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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Photo Club Developing

Milne's newest club, the Photography Club, has 15 members and is growing.

Last week they sponsored a lecture by a Milne alumnus on cameras and their uses. Lectures on different aspects of photography are planned for the future.

The Photo Club lacks the equipment it needs. They have a dark room in Husted.

Mr. Cecil Johnson of the science department is the club's advisor. They plan to receive a charter soon.

### TV Triumph No. 3

Milne defeated St. Mary's of Glens Falls 220-160 to retire undefeated on WRGB's Little Red Schoolhouse program. The team will return at the end of the year for a championship match.

Leading scorers at the final match were seniors Larry Binder and Aaron Kuperman who scored 70 points each.

An audience from Milne consisting mainly of faculty members attended the video-taping. The faculty used a spectator bus. Few students attended.

### SOPH DANCE FEB. 3

Eddie Nye and the Exclusives will entertain at the sophomore class dance Feb. 21 in Brubacher at 8 p.m. Tickets will sell for \$1.

### Chess: MILNE vs. AHS

Chess Club scheduled a chess match with Albany High for Feb.

Last year the team lost 7½ - 2½ to Albany High. Several persons who scored won't compete this year.

The team consists of Jim Kaye, David Anker, Jon Drew, Paul Lipman, and Dave Kinney.

### Lower Vote Age?

(CSP)—Many bills important to youth have been introduced in the State legislature.

Over a dozen bills to lower the voting age have been introduced. The proposed constitutional amendments couldn't go into effect until 1971. The Judiciary Committees of both houses are considering the bills.

Several proposals to allow Regents Scholarships to be used out-of-state have been proposed and referred to the Senate Higher Education or the Assembly Education Committee.

Albany's Sen. Langley is on both the Judiciary and the Higher Education Committee. Assemblymen Raymond Skuse and Maryanne Krupsak are on the Education Committee. They can be contacted by writing the State Capitol, Albany, N. Y. 12224.

### SUNYA Play at Page

"Lamp at Midnight," a play about Galileo, will be performed in Page Hall on Monday, Feb. 17. The play is on tour prior to opening on Broadway.

Tickets are on sale on the State University Campus Center for \$1.50.

## Drama, Fine Arts Abound

### Players Needed

By Margaret Diggs

Drama Club is currently in the process of setting up committees and selecting the cast for the play, **Inherit the Wind**, by playwrights Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee. Seniors will be chairmen of all committees with the remaining seniors and underclassmen on the committees.

A deck setting could cause the Drama Club some difficulty. The set requires the judge's bench and attorney tables to the front of the stage, while at the same time, half way back, another set with a town scene four feet off the floor is required.

**Inherit the Wind** is scheduled for Friday, March 28 and Saturday, March 29. The time has not yet been decided.

Drama Club plans to do several smaller productions during second semester.

### Fine Arts Day?

By Adrienne Schapiro

A Fine Arts day in May is being planned by the Fine Arts Committee, a faculty committee chaired by Mr. Kraus which includes seniors Stu Welch and Kathy Siebert, sophomore Steve Dunn, and freshman Sara Boomsliiter.

Folksinging, paintings, "rock," poetry recitations, sculpture, classical music, op and pop art, drama, films, and mobiles may be among numerous aspects of the Fine Arts.

The steering committee for Fine Arts day includes: seniors Rosanne Retz, Jim Kaye, Stu Welch, Kathy Siebert; sophomores Steve Dunn, Pete Delong, Adrienne Schapiro; freshmen Margaret Francella, Tom Schrodt, Sara Boomsliiter; eighth graders Connie Carrine, Joe Nunez; seventh grader Jon Soffer. They are open to all suggestions for the project.

### Comedy Friday

By Pat Rao

"An Evening with Merlin Finch," a one act play written for performance in schools by Repertory Theater touring companies, will be presented Friday at 10 a.m.

The play is the second of five Lincoln Center performing arts programs sponsored by Honor Society.

"An Evening with Merlin Finch" deals with the alienation of a son from his father.

Parents can attend the performance for a small admissions charge.

After the performance, a reception for the actors with representatives from each grade, drama club, Fine Arts committee, Honor Society, and the faculty attending is planned.

The next Lincoln Center program is a musical presentation late in March. An opera is tentatively scheduled for spring.



State Senator Walter Langley listens as CSP reporters ask for his views on issues effecting youth.

## Sen. Langley on Vital Committees

By Brian Ferguson

(CSP)—Walter B. Langley is State Senator for Albany and Schoharie Counties. He is vice chairman of the powerful Judiciary Committee which will discuss lowering the voting age and is also on the Senate's Higher Education Committee.

In an interview with Cooperative Student Press reporters Feb. 3 in his Capitol office, he said he favors lowering the voting age to 20. He feels it is unrealistic to expect a lower voting age than that. He said his committee hadn't considered the many voting proposals yet.

One proposal the Higher Education Committee will consider is to allow Regents' Scholarships to be used out of state. He favors keeping New York's scholarships limited to use "within the state."

He feels sub-voting age youth, "can do an awful lot" in politics and by involvement in constructive political activities, "older people can see they aren't all hippies and yuppies" and this may affect older people's attitudes on issues affecting youth.

Sen. Langley said, "We'd like to be getting into addressing the high schools," and said he is contacting area schools to discuss the possibility of his meeting with students studying state government.

## Council in Motion

By Aaron Kuperman

Student Council is expanding its role in student affairs! ! ! Even before the Constitutional Convention which will probably give the Council more powers begins its work the Council is on the move.

Under the leadership of President Stu Welch the Council is planning to present a forceful film on the hazards of smoking. When the film was shown several years ago most students thought the film did a good job though some thought it was too vivid in demonstrating how by-products of smoking destroy living tissues.

Projects to raise food for persons starving to death in Biafra are also under consideration. Biafra is a West African country which seceded from Nigeria two years ago. The ensuing war has resulted in massive starvation. Many American and foreign groups are raising funds to purchase food to be smuggled in to Biafra by air.

Usually Student Council doesn't participate in non-school activities unless those activities are sponsored by a major group such as Foster Parents.

Recent discussions in Council indicate the new constitution may enlarge the Council's role.

Besides encouraging community involvement the new constitution may expand Council's influence over organizations and class governments.

Under the resolution calling the convention the students will be able to make many decisions. Electing officers will be one such question.

## SCOREBOARD

### Freshman Basketball

Averill Park 54	Milne 29
Academy 51	Milne 44
Averill Park 55	Milne 28
Ichabod Crane 43	Milne 32

### Varsity Basketball

Milne 62	Coxsackie 60
Waterford 64	Milne 59
Maple Hill 62	Milne 49

### J.V. Basketball

Milne 45	Coxsackie 29
Waterford 37	Milne 31
Maple Hill 42	Milne 11
Voorheesville 43	Milne 38



In an effort to get out of their critical financial situation Seniors sell soda at basketball games.



## Talk is Not Enough

I remember when Martin Luther King was assassinated last April. We talked about it in history class. America reached its peak; something had to be done before it crumbled. We discussed the problems pretty thoroughly and there seems to be a great deal of concern. We threw a number of ideas and opinions back and forth and we reached a few conclusions. We all agreed it was time for something to be done and definite changes had to be made.

The next day we continued our unit on the Presidency that had been temporarily interrupted by the death of King . . .

When Senator Kennedy was killed we became concerned again. The gun laws were increasing problems and again something had to be done; definite changes had to be made. We recognized the facts, we discussed various solutions, and we saw the need for our involvement.

Yet again we returned to the traditional curriculum the next day and our solutions and so-called involvement remained spoken words.

Granted we're becoming more aware of increasing world problems. We're realizing the facts, the latest figures on the daily deaths in Vietnam, Biafra, the Mid-East, even in

home-town movie theaters, and we're becoming concerned. We care and we believably commit ourselves in involvement.

We're involved, however, with our own words. We've committed ourselves to an emotional vocabulary and that's all we've done. We see Biafra dying; we see reasons to argue against what is happening there; we obtain the facts, the basis for our discussions; we reach conclusions, and we care. Still we've done nothing more than those who are oblivious to Biafra. We've touched Biafra with words, if anything, and nothing more.

And words alone cannot touch a people, no matter how powerfully backed by personal emotions, honest feelings, and deep concern. Biafra will not survive on our spoken involvement.

And I am just as guilty as you as I continue to talk, just talk . . .  
—R.H.

### BIAFRA WAITS

Thin, starving, crying,  
Diseased, crippled, dying.  
Diplomats haggling over trivia,  
While people's misery is oblivia.  
Audiences weep at opera,  
While . . . Biafra.

## Student Government: New Proposals

Our new student government constitution should give the council broad powers to improve Milne's scholastic environment.

Student Council should organize field trips to athletic, political, and cultural centers of interest. They should organize instructional, entertaining, and interesting programs in Milne. They should work to eliminate bad rules and replace them with workable alternatives.

Our student government should represent our views to local, state, and national leaders. Even our small voice has some effect. On matters such as voting age, our views, if properly represented, can be very influential.

A Bill of Rights endorsing the vital rights of free press, free speech, and right to petition should be endorsed. No student should ever fear persecution in any form for expressing his views. If we adopt this proposal no one could suppress those rights without taking a decided stand for facism and against democracy.

The Bill of Rights should also give students the right to introduce proposals to the council and under some circumstances to demand a referendum if the council does something unpopular (such as enacting a dress code).

Student Council should exercise all powers now exercised by groups such as Honor Society and athletic organizations when those organizations affect the whole school. This would increase efficiency, make fund raising easier, and give all students a voice in all school affairs.

We should have separate executive and legislative branches. Besides the checks and balances this would create, it would also help draw many students into student government who aren't able to win elected office.

Now is the time to take a dramatic step for efficient, democratic, and independent student government at Milne. Now is the time to act. —A.K.

## Pessimist Predicts WW III

In May, 1967 I bet 50¢ with sports editor James Kaye that World War III will break out before graduation i.e. June 20, 1969. While not being over-optimistic of mankind's demise during the next 4½ months I'm far from conceding my half dollar and the milk shake I'll buy enroute to the bomb shelter.

Last August the Soviet Union froze a thawing cold war by invading Czechoslovakia. Some Europeans and Americans have been reporting rumors that Russia may try the same start against Rumania and/or Yugoslavia. These events could cause a blow up, especially in light of the announced intentions and traditions of those countries to use non-passive resistance. America might lose its temper and go to war if full scale war erupts in the Balkans.

Watch the middle east, while its still there. The Arabs and Israelis appear headed for another war, and if Russia goofs and intervenes, the rest will be history, if anyone is left to write it.

Even Africa can get involved. If we come to Biafra's aid (as is rumored) another U.S.-U.S.S.R. confrontation will result.

Asia is a bright spot until you realize the end of the Vietnam war will only free our troops for duty in places like Korea, Middle-East, or Europe.

So Jim, don't spend my fifty cents yet; I may yet prevail, but not for long afterwards.  
—A.K.

## Need for Significant Change

To the Editor:

Boy, are the kids in Milne stupid! Here are some facts proving my point: 1) in a certain upper class the average grade is a C; 2) in a class last quarter 5/7 of the class received a D on their report card, the remaining 2/7 got a C; 3) 7/8 of a class failed a test, the rest got a D, and one B.

Is this the fault of the student?

How can some teachers and supervisors take such a negative attitude when things like this happen, as to say "I taught the material, you didn't learn it" or "Read the book if you don't understand it . . . I have a meeting after school." How about when, in a class of almost 40, the teacher goes so fast you are not only embarrassed to ask a question, but with such a large class, it is almost impossible to get a remedial with the teacher or supervisor.

Since the purpose of Milne is experimentation, why can't we try to do something vastly different in regard to grades. In my five years at Milne, I have witnessed many changes, such as cafeteria rules changed, locker room privileges changed, dress codes changes, arrival and dismissal times changed, modular system changed, and homeroom periods have been different four of my five years here. So I ask you this question: Why, if all these petty changes have been made, that really are extremely insignificant to one's education, can't we try something that will better a student's chances of entering a college . . . something on which an entire future depends?

It's about time the significant change was made. It's about time something was done to improve our grades, instead of worrying about when homeroom period is, and such nonsense, as how long one's sideburns are or how short a girl's skirt is. Why couldn't we put a new system on a trial basis, like we did with the dress code. For eight weeks, why couldn't we change the present grading scale to 90-100=A; 82-89=B; 74-81=C; 68-73=D; below is failing. This is even lenient in comparison with the failing grade of 65 in most area schools. With a span such as this, I am sure that at the end of four weeks there would be fewer warnings, and after eight weeks, much improved report cards. Under the present "teaching conditions," many more deserving students would get the grades they deserve. We can do nothing about the teaching facilities, but we can certainly do something about the cut-off grades.

—A Concerned Student

## Locker Room Royalty

This year's basketball team has been hot and cold. Melvin Grant, Mark Goldfarb, and Brian McCabe have been the most inconsistent. Yet, Coach Phillips has tabbed the varsity cagers as "hard working kids who always give 100% on the court." With that kind of spirit, next year's varsity could rebound into the thick of things in the C.H.V.L.

The freshmen hoopsters look like a fine group of youngsters with a heck of a lot of potential. In years to come they could provide the nucleus of a championship team.

The J.V.'s don't look too bad either. Given another year and they'll be ready for varsity action.

Mr. Manuel Abrookin, father of J.V. basketballer Steve Abrookin, and Mr. Bell told this writer that they hope brush-cuts come back in style. Mr. Bell remarked that certain varsity players are always brushing hair out of their faces. Might not be a bad idea, although I can't see how a little hair drooping down over the forehead affects a ballplayer's ability to put the ball through the steel circle.

How about giving our girl athletes some more support and encouragement. They work mighty hard and deserve some sort of open recognition.

Gordy Smith's decision to hang up the bowling shoes might seriously cripple the varsity kegglers' hopes for copping a league and sectional title. The air is full of speculation as to who will fill the void created by Gordy's decision to work after school.

Get well wishes to injured varsity ballplayers Mel Grant and Fuzzy Graham. Their return to full form will be welcomed.

That's all from the locker room.

—J.D.K.

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How exquisitely sad, these memories. And what foolish agony to try to hold on to them. For they are like the most vivid of beautiful dreams, which, even as they are fading inevitably into the past, overshadow the glories of the present with silly sadness and useless longing. How fine to say, "Good-bye . . . It was grand but the world has no time for royalty now, and I must be off."

And yet I remain so eternally attached . . .

How difficult it will be for me to leave . . .

—taken from *Daybreak* by  
Joan Baez

Do you know that last year over one million animals were killed each day by U.S. motorists?

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