

Student Council Active in ASCCD

By ELLEN WOLKIN

The A.S.C.C.D. (Association of Student Councils of the Capitol District) had its annual meeting recently at Maple Hill High School at Castleton. This organization, consisting of a loosely-knit group of area high school Student Councils was instituted so that the different high schools in Greater Albany would have a chance to meet each other and compare policies and possibly improve their own schools via the sugges-

tions of the people at the meetings. Up to this year, the group has been fairly stagnant; it has had only one business meeting and one social function a year. Milne had not gained much from this. At the meeting of November 8th the situation changed. Two new high schools, Albany High and Watervliet High joined the group and they seemed to rejuvenate it. The A.S.C.C.D. will undoubtedly gain the organization it has lacked up until now, and will for the first time become an effective and purposeful group.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Milnite Ties for First

Maureen Glasheen, the only Milne representative to the all high school speech festival held at State on December 9, tied for first place in the oral interpretation category of the festival. Coached by Mr. Robert Steinhower, she competed with 34 other students from high schools about the area. Her reading of Edith Wharton's short story "Roman Spring" brought her the prize. The festival was divided into three categories, oratory (formal speaking), extemporaneous speaking, and oral interpretations of literary works.

Milne Presents Christmas Program

By AMOS MOSCRIP

This year's Christmas Assembly took place December 20, beginning at homeroom period and running on. Milnettes sang four numbers, "O Holy Night," "Go Tell it on the Mountains," "A Christmas Spiritual," and "No Candle Was There and No Fire." The junior choir sang "Happy Christmas Eve," and "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day." At the end of the program the audience was asked to sing with the two choirs, "White Christmas," "Its Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Silent Night."

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Red Cross Council Adopts School

By GERRY GIBSON

The Red Cross at Milne has "adopted" the School for Mentally Retarded Children in Albany. Next Saturday our Red Cross Council is giving a party for these students from one to four. We not only help the school; they help us. In our membership drive they separated the pins, cards and stickers into different envelopes for the Milne homerooms. Helping schools of this type is only one of the Red Cross's services in the life of the people throughout the world. Some of the money our school collected in the membership drive will be used to buy decorations and gifts for those unfortunate friends.

Pep Rally Heightens Spirit

By KAREN GIVENTER

Milne held its traditional Pep Rally, November 14th, in Page Hall during sixth period. Dr. Fossieck

CLASS OF '62 SELECTS BOOKS

By KATY WIRSHING

The Junior Class has made its annual selection of books to be added to the Milne library. The books are to be purchased by the librarian. An additional \$5 has been added to the annual allotment, bringing the total to \$50 instead of the usual \$45. This additional money will help to buy at least one more book for the school.

Reports Given

Each student selected a book he gave a brief pep talk and then Coach Lewis introduced the track team, and junior varsity and varsity basketball teams.

The Songleaders pepped up the assembly by teaching two real swinging songs M-I-L-N-E and Onward Raiders. They also led the group in singing old favorites from past seasons.

Remember that the coach said the teams play much better when there are many familiar faces in the crowd; so support the teams!

hadn't read, (approved by the English department) and a report was given to the class from the reviews only. Each class then voted upon the books from that class alone.

15 Books Selected

The top fifteen books in order from first to last were: **Franny and Zooey**, by J. D. Salinger; **The Coming Fury**, by Bruce Catton; **I Should Have Kissed Her More**, by Alexander King; **Sail a Crooked Ship**, by Nathaniel Benchley; **The Power and the Glory**, by Graham Greene; **Tell Me Another Morning**, by Zenda Berger; **Half-Moon Haven**, by Russ Martin; **Kidnap**, by George Waller; **The Agony and the Ecstasy**, by Irving Stone; **Black Like Me**, by John Howard Griffin; **Alaska, U.S.A.**, by H. and M. Hilscher; **The Voice of the Dolphins**, by Leo Szilard; **Clock Without Hands**, by Carsen McCullers; **Sinclair Lewis**, by Mark Schorer; and **The Making of the President—1960**, by Theodore H. White.

Ten Pose as Diplomats

By SUE WEINSTOCK

On Friday, December 8, Milne participated in a mock meeting of the United Nations Security Council. It was held in the lower lounge of Brubacher Hall between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Many of the schools in the area sent representatives who assumed the policies of various nations. The Milne delegates, Sue Weiner, Steve Levitas, Bill Barr, Brian Carey, Janine Donikian, Paul Feigenbaum, Elaine Clawson, Jane Larrabee, and Sue Weinstock, represented Nationalist China.

Among the topics that were debated were "The Problems of Hungary, The Halting of Nuclear Testing, The Question of Angola, and The Cuban Situation." Mr. Lamana, the supervisor of American History and American Government courses, and Mr. Cameron, an American history student teacher, helped the students prepare for the meeting.

JUNIOR HIGH MUSIC and SPORTS

By JOE MICHAELSON

The Junior Student Council had a dance on November 17th for the junior high and it seems that the entire junior high was there. Instead of using records for dance music, the Council tried something new. They had tape recorded the records they would use beforehand, and then played the tape at the dance. This new idea eliminated the inevitable broken or lost records, and was less trouble for the disc-jockey. The "Turkey Trot," as the dance was named, was introduced in honor of Thanksgiving.

Junior High in Sports

The Freshmen Class has five of their members on the Junior Varsity basketball team this year, Bud Marshall, Pete Slocum, John Mellon, Pete Drechsler, and Bill Dey.

Student Faculty Committee Reactivated



Discussing an issue during a recent meeting are Chairman Jan Surrey, Elaine Peaselee, Jim Roemer, Paul Peigenbaum, Mark Lewis, and Mike Benedict. The Council's faculty advisor is Dr. James Cochran. The Council meets every Monday during homeroom period.

English? Si!

Nationally, a movement seems to be rising: it is the increased importance of the role of foreign languages in the curriculum. Even colleges now are increasing their demands for more language study in high schools. Some suggest that it should begin in grammar school, at the lowest grade possible.

Yet all the emphasis on foreign languages comes when evidence of the inability of college graduates to use the English language is increasing.

It has been shown that a great majority of students cannot write clear, clean expository prose. Why not eliminate the window-dressings of foreign language courses and teach what needs to be learned? Whether a student goes on to college or not, two years or even more, spent in an English composition course will be more valuable to him than learning a very little about a language that he will use even less.

The supporters of the foreign languages feel that besides learning a language the student is learning the culture of the foreign land, thus broadening his horizons, etc. This is absurd! What is taught in French is French, not French culture, and so on. If we really want to teach culture and ideas of other lands, and we should, we should teach them in a course and them only, and they should be taught in English. This will provide two advantages—one, a class on the culture of France might be used for the basis of a course in English composition—giving double value, and two, if the student becomes familiar with the cultures of many lands, as he would have time to do in three years, he could then pick the language to study that would meet his interests.

Thus, eliminating the language courses in high school and replacing them with courses in English composition within a course of foreign cultures, would provide a student with the necessary background for life in an English speaking country and with varied knowledge of the world around him. — C.C.B.

THE IMPORTANCE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES; . . . A Rebuttal

There are many important reasons for the increased importance of foreign language in the curriculum. First of all, in an age of internationalism such as ours, relationships with other countries are very important. There is a tinge of isolationism and complacency in the idea that foreign languages are not as important as English. We can not expect people all over the world to learn English. It is important that we be prepared for political and cultural exchanges with these people from all countries. There must be no language barrier separating the people from the international understanding and cooperation. It is also important that our ambassadors speak the language of the countries they work in. It has been proven that the earlier a foreign language is taught to people the easier they will learn it.

Increased study of a foreign language does not mean that English should be ignored. If more time should be spent on English this would not be at the expense of the foreign languages.

Perhaps language courses should emphasize foreign culture more than they do at the present, but this is not the case at hand. Only through language can the real culture be taught.

Also it is very satisfying to an individual to be able to converse in a foreign tongue. For most professions knowledge of a foreign language is very important. For example in science, many of the recent books and papers on scientific discovery are in other languages. Thus the knowledge of foreign languages is so important that it must be taught when learning is the easiest.

—Janet Surrey

J.V. Squad Wins First...

By JOHN BILDERSEE

Milne's jayvees under the tutelage of Coach Bob O'Conner opened the new season on a bright note with a 42-30 victory over Greenville on November 21, at Greenville. The squad opened slowly against them and fell behind at the quarter. The Greenville jayvees hit a cold streak in the second quarter and got only one point to fall behind the Raiders at the half, 10-7.

With Pete Slocum breaking out for ten points in the second half, the squad overpowered their opponents in the third quarter.

But Loses Second

The Red Raider jayvees played their first league and second game against Lansingburgh December 8 at Lansingburgh. The team came out on the short end of a 40-20 score to even their record at one to one.

Jeff Rider led overpowered Milne with 9 points. Billy Burke was second highest scorer with 6 markers. Paul Feigenbaum continued to be efficient off the boards as he got 8 rebounds.

Then Wins Third

The Red Raiders started out with their season's first league victory at Rensselaer by coming through with a 47-42 win.

The teams traded points in the first and second quarter, and as both teams went to the dressing rooms the count was 25-20, Milne. In the tightest jayvee game of the year, Milne came back in the third quarter from near disaster with a strong counter rally to regain a five point lead at the game's end.

Slocum, Shoudy, and Rider formed a strong trio as they combined for 38 points.

Cohoes Wins Pair; 54-29; 54-48

The Raiders lost their first home game of the season when Gary Heroux led the invading Cohoes team to a 54 to 29 victory. Heroux, who alone scored as many points as the entire Milne team, 29, was backed up by Neal Ribberty with 11.

Mike Daggett with 10 and Tom Bennett with 8 led the Milne scoring, as Milne went down to its second league loss.

The Raiders stayed with the Cohoes team through the first quarter, but scored only five points in the second while Cohoes scored 13. Cohoes then outscored Milne in the second half two to one. The loss evened Milne's total record at 2-2.

The J.V. squad lost its second in four starts, 54-48.

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Raiders Win 2 Out of 3

Milne Romps At Greenville

On Tuesday, November 21, Milne opened its '61-'62 hoop season at Greenville. With four bus loads of spectators to cheer them on, the Raiders handed Greenville their second setback of the season. The boys felt right at home on the small court and peppered the baskets for a total of 54 points, 6 more than Greenville was able to get.

Jon McClelland grabbed an amazing 27 rebounds to lead Milne in that department. He also had 16 points for Milne and was backed up by Mike Daggett who had 15, 12 coming in the first half.

Lansingburgh Tops Milne

On Friday, December 8, Lansingburgh, led by the likes of Mike Wood, handed Milne their first setback of the season. This was a hard loss to take, since the score was very close throughout the game. Milne out rebounded 'Burgh 50 to 27.

Free throws, however, proved to be the deciding factor in the game. One of the Raiders' weaknesses from the line was the fact that we were unable to draw many fouls.

The thorn in Milne's side proved to be Mike Wood. He hit on drives, jumpers and free throws, and wound up with 28 points for the game.

Jon McClelland was high for Milne, hitting 18. Mike Daggett followed with 11. Jon and Tom Bennett combined for 35 of the Raiders' 50 rebounds.

Raiders Ram Rensselaer

On Tuesday, December 12, the Red Raiders of Milne handed the Rams of Rensselaer their third league setback in as many tries. The game was by no means an easy one. There were many personal duels between the two teams throughout the game. However, due to the keen playing of Milne and their alertness on defense and offence, they were able to win by a score of 71-62.

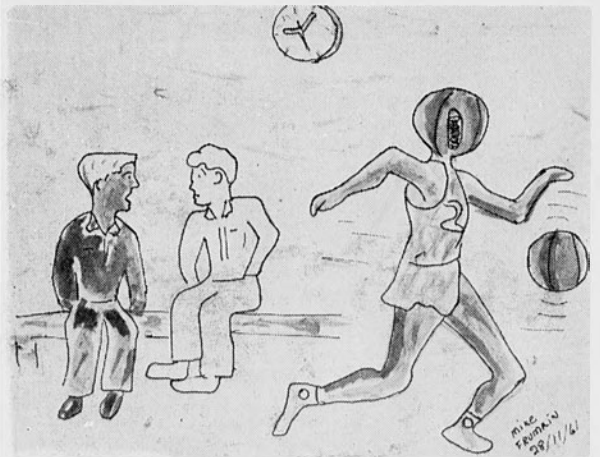
Jon McClelland ripped the nets for 22 points, 15 coming in the first half. He hit on 67% of his shots from the field. Jon was plagued with fouls from the beginning of the game and saw limited action in the second half. Mike Daggett popped in 14 points and Tom Bennett followed him with 13.

Milne Merry-Go-Round

By JUDY MARGOLIS and SHERRY PRESS

A "minute-made" party (spur-of-the-moment deal) was conjured up at Jack Baldes' over the Veterans' Day vacation. Janine Donikian, Jimmy Vaughn, Moe Glasheen, Sue Scher, Kenny Thomas, Sue Gehrhardt, Leo Mokhiber, Dave Wurthman, Peggy Roblin, and Tom Bennet ordered pizza, twisted, had a jam session and talked to Bud Parker for hours on the phone.

The Sigma Soc Hop was a great success in spite of the phonograph which refused to work for an hour. Of course, there was twisting, food, and loads of fun. Sue Johnstone, Jane Larrabee, Gail Kelch, Bill Leve, Rusty LaGrange, Marty Begleiter, Bill Barr, Bruce DeMurio, Penny Roblin, Sam Huff, Sandy Longe, Gay Simmons, Carole Huff, Jill Kapner, Elaine Clawson, Christine Rourke, Terry Heffernan, Jack Baldes, Jack Fairhurst, Ann Riley, Margie Linn, Peg-Crane, Nancy Button, Sue Press, Mike Benedict, Mark Lewis, and Sue Ashworth were but a few among the many having a real good time.



"Being named player of the week has certainly gone to his head."