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STUDENT BODY RATIFIES BUDGET

The Milne student body on Wednesday approved a budget of \$7470 which will call for the proposed per-pupil tax of \$16.70.

More than half, approximately fifty-four percent, of the budget goes to support school athletics. Many of the expenses Milne students meet, it was explained, are taken care of by the public school boards of education.

Thirty-four percent of the budget supports the school publications, **Bucks and Ivy** and the **Crimson and White**. This figure was lower than last year because the **C&W** did not expand its last year's budget.

Compared to the budget of last

year, M.B.A.A. will receive a cut of \$165 while M.G.A.A. suffers a loss of \$100. Student Council requested \$200 this year to bond and insure Mr. Mueller. Last year, Council used the remaining funds from T.A.P.E. to pay for the insurance. This year, T.A.P.E. was abolished.

Sandy Herkowitz, treasurer of Student Council, stated, "my main grievance is that the preparation of the budget is left shortly before the end of the school year. There is not adequate enough time for the students to ask questions concerning the budget. This can be verified by the reasons for voting "no" on the budget."

54¢ Athletics MBAA and MGAA	34¢ Publications B&I., C.&W.	8.5¢ NHS	Student Council Operating Fund 2.7¢ MISCELLANEOUS .8¢
HOW THE STUDENT TAX DOLLAR WILL BE SPENT			

CANDIDATES BACK UP PLEDGES; COUNCIL CONSIDERING REFORMS

Vice-President elect Paul Hardmeyer suggested in council that we hold forums at which students can express their views. He believes the forums will bring about better student-faculty relations.

Forums would be held monthly during assembly period or after school if the plan is adopted. During these meetings anyone present could discuss school or council policies.

Joe Hanley and Paul Hardmeyer directly called for forums during the election while Stu Welch called for open meetings, "stressing the idea of student participation."

Mr. Robert Neiderberger, student council's advisor stated that, "Many ideas are lost because council meetings are held during the school day. Last year, council met at lunchtime allowing everyone, including non-members, to participate. This is the first year that council meetings are not at a time when all students can take part."

Seniors Warn

Seniors raised \$700 last month through four bake sales, a film "Man on a Flying Trapeze," a spaghetti dinner, and a car wash.

Major expenses for seniors are the Senior Ball, the class gift to the school, and caps and gowns.

Explaining their fiscal problem, Senior Treasurer Jim Beecher said that, "We started out in a hole because we didn't realize last year and in previous years how much money we would need when we were seniors."

Jim warns that, "Underclassmen should be informed of the financial obligations of their senior year."

In a poll conducted by the **Crimson and White** earlier this year, a plurality of underclassmen said they were under represented in the Student Council.

Student Council is considering instituting a system of political parties to help encourage student interest in student government.

President-elect Stu Welch proposed political parties during the election in his speech and in a council meeting.

On the committee studying the idea are Paul Hardmeyer, its chairman; Stu Welch, Joe Hanley, Barb Linter, and Aaron Kuperman.

Stu Welch favors having political parties all year but some members of the committee want them only during elections.

Milne Tests Tests

As part of a research project conducted by Dr. Leonard L. Gordon, Milne and several other area high schools have been subjected to numerous tests and surveys.

Dr. Gordon is interested in the general results he receives from testing a random sampling of area high school students. Once results are firmly established, he plans to market the instruments.

Dr. Gordon, a testing expert at the State University of New York at Albany, is trying to find a successful method of making tests more practical while achieving valid results.

Some tests are given to get teenagers' opinions on various matter while others are to determine in which subjects a student is most likely to excel.

Clubs Name Officers

Future Homemakers of America installed new officers at a dinner ceremony at Aunt Jemima's Kitchen. Next year F.H.A. will be led by: Sandy Jabbour, president; Eileen Dunn, first vice-president; Audrey Levine, second vice-president; Rochelle Donner, secretary; Diane Reid, treasurer; Debbie Henkin, historian; and Beverly Graham, songleader.

Recently announced editors of the 1968-69 **Bricks and Ivy** are: Mike Cali and John Losee, editors-in-chief; Larry Binder, senior editor; Vicki Smith, literary editor; Ellie Schmidt, faculty editor; Sandy Blumburg, activities editor; Julie Paul, class editor; Paul Hardmeyer, sports editor; Susan Wiczorek and Rosanne Retz, art editors; Gordon Smith, photography editor; Sandy Jabbour, advertising editor; and Eileen Dunn, business editor.

New officers of the **Crimson and White** are: Margaret Diggs, Aaron Kuperman, Kathy Soulis, Jim Kaye, Bob Schacter, Roz Hohenstein, Alan Jupiter, Louis Finklestein, Stu Welch, Kathy Siebert, and Audrey Levine.

SOPHS RAISE MONEY

Over \$80 was raised by the sophomore class at its "Bonnie and Clyde Memorial Dance" on May 24.

Close to 200 tickets were sold and well over 100 people attended.

Five dollars, the prize offered to the homeroom with the best attendance, was won by eighth grade homeroom M127.

Band Gives Benefit

"An Evening of Music" was presented by our Music Department on June 5 under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. Roy York, Jr.

Wednesday evening's performance was designed to raise money for uniforms for the Milne Band.

CAREERS STUDIED

Twelve members of varied professions described their vocations to senior high students during the annual career day on May 16. The Kiwanis Club provided speakers.

French Canada Visited

Twenty-five students plus four teachers visited Quebec on May 28 to 30. After visiting a Quebecois school, they saw a French film

Milne Hosts Roman Gala

Latin Club held Milne's first Roman Banquet in over twenty years on May 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Club President Mary Moore opened festivities with a prayer to Minerva. Reclining in traditional Roman style luxury, the guests enjoyed a dinner of Kool Aid (vinum), roast beef, assorted breads, vegetables, antipasto, honey cakes, and olives with raisins. The dinner was eaten without utensils. Finger bowls were provided.

During the meal, the guests were entertained by word games, a skit, a record of "Blood on my Toga," and advice from Caesar (Lance Kurland).

Preparing the banquet were Mary Moore, coordinator; Laura Harris, food committee; Agnes Zalay, entertainment committee; Joe Hanley, costumes committee, and Stu Welch, setting committee.



Imperial rulers of the Milne Empire: left to right, Mrs. Mary Wilson, Dr. and Mrs. Fossieck, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, and Mrs. Harriet Norton.

Binding Commitments

Now that we have elected new officers, are we going to be content with just sitting back and letting the student government run itself? Complaining about the shortcomings and failures of our Student Council is ridiculous unless we decide to see improvements made. Until visible changes are made in the efficiency of our government, we will not know whether the four candidates whom we have placed in office are the best four.

Stu Welch, our new president, has suggested holding "open meetings where all students contribute ideas" and reporting to the students on the allotment of student tax, thereby strengthening communication between students and their government. He also thinks the creation of political parties a possible solution for inaction. A standing committee with faculty advisors could establish better communications with the faculty, he suggests.

Similarly, Paul Hardmeyer, vice president, proposes "a forum to be held once a month open to all students and faculty members." He recommends that council officers explain school rules and sports programs to all new Milne students on a designated day in September. A rewording of Milne's vague rules, improvement of the Hall of Fame and the lunch line, and ultimately, the treatment of Student Council as a serious organization, are also Paul's objectives.

Joe Hanley seeks to represent the students' interest where money is concerned. As treasurer he will be more cautious in distributing Council funds. He wishes to raise the qualifications for eligibility of an organization receiving money, demanding that each maintain a "good performance record."

These suggestions, if acted upon, would undoubtedly improve student morale and elevate the prestige of the Student Council. But they remain words. We, as the government, have a right to bind these people to these suggestions which were made in their campaign speeches. Let's see what happens . . . —K.S.

Black Thursday, April 4, 1968

By
Arthur Collins, Professor of English
at S.U.N.Y.A.

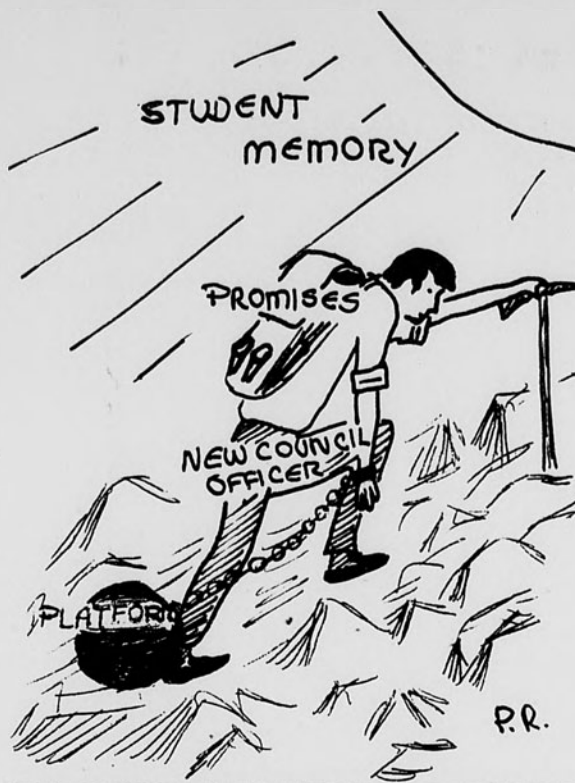
Today, America, black is best.
All in black your hopes are dressed.
White lies, black deeds, must be confessed
When Martin King is laid to rest.

In hope and faith, in summer's heat,
He dreamed his dream at Lincoln's feet:
"I have a dream—" the phrases beat
Upon the air. Today, defeat.

White fear has spoken hate so black
Black hope no longer answers back.
Black fear on white tongues cries the lack
Of any hope unless white hearts crack.

White hearts may crack as black looks frighten;
Until they crack, no hope can lighten
The black burden. Flaming crosses cannot brighten
The dark where the bones of a black King whiten.

Today, America, black is best.
In mournful black your hopes are dressed.
White deeds, black needs must be redressed
If Martin King shall ever rest.



WHAT WAS THAT YOU SAID?

Farewell, Coach

Coach Robert Lewis has earned the respect of his boys. His understanding manner, patience and encouragement have given us one of the finest physical education programs in the area. On page three, his many accomplishments may be read.

To Milnites Robert Lewis has been more than a coach. He is a friend. We appreciated it when Coach got someone out of a jam, wrote a recommendation or taped an ankle. The "bawling outs" were also needed, and Mr. Lewis provided them.

Congratulations for your coaching record on and off the field, and good luck at S.U.N.Y.A., Coach Lewis. You have given us your time and energy, and accomplished all that teachers strive for. Your efforts here will not be forgotten. They will be remembered wherever you go.

Letter to the Editor

To all who love a democratic society:

Recently student rebellions have broken out in many democracies including France, Germany, Italy, and the United States. These students proclaim their love of democracy, freedom, justice, and the masses. So did Hitler and Stalin.

They advocate free speech; yet, they interfere with people of different ideologies who desire to express their views. So did the Nazis and Communists.

These free thinkers have shown little interest in the rights of other people to live the way they want to. They have interfered with the function of government, destroyed public and private property, and have refused to respect the laws which the people have chosen. Would-be tyrants use force even when there are peaceful and legal means for them to accomplish their goals.

Here are the true successors to Hitler, Stalin and Mussolini. Like many despots throughout history these students are trying to impose their views on unwilling masses. We should be wary of them. You may laugh at my warning. They laughed in 1930 when people warned about Hitler.

—Aaron Kuperman

A Plea!

The C&W or any school newspaper can only be as informative and interesting as the students make it.

When a reporter or editor asks for information or a quote and is brushed away, responsibility for the lack of coverage does not lie with him. (Being impolite to staffers does not help a club's reputation either).

Reporters cannot be expected to be everywhere all the time. If a club or organization wishes the C&W to call something to the attention of its readers, it must take the initiative by reporting the story.

Contributing to the C&W benefits you and those who associate with you. Everyone must do his part in helping to make next year an informative one.

What's Happening

Fri., June 7—Schubert Mass in E Flat with chorus, orchestra and soloists at Trinity Methodist Church—small admission charge —8:00 p.m.

Mon., June 10—School Honors Assembly

Tues., June 11—Fri., June 14—School Exams

Mon., June 17—Thurs., June 20—Regents Exams

Thurs., June 20—Senior Picnic

Fri., June 21—Report cards distributed—1:30 p.m.

Fri., June 21—Commencement—8:15 p.m.

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Coach!

In the seven years that Coach Lewis has been at Milne, great strides have been taken in its competitive athletic program. We have seen the entrance of cross country, tennis, and golf during his tenure. He has built Milne into a Class D basketball and cross country power. His genius as a coach has been witnessed by many as he used his skill to pull many a close game out of the fire for his hoopsters. His basketball record is 75-82, but the past two years have seen a 17-6 and a 17-5 record with two Class D championships and one Class C-D crown. He has inspired his athletes to reach their full potential.

His departure from Milne will leave a big gap in Milne sports and in the hearts of all who played for and worked for him. This writer was thrilled on numerous occasions as he watched Lewis-coached basketball teams garner championship after championship. Furthermore, Mr. Lewis demonstrated superb ability as a physical education instructor. S.U.N.Y.A. should consider itself fortunate to have a man of Coach Lewis's varied talents on its staff. He will teach physical education and will coach frosh basketball and varsity tennis.

Recently, a local paper was reviewing the up-and-coming Class C-D championship game between Milne and Draper. The paper favored Draper, but did note that if anybody could pull an upset, it would be the very talented Coach Lewis. That newspaper certainly did not underestimate his terrific ability. There is no doubt that Mr. Lewis will be greatly missed!

—J.H.K.

Congratulations

The Milne **Crimson and White** Sports Department would like to extend its most sincere congratulations to the following cheerleader selections:

Varsity

Lynne Miller Barbara Gallo
Lorraine Rovelli Carol Richter
Jane Barker Kathy Brown
Lynn Sherman Roz Hohenstein

Junior Varsity

Pat Santen Pam Auerbach
Diane Dorenz Sandy Levitz
Pat Brodie Sue Iselin
Cindy Frye Beverly Graham

These girls have worked very hard to attain positions on the 1968-69 cheering squads. We are looking forward to lots of school support in next year's sports competitions.

Thank You

As the past Sports Editor of the 1967-68 **C&W**, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my writers and staff for their contributions to the Sports Page. Their continued efforts will surely be appreciated by next year's sports desk.

—B.J.R.

Tracksters on Way to Record Season

By STU WELCH

With a league championship under their belts the tracksters look ahead to the sectionals. Defending champ Fort Edward seems to be weaker and Middleburgh looks to be the team to beat. Mr. Ahr points out that it will be a tough battle all the way. The outlook could be best summed up by looking at the men in each event.



Above: Bill Fox surges from the starting block as he begins an 880 relay. Upper left: Mark Goldfarb strains as he turns in another fine 220 relay leg. Lower left: Rich Schorr shows his determination as he anchors the medley relay.

Shot and Discus

Don VanCleve, the top man, has thrown 48-2 which is the school mark. His 142-6 in the discus looks to be good enough to win. Don's brother Andy, Jay Dickstein, and Steve Gasarowski round out the weight men.

Hurdles

Rich Reynolds holds the school record of 17.6 in the 120 high hurdles. Bob Dorkin and Jon Kurland add depth here. Dean Quackenbush, now in the hurdles, may pick up some points also.

Sprints

Bill Fox, posting a 10.8 in the 100, leads this unit. Mark Goldfarb, the top hope in the 220, can also be helpful in the 100.

The success story of this season's squad has been Mel Grant who set a school record with a height of 6 ft. in the high jump. Despite the fact that we have no fiberglass pole, Larry Binder and David Kinney handle Milne's pole vaulting department.

Distance

Rich Millard and Dean Karloftis in the mile and Stu Welch in the two mile provide Milne with an excellent chance to pick up valuable points. Welch, posting a 10:26 in the two mile, and Chris Barker, also in the two mile, will be shooting for a sweep in this event.

Relays

With a strong 880 relay and a good medley team, the relays should be beneficial for Milne.

The team members would like to thank our spectators and friends for their support. The 1968 season has indeed been successful.

Where Are They Now?

By STU WELCH

There is a question being asked by the baseball team, track team, and various girls sports. This question is, "Where does all the school spirit go after the basketball season ends? Do the cheerleaders disappear with their boundless energy?"

A typical scene at a baseball game is a few members of the track team and a handful of others—the only ones to attend the game. Ironically, Page courtyard seems to be overflowing with prospective cheerleaders who are seen all the time.

Many times this winter I was approached by cheerleaders and others asking if I were going to the basketball game. If I said I could not, I was lectured on my lack of school spirit. I'd like to know where all the questioners are now with their school spirit. Certainly not attending track meets or baseball games.

The teams are nothing to be ashamed of. The track team won the league championship and baseball continues to improve. Does Milne center around only one sport? If it does, it's wrong. It is my belief that if people go out for teams, no matter which one, they should be supported.

ROUGH GOING FOR VARSITY NINE

By BOB SCHACTER

The Milne Varsity baseball team lost any chance to garner a place in the sectionals when they dropped four straight CHVL games.

A rash of first inning errors provided Coxsackie with four unearned runs as the Indians went on to defeat the Raiders 13-5. Rick Otty collected three hits for Milne and drove in two runs.

Next, Milne traveled to Maple Hill where they suffered a 12-0 setback marked by poor hitting support for losing hurler Warren Edwards. Rain ended the contest against Waterford after five innings with Waterford awarded the victory 8-1. Jon Drew and Larry Alfred collected Milne's only two hits.

A non-league game against arch-rival Albany Academy saw Milne drop a heart-breaking 5-4 decision. Bill O'Brien hurled a fine three-hitter but his wildness led to all of Academy's runs. Bob Schacter and Rich Otty each had two hits for Milne. Against Catskill the varsity was routed 11-1 with O'Brien's single in the final inning drawing in Milne's run.

Another non-league contest saw Milne lose an early 5-0 lead and fall to Averill Park 11-8 in a hard fought ball game. Averill Park tallied all of its runs in the second and third innings and hung on to win. Paul Hardmeyer collected two hits and batted in two runs.

Milne picked up its second victory of the season by defeating Voorheesville 9-1 behind the two-hit pitching of Rick Otty and Bill O'Brien. Milne scored five runs in the first inning and coasted to its victory. Both wins have been against Voorheesville.

Playing their first game at the new State University diamond, Milne was edged by Heatly 4-3 in eight innings. Ken Graham went all the way hurling a four hitter but two of those hits came in the eighth which put the Hornets on top 4-2. Warren Edwards' double made it 4-3 but he was left on second as the game ended.

The disappointing season experienced by the varsity (they are presently 2-11) is due in part to the fact that there has been no JV team in two years. With only three members of this year's team graduating, Milne should have the nucleus for a solid club next season.

BASEBALL STATISTICS — 1968

	AB	Runs	Hits	2B	3B	RBI	W	SO	Ave.
Richard Otty	40	12	15	3	1	8	5	3	.375
Robert Schacter	39	8	12	0	1	7	6	2	.308
Paul Hardmeyer	36	5	10	1	0	5	6	12	.278
Warren Edwards	40	5	9	2	0	10	2	6	.225
Kenneth Graham	35	1	7	1	0	6	2	12	.200
William O'Brien	16	2	3	0	0	2	3	5	.189
Rich Lipman	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	.167
Lawrence Alfred	32	4	5	0	0	4	4	12	.156
Jonathan Drew	32	8	5	0	0	1	13	11	.156
Richard Babbit	31	5	4	0	0	2	6	13	.129
Robert Bedian	22	1	1	0	0	0	4	12	.045
TEAM TOTALS	329	51	72	7	2	45	52	89	.219



Ann Boomsliiter tutoring at Trinity.

Milne Students Provide Understanding

Underprivileged children of the South End have been receiving tutoring by members of Milne's Ambassadors Club at Trinity Institute in Albany. Active members are Paula Rosenkopf, Ann Boomsliiter, Sandy Blumberg, Brad Knipes, Rosanne Retz, Susan Weiss, Rachael Tompkins, Vicky Vice, and Cathy Levitz.

The children, who come to Trinity from surrounding neighborhoods, all have basically one thing in common: the inability to learn within a formal classroom situation. Low grades and unhappiness with the classroom setting have engendered a disinterested attitude towards education.

A Fair Exchange

By ALAN JUPITER

Milne is not alone with its scheduling problems. The administration of Montclair High School in New Jersey has plans for a modular system next year. There is much controversy as to whether this proposed system should be effected or another daily scheduling system be substituted. A similar problem is outlined by *The Tartan* of Scotia-Glenville High School. It seems that there are five different proposed schedules under administrative consideration. Various pros and cons have been presented by the school's student body and faculty criticizing each program, but as of now no decisions have been reached.

Trinity, by providing a useful, informal supplement to the classroom learning experience, helps to overcome the negative attitudes and improve the educational performances of those tutored.

Although Milne students have had limited success in improving the grades of their students, a greater understanding had been reached between both teacher and student.

The children come to Trinity with problems and the tutors come willing to help, but there is a gap between the two that has to be filled before any improvements can be made.

If the program at Trinity could be measured as either a success or a failure in terms of progress made towards filling this gap, it certainly is a success. —Roseanne Retz

The Changing Times

The following article is an opinion of two Milne students, who prefer to remain anonymous. Bear in mind this article contains no medical facts or proven theories. It is merely an opinion that would like to be expressed.—Ed.

Let this article be a sign of change. An innovation and exploration into the unknown. The topic is dangerous and yet, new. There is always room for the "new" in an ever changing world; so let this article be a little modernization of our paper. No offense.

Drugs—what a dirty word now-a-days. Just utter it around the wrong people and you're locked up for five years. Ridiculous, isn't it? It's getting so you can't even take an aspirin without getting odd looks from little old ladies. My mother locks the medicine closet when I'm home "to be safe." She thinks I'll get into the Tums. Now be serious, will you.

You read hundreds of articles every day telling how harmful "dope" is to your system. It "eats" your mind and makes you a danger to society. Drugs revert you to an animal state; just look at Dylan and the Beatles. Do they look like a bunch of drooling idiots? Take a closer look and you'll see genius. You may not agree with me, but that's your opinion. Now don't get me wrong. I'm not defending drugs. Neither am I attacking them. Drugs can be both good and bad. It's just a matter of correct use versus abuse.

Paul McCartney and others use drugs for stimulation and inspiration. Just study the songs they write—masterpieces in most cases. But, if the user is not cautious, he will want to use drugs as an escape, bringing him ruin. Seriously, with caution and common sense, drugs can be used for one's benefit. Without good judgment drugs can kill. No person alive should consider using drugs without consulting a doctor first. Drugs are to be used for good, for cure, and not for thrill. Please, keep this in mind. —Amen

A Personal View

About the Elections

By LINDA BALOG

This year's Presidential election has drawn interest from everyone, especially since President Johnson decided not to run for reelection. The attitude is not to vote straight down a party ticket but to vote for the best man, even if he doesn't belong to your beloved party. Party politics are unjust and the people are beginning to realize the significance of a man's qualifications. Within both parties are candidates with opposing views. Republican liberals identify more with Democratic liberals than with Republican conservatives.

We hear about Eugene McCarthy every day, but what is he? He wants a quick end to the Vietnamese war. Wonderful—but how do we do it realistically? Kennedy and McCarthy both want quick peace in Vietnam; yet, for some reason, people who support McCarthy hate Kennedy and those who support Kennedy hate McCarthy. Perhaps it is because Kennedy has long hair and reveals each spur-of-the-moment thought. We say things we later regret and Kennedy is only human too. But at least he speaks.

Grandfather Hubert Humphrey is following in Lyndon's footsteps and might receive the nomination because of the fact that he is now Vice President. How unfortunate.

Richard Nixon, the "I'll try harder next time" Republican has returned

with his hawkish ideas on the war and anti-welfare plans. He has worked diligently, spending money on campaign gimmicks and speaking to the nation. Because of his determination he will probably receive the Republican nomination and will be another typical conservative Republican nominee. His opposition is Nelson Rockefeller, who couldn't decide when to enter the campaign. His decision was wrong, and now the Liberal Republican will lose the nomination he deserves. (Perhaps he could win the Democratic nomination.)

George Wallace is the unique candidate, the candidate segregationists love. With Wallace as President, Alabama would become the nation's Capital-State, and all Negroes would be "exterminated." Ironically, he attracts large crowds, and his Dixiecrat block is growing.

For the nostalgic ones, there is dear Harold Stassen on his fifth try for the Presidency. (When will he ever learn?)

There is a money-mad candidate suitable for everyone's need and some without the thousands of dollars to waste who are equally (well, perhaps not) as qualified: Charles Percy, Mark Hatfield, John Lindsay, and Ronald Reagan.

Don't you wish YOU were old enough to vote?

Senior Slumps

Recently I have had no time to spare. Studies and activities are overflowing my schedule. While I am struggling with these burdens, "helpful" seniors glide by effortlessly, without care. "Why?" I asked. But the answer was very familiar: "Senior Slumps."

The Senior Slump is the abrupt, gazed look a senior gets after he or she has been accepted by a college. (Notice I used the singular form of college.) After that he becomes afflicted, books are dropped and these "unfortunates" troop around like zombies.

They turn into extroverted monsters and give nightmares to student teachers. They listen but don't hear. They party, carouse, and carry on, striking awe and terror into the hearts of underclassmen (and even a few teachers).

Now I don't want to alarm anyone, but this is disgraceful. It warps the moral fibers of our high school youth.

There is one way to eliminate the Senior Slump. Have all colleges wait till June to notify seniors of their decisions. This would allow these misguided youths to have no fun at all. After all, what will they do in college if their study habits are lax?

Unfortunately colleges do not recognize our plight. They coldly disregard our part in this terrible Senior Slump and continue to let seniors have their fun.

We, who have seen this disease and how it effects us, must vow never to enter into Senior Slumps. I know I don't want to be like that and I won't, I won't! (The heck I won't!) —Paul Hardmeyer

The End is Near

Yes, another fun year at Milne has almost come to an end. The class of 1968 joyously awaits the commencement calisthenics (it's better than "exercises," isn't it?) which follow the Senior Weekend which follows the physics regents which follows exam week which is what the rest of the school has been joyously awaiting since September.

Hmmm. Two misnomers in the first paragraph alone. Why is it called exam week when it consists only of three or four days, depending on how healthy you are? And why is the Senior Weekend given that imposing title when all the senior activities take place in a space of little more than twenty-four hours in the middle of the week? Well, that's Milne for you.

Exams certainly are funny things. When you're a little kid your big brothers and sisters seem so grown-up when they have to study for "EXAMS," one of those scary words that are spoken in capital letters, while you just have "tests." When you finally do reach the age when you too can take exams—big deal. That frightening word exam turns out to mean merely a boring waste of two hours and a quarter of an inch of ballpoint pen ink. How disillusioning. I wonder if next year will be a good year for selling elevator tickets and swimming pool passes . . . Perhaps I'll even be able to get rid of some W. C. Fields movie tickets, spaghetti supper reservations, tickets to "The Censor," or the sophomore dance . . . no harm in trying, anyway.

—Laura Harris