by the Junior Class on December 18 from 9-12 in Brubacher Lounge.

Grades 11 and 12, and alumni of the past five years are invited to attend. Following past tradition, the dance will be semi-formal, and there will be no admission charge. The Siena Collegians, a student band from Siena College, is scheduled to play.

Sue Hohenstein and John Margolis are General Co-Chairmen for the dance. Other chairmen are: Decorations, Amy Linter, Diane Jones, Paula Boomsliter, and Barry Press; Refreshments, Barbara Proctor and Carol Graham; Invitations, Artie Cohen and Tim McNally; Lighting, Frank Martin; and Maintenance, Mike Brodie.

"Support of the Alumni Ball in past years has not been too good," said Sue Hohenstein, Co-Chairman of the dance. "All of the Junior Class is working hard to make this dance a success, and we hope to have enthusiastic support, and a large attendance."

### Vacation Schedule Changes

Milne students gain a two-week vacation after mid term exams in late January this year.

The change from past year is due to a similar vacation of the State University of New York to allow it to move from its current campus near Milne to a new campus on the outskirts of Albany.

To compensate for the loss in class time Milne will shorten its Christmas vacation one week.

There will be no spring vacation other than after semester exams and at Easter.

The revised vacation schedule is as follows:

Dec. 22—School dismissed 11:40 for vacation.

Jan. 3—Classes resume.

Jan. 19, 20, 21—Semester exams; vacation.

Feb. 7—Classes resume; school dismissed 11:40.

April 1—School dismissed at 2:22.

April 12—Classes resume; school dismissed 11:40.

### Pep Rallies

Introducing the new basketball season was an all-school Pep Rally, held November 19, in Page Gym.

Coach Robert Lewis presented the members of the Varsity and Junior Varsity, who are playing in the Central-Hudson League for the first time this year.

Cheerleaders and Songleaders led the school in several cheers. The class generating the loudest noise was awarded a "spirit jug" for enthusiasm. Many students also showed their support by wearing red for "Red Day."

The Foster Parent Committee announced their plans to sell hot dogs and a fish equivalent at Milne home games. Artie Cohen, chairman, stated that proceeds will help support our foster child, Fabio Ignacio Pena.

Four seniors and seven juniors were inducted into the Milne chapter of the National Honor Society during an assembly today after third period. Dr. Norman Kurland, Director of Innovation at the State Education Department, spoke during the induction ceremony.

A reception honoring the new members was held after the assembly in the Milne library. Parents of the new members and all Honor Society members were invited to attend.



Basketball co-captains John Margolis, left, in white, and Steve Milstein, right, in red, disagree about what color uniform to wear before the pep rally. Coach Lewis mediates in pink.

New National Honor Society members are, seniors, Valerie Chevrette, Selma Levitz, Stephen Harrison, and Robert Langer, and juniors, Carol Graham, Suzanne Hohenstein, Naomi Jochowitz, Amy Linter, Michael Brodie, John Margolis, and Steven Patent.

Selection of members of the National Honor Society is on the basis of scholarship, character, leadership, and service to the school and the community.

Students with a B average or better are eligible for membership in the Honor Society. The faculty makes preliminary selections by voting on the eligible students after discussion at a faculty meeting.

On the basis of this balloting the Honor Society chapter makes recommendations to a faculty committee. The committee considers both the balloting and the recommendations of the Honor Society in making the final decision.

The total membership consists of ten percent of the Junior Class and fifteen percent of the Senior Class.

### Draper Visits Milne

Junior and senior English students from Draper High School in Schenectady attended Dr. James Cochran's twelfth grade English class at Milne, October 20. Miss Betty Lingeman, the Draper students' teacher, accompanied them.

Dr. Cochran conducted the visitors on a tour of the Television Studio at State University and explained the team teaching program at Milne.

### Ambassadors Aid Milne

One of Milne's newest clubs is the Ambassadors, the school's only service organization. The aim of the Ambassadors is to promote social welfare, and to serve the school and the community. They accomplish this aim through many various projects.

Last year, the Ambassadors were responsible for cleaning the school windows, and sponsoring a food and clothing drive for the poor of Albany at Christmas time.

Projects for this year are: repetition of last year's Christmas drive; hostessing both Parents' Nights this fall; and work for the Clinton Square Neighborhood House.

Any senior high girl may join the Ambassadors. Their present membership is twenty. Mrs. Cecilia McGinnis is the faculty advisor. Officers of the club are: Kathy Toole, president; Liz Breuer, secretary; and Valerie Chevrette, treasurer. A vice-president will be elected soon.

The Ambassadors was formerly Milne's chapter of Tri-Hi-Y, but last year, the members decided to break away from that organization. They felt that the dues were too high for corresponding benefits received from the YMCA, the sponsoring organization.

### Teen Reporters Begin Bell Representative Demonstrates Laser

This year eleventh and twelfth grade reporters for the Knickerbocker News are Barry Press and Laurie Levine.

Published weekly, the **Teen Reporter** gives students interested in journalism a chance to write. Meetings will be held throughout the school year for teens to express their ideas and to improve the column.

Hints on the types of news students should obtain were given to teen reporters Wednesday, October 27, at the Knickerbocker News by columnist Gay Curtis.

Barry comments, "It's difficult to find things to tell each week, so if any students have news that would interest other high schools as well as Milne please submit it to Laurie or myself."

Light ten million times brighter than the surface of the sun was the topic for this year's second All School Assembly, held on November 8.

Mr. Emil Sticht, of the Bell Telephone Company, presented a program on the laser.

**Conquest of Light**, an award winning film studying the theory and history of coherent light produced by laser (Light Amplified through Stimulated Emission of Radiation) machines was shown. The film also showed its many potential uses.

During the demonstration of an eight watt laser machine which followed, coherent, or directed light was focused on the auditorium wall. Using the laser beam, physicists have been able to make a more accurate measurement of the speed of light.

"By 1970, more machines will be talking to other machines than people to people," Mr. Sticht declared. Laser-produced light will be important in establishing these new channels of communication.

Mr. Sticht emphasized that although a coherent light beam using enormous power can pierce through a tank's armor, the laser beam is much more potentially useful for peaceful purposes.

According to Mr. Sticht, uses for coherent light seem almost unlimited. In the field of medicine, the laser beam can be used as a scalpel in knifeless surgery. The beam could be so concentrated as to kill one single cancer cell.

## Standard Exams Again

Three standard scholastic exams were mentioned on the front page of the last issue, an all too normal indication of their increasing importance and proliferation.

Of these test, one, the NMSQT, helps determine which tiny percentage of students will receive a certain type of scholarship. The NMSQT must be regarded as a waste of time for the vast majority of students taking it, who have no real possibility of achieving a scholarship.

Another test, the PSAT, is only taken to give an indication of how well the student is likely to do on another test taken six months or a year later.

The third test, the regents scholarship exam, truly benefits the New York State student, but also attempts to measure four years of studies with 150 multiple choice questions, a losing proposition at best.

These exams are no where near as perfect as they attempt to indicate to the public. They are based on changing curricula and standards, handicapping students whose backgrounds do not conform.

The SAT test, based upon a range of 1,200 points and the supposed leader among the tests, makes a good example.

The fact that some Milne students have improved upon their predicted SAT scores by 200 points by studying how to take SAT tests indicates that these test do not measure aptitude or achievement. They measure how well the student does on these exams.

True, a difference of 10% in average test scores probably accurately indicates that the higher scoring student will do better in college, but in any given case the tests may be completely wrong due to chance or factors the test do not measure.

Thus, at the present time the college bound student's future may be largely determined by how he feels on five or ten days when he takes standard exams.

Unfortunately, these exams are a practical necessity, given the current massive numbers of college applicants.

Real relief is dependent upon the production of enough educational facilities to provide a reasonable relationship between the students and classrooms. Unfortunately the post war baby boom has produced enough students to insure that almost any output of college campuses will be inadequate in the immediate future. Today's seventh grader will probably have a harder time getting into college than his brother of equal abilities who is now a senior.

Assuming that a solution is found, it will probably take the form of community colleges for vocational preparation after high school and a relaxation of the pressures to get into the small percentage of openings.

If a solution is not found there will be more wasted students who should be in college, more students disappointed by the select college of their choice, and more students who fear scholastic exams.

## It's Our School!

"Gees, these kids are pigs!" exclaimed the cleaning lady one afternoon when I happened to stay late at school. I started to say to myself, "tough, lady," but then I realized she was talking about us, the Milne students, and she was right.

A gray-haired janitor walked slowly down the hall. He took a penknife from his back pocket, stooped down, and began scraping away at something on the floor. After several minutes, I saw that the man was trying to pry up a wad of well-chewed bubble gum dropped by some unthinking student.

Milne's halls and classrooms are not a garbage disposal. It's really pretty disgusting to become covered with bits of shredded paper while removing one's books from a desk, or to sit down on somebody's A.B.C. (already been chewed) gum. The writing on the walls may serve some purpose, but it's not too lovely to look at . . . and when you're busy drawing on your plastic desk, remember the ink is going to get all over the next person who sits there. And about that gum in the water fountains . . . ych!

Even if you don't give a hoot about the janitors, even if you don't care about the reputation of Milne students — for the sake of the rest of the people in Milne, keep Milne clean. And you finks who leave your gum around—I hope you step in it. A.H.

## A Letter

To the Editor:

Why are Milne seniors allowed to send applications to only three colleges? Every year more and more students apply to colleges and the competition, even among superior students, is very strong. Colleges receive many times more applicants than they can possibly accept, thus many fully qualified applicants are turned away. With only three applications, the chance that any student, especially the average student, will be accepted is very limited. I would like to know the source of this rule and what we as Milne students can do about changing it.

Name submitted.



Haunting the October 30 "Ghost A Go Go," Pat Brodie, Wayne Gavryck, Tony Hazapis, Diane Dorenz, Mary Welch, David Morse, Fred Robinson, Vicki Smith, Rob Gerber, Kathy Brown, and Karl Krichbaum danced to bewitching music in Richardson Lounge.

French students Karyl Kermani, Jean Feigenbaum, Greg Robinson, Liz Scheer, and Nancy Hyman attended the November 5 dance in honor of the visiting Canadians.

Joanne Devlin, Dick Nelson, Pat Cali, Nan Dorsman, and Sue McDermott were seen cheering for the cross country team in Washington Park.

Life was just a bowl of cherries atop a sundae at the Quin Banquet November 11 at Jack's.

Quin members Diane Jones, Linda McCabe, Mary Lou Braden, Gwen Pritchard, and Judy Lavine ate cherryless sundaes, but one member was satisfied only when she received a sundae covered with cherries and two extra bowls full of cherries.

Pineapple sundaes seemed to be preferred by the Sigma girls at their induction banquet October 31 at the Holiday Inn. Sandy Herkowitz, Sue Schorr, and Paula Rosenkopf were among the new members.

Milne's reaction to folk-rock . . . wow! What started out as a typical dance turned into a lively country style when the band, the VIP's swung into folk-rock at the Harrier Hop.

Mary and Harry Contompasis started the movement to a swinging time, Tim McNally, Donna Kirk, Nick Geleta, Bill Wallace, and former Milnite Joe Aponte being among the active set.

Toe tapping Barry Richter, Steve Milstein, Jan Mellen, and Dean Quackenbush clapped in time to the music.

Milne's Annual Card Party - Bake Sale was a grand success. Hostesses Judy Graham and Linda Lockwood welcomed mothers. Nan Knox, Nan Dorsman, Linda McCabe took care of refreshments, and Tim McNally, Jock Ford, John Margolis, Greg Robinson, and Mark Barlowski cleaned up.



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"Now remember, that thing Bobby is holding is called a basketball," Coach Robert Lewis explains to the '65-'66 Raiders. Listening, from left to right, are, standing, Ron Koven, Jim Gewirtzman, Steve Milstein, Ken Brooks, Mike Brodie, Bill Murphy, John Margolis, Jim Khachadourian, and Barry Hatt. Kneeling is Bob Blanton.

## Milne Begins Play in CHVL

Competing in the Central Hudson Valley League for the first time, the Milne Varsity Basketball team will be "small and green" according to Coach Bob Lewis. No longer the smallest school within its league, the Red Raiders' chances for success "should be better than last year," stated Mr. Lewis.

The squad will be led by last year's third highest scorer, junior Bob Blanton, and the only other starter returning from last year, Co-Captain John Margolis. Also back, with some varsity experience, are seniors Jim Gewirtzman, Ron Koven and Co-Captain Steve Milstein.

Expected to be a scoring team, the Raiders are aided by last year's highest scorer, from the J.V., senior Bill Murphy. In addition, senior Barry Hatt, and juniors Mike Brodie, Ken Brooks and Jim Khachadourian have also been brought up from last year's Jayvees.

Most of the difficulties this year will arise in the rebounding department. Stressing the need to block out, Coach Lewis is depending upon Brooks, Gewirtzman and Hatt to "pound the boards" with many a fine effort. Defense will also be needed with Blanton, Margolis and Murphy expected to lead the Raiders on towards victory.

This year's Junior Varsity is being coached by Fred Ackerman, a student at Albany Law School. It will be led by returnees Ron Laraway, Bill Khachadourian, Ira Oser and newcomers Ron Olinsky, Tom Bearup, Dave Gellman, Larry Alfred, Jon Pitts, Joe Hanley, Rich Nelson, John Goldfarb, Rick Otty and Dean Quackenbush. Olinsky and Gellman are juniors; Laraway, Otty, Goldfarb, Nelson, Oser, Bearup, Quackenbush and "Khach" are sophomores while Alfred and Hanley are freshmen. Although basically a small squad, the Jayvees have shown a great deal of promise in pre-season practice and scrimmaging.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Nov. 19—Maple Hill ..... Home	Jan. 21—Maple Hill ..... Away
Nov. 24—Voorheesville ..... Away	Jan. 28—Voorheesville ..... Home
Dec. 3—Coxsackie ..... Away	Feb. 4—Coxsackie ..... Home
Dec. 4—Albany Academy ..... Away	Feb. 11—Catskill ..... Home
Dec. 10—Catskill ..... Away	Feb. 18—Heatly ..... Away
Dec. 17—Heatly ..... Home	Feb. 21—St. Joseph's, 6:30 ..... Away
Dec. 20—St. Joseph's, 6:30 ..... Home	Feb. 26—Ravena ..... Home
Jan. 7—Ravena ..... Away	Mar. 4—Waterford ..... Away
Jan. 14—Waterford ..... Home	Mar. 5—Albany Academy ..... Home

## Varsity Visits Voorheesville Tonight

Tonight Milne's Red Raiders play in their first of four consecutive road games after defeating Maple Hill in its home opener. They will not return to Page Gym until December 17 when they will meet Heatly, defending champions of the CHVL.

Tonight's encounter will be the second in three games against Voorheesville. In sectional play last year, the Blackbirds overcame an early

## G. A. A.

There is a chance in the very near future of dropping the annual magazine sale due to a lack of interest.

At a recent assembly held for all Milne Girls, the MGAA voted on several amendments to the constitution. One, allowing the girls to choose their own money-making project, was passed unanimously. It was stated that the net proceeds of the magazine sale have not been very good in recent years.

The field hockey team ended its season with five wins, four losses and four ties. The girls played their best game of the season against one of the area's most powerful teams, Mt. Pleasant High School. Although falling to defeat by a 3-1 score, the Raiders displayed a considerable amount of skill along with their high enthusiasm. The lone goal was tallied by Rosalie Bischof. Late season victories were gained over Linton, Girls' Academy and Amsterdam, while a tie was played against New Lebanon. Scoring goals in these games were Rosali Bischof and Carol Graham, two each, and Jean Feigenbaum, Judy Graham, and Diane Herkowitz with one apiece. At a playday on October 30, Pat Cali received Honorable Mention for her outstanding effort on the field.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School was the setting for a cheerleading clinic on Saturday, November 13. This symposium, for Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleaders and songleaders, was conducted by cheerleading professional Merle Tyler. Girls from schools throughout the Capital District attended this day-long activity.

On Friday, November 19, the annual Pep Rally, inaugurating the basketball season was led by the Milne cheerleaders and songleaders. The spirit jug was once again awarded to the class which rooted most enthusiastically for the Milne players and teams.

Milne lead to defeat the Raiders. Featuring 6-7 Ted Shull, the perennial CHVL contenders also copped their opener by trimming Coxsackie, 77-57.

The Varsity, making its debut in the Central Hudson Valley League, defeated Maple Hill, 68-47. Milne has now won five of six opened games under the guidance of Coach Lewis.

After holding a 12-11 advantage at the end of the first quarter, the Red Raiders broke the game wide open in the second quarter by outscoring their opponents 22-3. Bob Blanton topped all scorers with 26 points, many resulting from fast breaks. John Margolis and Bill Murphy added 16 and 10 points respectively. High for the visitors was Garafolo with 12.

Overcoming a height advantage, the Future Profs controlled the boards, an essential element of the fast break. Particularly effective at snaring rebounds were Ken Brooks, Jim Gewirtzman and Barry Hatt.

The Raiders capitalized on numerous lapses by Maple Hill. The team effort was slightly tarnished, however, by an excess of personal fouls.

Milne's Junior Varsity edged Maple Hill in a down-to-the-wire, come-from-behind victory. Ron Laraway led the way with 22 points.

After jumping to a 15-8 quarter lead, the Raiders were unable to maintain their advantage and were tied 19-19 at the half. Tiring slightly in the third stanza, the Jayvees fell behind 29-25 with eight minutes left in the game. The last quarter saw Laraway and Bill Khachadourian lead the squad past the Maple Hill team to a 38-33 victory.

### Varsity Game

Milne	fg	fp	tp	Maple H	fg	fp	tp
Blanton	9	8	26	Morris	2	4	8
Marg'l's	6	4	16	Staniels	0	1	1
Brooks	3	2	8	Rogers	1	0	2
Hatt	1	0	2	Garafolo	3	6	12
Murphy	5	0	10	Reickert	1	0	2
Brodie	2	0	4	Crawf'd	4	1	9
G'tzm'n	1	0	2	Ingit	2	2	6
				Ennis	1	1	3
				McGrath	1	2	4
Totals	27	14	68	Totals	15	17	47

## HARRIERS TAKE FOURTH TITLE

Milne's Varsity Cross Country team captured its fourth consecutive Class D sectional title on November 6 at Schenectady's Central Park. First across the line for the Raiders was junior Tim McNally with an intersectional qualifying, third place finish. Teammates Nick Geleta (5) and Dean Elsworth (6) were also among the top ten runners with Geleta earning the first alternate's spot for the intersectional meet.

On October 22, the first running of the Central Hudson Valley League Cross Country Championship was held in Washington Park. Competing against Ravena and Waterford, the Raiders finished second to a surprisingly strong Ravena squad by a 25-38 margin. Again leading the way for Milne, over the 2.2 mile course, was McNally in a time of 12:06. He was

followed by Geleta, Elsworth, Glenn Beaver, Reid Golden, Ron Koven and Tom Oliphant.

The following Saturday the Harriers journeyed to Buffalo for the State University College at Buffalo's Interscholastic Cross Country Run. Competing against thirteen other schools in an "A-B" division, the Raiders placed second to a powerful team from Silver Creek. Number one man for Milne was senior captain Nick Geleta with a seventh place finish. Also scoring for the team were McNally (15), Elsworth (19), Koven (23), and Golden (24).

According to Coach Art Ahr, this was Milne's "best season as far as time, but we should do even better next year due to not only the return of five varsity runners but also to a promising freshman runner, Louis Oullette."

## — SENIOR SPOTLIGHT —



Center—new Honor Society members Bob and Valerie; athletes Nick (l.) and Ron (r.).

### BOB LANGER

If Mr. Mueller finds any mistakes in the Milne Student Association account, he can probably blame them on Bob Langer. It's not that Bob isn't a competent treasurer—he just has a monopoly on the office. MBAA, Chess Club, and the Senior Class have all put their funds in Bob's hands.

In addition to these activities, Bob also enjoys all sports, and last year he played J.V. basketball and ran the dashes in spring track. When asked to comment on the Milne marking system, Bob said he would make some alterations in the present method. These included the use of (+) and (—) on report cards and equity with respect to advanced placement in various subjects.

Next year, Bob plans to pursue a course in engineering at MIT, Union, or Brown.

### VALERIE CHEVRETTE

According to Val Chevrette, the Milne School places entirely too much emphasis on marks. All of its activities are either directly or indirectly influenced by scholastic achievement. She feels that this mark-conscious attitude is becoming increasingly noticeable in Milne students. What can be done? Valerie thinks that more emphasis should be based upon individual development and classroom participation rather than memorization of facts and accepted beliefs.

When not conforming to the Milne marking system, Valerie enjoys her work in Quin and Ambassadors. In addition, she is secretary of organization TAPE. Reading is one of her chief interests, while French appears to be, in no uncertain terms, one of her main dislikes.

Valerie has made Hunter College her first choice, where she hopes to major in chemistry.

### NICK GELETA

Cross-country captain Nick Geleta feels that a runner's mental attitude is one of the main reasons for his success or failure. In order to train under a rigorous schedule five days a week, it is necessary for a person to develop the proper outlook; otherwise, a runner cannot continue to perform well. Incidentally, Nick never finished lower than second among Milne's Harriers in any race while leading his team to another successful season.

In fact, Nick always seems to be running. Indoor track, spring track, and irate student teachers keep him in good shape. In addition, physics labs and advanced placement calculus help to build up his endurance.

Nick hopes to attend the U. of Buffalo next fall.

### RON KOVEN

Like his fellow runner, Nick Geleta, Ron also keeps a busy training schedule. In the fall, Ron can be found running Washington Parks' 22 mile cross-country course, and this November, he is beginning his second year of varsity basketball. Ron also enjoys participating in interscholastic track and golf during the spring. Extracurricularly, he is a member of MBAA and the Chess Club, too.

Ron feels that the Milne marking period should be reduced to six weeks instead of eight in order to give the student a better chance to improve his mark. He does not feel, however, that the student teachers should change in the middle of a marking period.

Ron hopes to pursue his education at Northeastern, Bridgeport, or Buffalo State.

## The Man from M. I. L. N. E.

By CHIP JOHNSON

James Bond Napoleon Solo Ilyia Kurayakin James West Honey West (sic) Alexander Scott Kelly Robinson Maxwell Smart. Yes. A few series have been influenced by the late Ian Fleming. Even sponsors ("He packs a Lifebuoy 38." "James Bread from Bond.") pay homage and advertising royalties to the author's estate.

There has been a reactionary movement. The F.B.I. has countered with a sterile-cut anti-espionage show that has gone blaaah in the ratings. The C.I.A. closed down its

public relations office in Washington because of tourist harassments (why it had a P.R. office no one knows).

Who knows how pervasive such an influence can become? Why is there a closet darkroom at the bottom of the staircase? Why do Physics teachers' shoes ring, causing them to hide in a broom closet and mumble about "warnings"? Who has been bugging the Senior Room (besides underclassmen)? Perhaps the definitive answer is found in the immortal phrase of Maxwell Smart, Agent 86, "Hmmm".

## Reflections on an Election

EDITOR'S NOTE: We were privileged to have C&W staff writer, Sally Button, covering the New York City mayoralty election from Lindsay headquarters.

By SALLY BUTTON

"I will not fail the trust the people of New York have given to me."

Around me, reporters were elbowing their way to the stage. Keating was still smiling in the background, although his acceptance speech had been completely overshadowed by Lindsay's arrival. Rockefeller and Javits had had big smiles too, as they were forced slowly into the political background by the election returns.

We had been standing for hours. Although we were at election headquarters, our results came from televisions positioned throughout the ballroom. The television reporters were trying to get scoops from us at the same time!

By 12:00 we were pretty confident. Lindsay 45 percent; Beame 42 percent, Buckley 13 percent. The percentages were constant. 12:45—Buckley concedes. Manhattan returns in—over a 50,000 vote lead. Now we just had to wait.

Norman Mailer appeared—beaming an American beam. About 2:00, some early Tribunes came in, headlined—"Lindsay in a Squeaker". I salvaged one—the others ended in huge lumps of dirty confetti. We were shoved behind a line of police and told to wait—and wait—and wait. Reporters, with their official PRESS badges, could get free drinks. By 2:30 everyone seemed to be nearly soused by bourbon or victory. Then—Beame conceded, and Lindsay appeared.

"I want to thank Senator Javits and Bob Price (smiling), and (sobering) Mr. Costello and Mr. Mollen who . . ."

The confetti was already spent; the speech drowned by reporters trying to break through the crowds—attempting to call in their stories. Everyone was suddenly very tired. On the stage he continued:

" . . . this will be the most successful, exciting administration this city has ever seen."

## Required Reading

By NAOMI ARONSON

This is a column of things to read. Some of these are classic, some are oddball, all are unusual.

T. H. White's *The Once and Future King* (Dell, 95¢) is the legend of King Arthur, re-told from a contemporary viewpoint. The characters

are completely human, a relief after the reverence with which many authors regard the past. Historical figures are not sacred, they're only your grandparent's grandparent's grandparent's grandparent's grandparent's. This is the book on which *Camelot* is based. I felt the play was rather dull, especially when contrasted with the vivid style in which the book is written. Walt Disney's movie, *The Sword in the Stone*, is also based on *The Once and Future King*. I don't know anything else about *The Sword in the Stone*; the past five years of my life have been devoted to avoiding Disney movies.

### Irony, a Second Helping

*A Cool Million* by Nathaniel West (Avon Library, 60¢; also included in this edition is a shorter novel, *The Dream Life of Balso Snell*, a surrealistic journey through the canal of the Trojan horse) is a parody of the traditional myth of the wholesome, All-American country boy who goes to the big city to seek his fortune. In the course of this comic-grotesque novel, the hero, Lemuel Pitkin, is gradually dismembered. In his naivete, Lemuel trusts all implicitly; his faith is consistently rewarded with the loss of an organ or limb. Warning: Nathaniel West was a very bitter man; his books are definitely not for the squeamish.

Frankly, all I can say about *A High Wind in Jamaica* or *The Inno-cent Voyage* by Ricard Hughes (Signet, 60¢) is, "oh my goodness." This is the ironic tale of a group of young children captured by pirates, it reminds me of *Lord of the Flies*. *Lord of the Flies* is a very simple book, its horror is produced through stark brutality; *A High Wind in Jamaica* is infinitely more complex

and subtle. Its portrayal of people as self-centered and indifferent creatures who are unable to communicate with each other is horrifying. *A High Wind in Jamaica* is a very uncomfortable book; injustices are committed, yet there are no villains; all are innocent and all are guilty; all are criminals and all are victims.

### Nonconformist Literature

*Grump*, the magazine "for people who are against all the dumb things that are going on", has a series on household gods for the twentieth century. The latest issue features: "Boxx is my shepherd, I shall not think,

It maketh me to lie down in lethargy, It leadeth me beside the late-late show,

And I shall fear no trash."

*Grump* is 35¢ an issue and on sale at Fowler's, 196 Lark Street.

### Albany's War on Poverty

*The Albany Mirror: the Voice of Poverty* is a weekly newspaper written by the poor and for the poor of Albany. This newspaper serves two functions. It calls the attention of the outer world to conditions that exist in the poverty-stricken sections of Albany. The *Voice* also informs the poor of services and organizations which have been established to aid them. *The Albany Mirror* is a battleground of the war on poverty. A year's subscription to *The Albany Mirror* is five dollars. Checks should be made payable to *The Albany Mirror* and mailed to: Dr. Lenora Sportsman, *The Voice of Poverty*, 213 Ontario Street, Albany, N. Y. 12203.