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## North Invades Again

by Kitty Benedict

"The Canadians are coming. The Canadians are coming." Thursday afternoon, October 23, the Milne School was once again invaded by our Canadian neighbors. The forty-one French-speaking students, ranging from ages sixteen to twenty-two, came from a high school in Levis, Quebec, not at all far from Quebec City.

Upon arrival the visitors were divided into three groups where they received identification cards and were met by their Milne hosts and hostesses. At 4:30, a reception was planned in Draper 149 where the visitors met some of the Milne faculty. A music program was produced for the Milne guests. Jackie Itzkow gave a speech welcoming the Canadian visitors. After the program was over the visitors were left in the hands of Milne students for lodging and food.

Friday morning, the day started bright and early for most of the guests since they had to go to school with their Milne companions. Each Canadian student went through the daily schedule of their Milne hosts with their hosts. After school on Friday, the Canadian visitors went to the State University with their hosts to assist in providing school spirit for the Milne cross-country runners. The Quebecois were also given a tour of the campus by the students and the French supervisors. When the race and tour were over, the guests were brought back to Milne for the "pot de fortune," the pot-luck supper. As of yet, no cases of tomatine poisoning have been reported. The activity in the evening was a dance in Page Gym open to 9th-12th grade students. Music was provided by the "Mourning Reign." The Quebecois were again to be lodged by the Milne hosts when the dance was over.

Saturday morning, at 10:30, a brunch was held in Brubacher Hall.

## New Day Preferred

by Celia Moore

This year Milne's schedule has changed to one of eight periods of equal lengths.

Most students say that they like the present system better than the modular schedule followed last year. One of the reasons given was that the 52-minute modular periods were too long to hold a class's attention. Classes passing at different times created a noise problem and confused student teachers.

The forty minute periods of the new schedule are "just right" most say.

Another feature of this year's schedule is a double period for each laboratory science. Students feel that an eighty minute class is ideal for labs, but do not think that more than one period should be used for actual teaching.

The activity period on Thursdays, used for assemblies or club meetings, is praised. However, students agree that it could create a problem for those who wish to join more than one club if several clubs meet in this period.

## 'Carnival' to Arrive

On November 22, at 8:00 p.m., the as yet nameless Milne drama club will present "A Thurber Carnival." The play is actually an adaptation of various humorous essays written by James Thurber.

Included in the cast are Steve Benko, Bob Levitt, Jeff Lind, Bill O'Brien, and John Polydouris as well as Cindy Engel, Sandy Campoli, Sandy Levitz, Sue Iselin, Martha Miller, Carol Morgenstern, JoAnna Popolizio, June Greenberg, and Elaine Weiczorek.

Directing the play is Mr. Weeks assisted by stage managers Dorrie Ganeles Pam Auerbach, and Debbie Freinberg.

## Candidates in Close Contention

Ed. Note: The most hotly contested Albany mayoralty campaign in many years pits Republican Albert Hartheimer against incumbent Democrat Erastus Corning II, who is seeking his eighth consecutive term in office. In an effort to clarify some of the most critical issues, the C&W assigned Steve Benko to interview the respective candidates. Below is a summation of each candidate's position on the issues, including, among other things, his plans for the future of the City of Albany.

### Mr. Hartheimer

When asked why he is running for mayor in view of his lack of experience in public office, Mr. Hartheimer, who holds no official party position, responded: "I have lived in Albany for 20 years and in that time have seen the city go far downhill, a trend I believe I could stop. I do not think that Mayor Corning has done much for the city during his tenure."

Mr. Hartheimer believes that there are not enough men on Albany's police force. He proposes, if elected, to immediately enlarge the squad by 55 men to 272, and possibly to add even more later. "People do not feel safe on the streets of Albany," he said.

The mayoral hopeful also commented on the housing situation. He accused the present administration of actually "discouraging the middle and high income housing necessary to the survival of the downtown business district." He explained that in order to build this faltering section of town, people must live nearby.

Delving further into the downtown issue, Mr. Hartheimer suggested ways to improve the parking situation. A giant 20,000 car multi-level parking garage between Elk St. and Sheridan Ave. is his most important proposal towards solving the problem. He did not have any figures as to the cost of such a structure.

Mr. Hartheimer attacked the present city government for alleged undesirable machine politics. As one example of this type of rule, he said that the administration does not give construction contracts on a competitive bidding basis, wasting tax money. "Being an architect, I have experience in this area," he said.

Mr. Hartheimer concurred with the premise that registered Republicans are subject to comparatively higher house assessments. "But the reverse would not be true under a Republican administration," he suggested. "Republican candidates are more independent from their party than their Democratic counterparts. The other party puts up a candidate; whereas, men like Mr. Button, Mr. Langley, and myself received backing only reluctantly."

## Assemblies Planned

Student Council will sponsor many new types of assemblies at Milne during the activity periods. If plans are carried out, each month there will be a student council meeting in front of the entire school.

In addition to the traditional assemblies, an extra pep rally is planned. Ideas are forming for an assembly to coincide with the March on Washington, scheduled for November 15.

### Mr. Corning

During the interview, Mayor Corning seemed well aware of his opponent's charges and proposals and was ready to refute them.

"My administration has seen the construction of new schools, and additions and modernizations on others. There was no urban renewal or public housing whatsoever in Albany until I was elected," he said.

The Chief Executive, who has been Mayor for 28 years, also responded to Mr. Hartheimer's charge that the police force is understaffed. Mr. Corning admitted that Albany's crime rate has risen, but added that this increase is far less than the national average. He continued on to say that 22 troops were recently added to the squad, and cited the large turnout at the first production of the new Civic Center (the old Palace Theater) as proof that people are not afraid to walk the streets at night.

The Mayor gave as examples of programs now in the works to provide more housing and to help downtown business, the proposed Arbor Hill housing development, new arterial highways leading into the city, and several planned parking facilities. He also mentioned the new Civil Center as a draw towards downtown.

Mr. Corning called Mr. Hartheimer's plan for a 20,000 car garage "unrealistic." The incumbent showed that the structure would require eighteen times as much floor space as the South Mall tower, and would cost approximately \$60 million.

The Mayor discounted his Republican opponent's accusation of machine politics completely. "95% of our contracts are awarded on a competitive basis," he said. "For those that are not it would be impractical to do so." He also denied the frequent complaint that non-Democrats' house assessments go up. He admitted that there is a machine, but said, "People always associate corruptness with a machine, but the term really implies smoothly run, efficient government." He added, "Those kind of complaints are made against every city administration."

## FHA Keeps Busy

The Future Homemakers of America are again trying to make a good year for their members. Scheduled so far is a swim and pizza party to be at the S.U.N.Y.A. gym November 10.

Another November event is the International Dinner which will be given November 20. Martha Miller, chairman of the dinner, is now in the process of selecting a country and speakers for the theme of the dinner.



## Milne Harriers Defeated

by Joe Lapidus

Tuesday, October 21, the Milne cross-country team lost the CHVL title which they have been defending for the last eight years. They lost it to a very tough and experienced Voorheesville squad. It was a tough loss for our boys who have been fighting it out neck and neck all year with the Voorheesville squad.

Chris Barker, Wayne Elsworth, and Dave Slawsky came in first, second, and third respectively for Milne.

In the scoring department, Voorheesville had 33 points, and Milne had 40 points.

In other cross-country action last week, the Milne varsity captured third place honors at the Bishop Gibbons Invitational. Chris Barker came in first for Milne and third in the race.

In freshman action at the Bishop Gibbons meet, our boys took third place. Larry Abrams and Irv Dunn were the first two finishers for Milne.

# ON LATENESS

"... and the United Traction Company doesn't give a damn that the Milne school day starts five minutes earlier!" These angry words rang through the homeroom. One of the students had gotten to homeroom about ten seconds after the bell, and was visibly angered over having been made to report in late at the office.

Now that the school day starts five minutes earlier, it appears that many students will be coming in "late" to school. But what is "late?" This odious word simply means that the student arrived at school later than 8:25--no, arrived at his homeroom after 8:25.

Sample: Student X leaves his home at 7:55. He arrives at the bus stop at around 8:00. This leaves him plenty of time to catch the 8:06 bus. Sometimes, however, the 8:06 is filled to capacity (or the driver thinks it's filled to capacity) and does not stop. All right, the next bus along is at 8:12. This one deposits the student at the school at 8:23. Counting at least two minutes to hike all the way to Milne from any Western Avenue bus stop, maybe the student will make it, maybe he won't. Maybe the teacher will be a sport, but often he will not be. So the student is marked tardy.

Now what goes on in the average Milne homeroom? Bulletin: estimated reading time, 30 second to 90 seconds. Maybe the student council minutes: estimated reading time, two minutes. The rest of the time is usually spent with a frantic student teacher trying uselessly to quiet the kids down so that they can get in that fantastically valuable five minutes of studying. Right. Ten minutes is superfluous time for a homeroom.

The stock answer to the complaint "the bus (busses) passed me by" is—"Get out the corner earlier" . . . a pearl of wisdom worthy of Buddha himself. But in many cases, the student has to turn out twenty minutes to a half hour early, in order to be there when the buses are not so crowded that they won't stop. So, in other words, the student should deprive himself of twenty beautiful minutes of sleep, just so that he won't be one minute late for school? And what is he supposed to do when he gets here so early in the morning? Also, the school day is exhaustingly long already.

And when the snow comes it will be even worse. This article was going to be held until the first student-faculty meeting, but the year is almost one quarter over, and this group has not yet met.

Proposed: homeroom should continue commencing at 8:25, but students should not be marked late until 8:30. In that time the homeroom teacher can mark everyone who is present, present, and see who is not there. Those who have finally not arrived by the deadline could be marked late.

In this insane, rush-rush-rush/on the button/time as ruler age, being punctual is, granted, important. But can't this be overstretched a bit? Time is, after all, man's slave, not his master. If we are to go through life as the white rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland*, muttering "Oh dear, I'm late. The queen shall have my head," there will be little enjoyment. Faculty members and students alike, please consider this matter seriously. —R.B.

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## All Hallow's Eve

How exciting and thrilling it is to smash idiotically grinning pumpkins, squirt shaving cream on newly washed cars, and explore the English language on corner sidewalks! The climax comes, of course, when one is caught red-handed in one of these frumious acts and is forced to speedily flee the scene of the crime without any further embarrassment or consequences.

The best time for the "10 to 20 yrs. bunch" to make their "inconspicuous" appearance(s) is as late as possible. The small innocent ones, only good intentions in their little hearts, by then are gorged with candy and are safely tucked in beddie-by. The streets will now be cleared and the ingenious schemes of the "older guys" can proceed uninterrupted. Don't feel too bad if you can't stay out late because Halloween antics can still be accomplished with the masqueraders underfoot. But for best results the bewitching hours of the night offer the best opportunities.

One more bit of advice: be sure to be well-supplied with all the tools of the game—soap, shaving cream, chalk, hammers, firecrackers, etc.—anything that will cause a nominal bit of damage. Finally, as you are about to soap up the last window, put the final crush on the defeated pumpkin, stop a moment and ask yourself—Is this really necessary?

—Susan Boochever

# Cooking Up a Moratorium

(1) Ingredients: Nuns, students, ministers, politicians, housewives, long-hairs, short-hairs, young, old, the poor, the middle-class.

(2) Mix in: Chants, candles, speeches, songs, black armbands.

(Let stand on the Capitol steps at chilly, but cooperative temperatures.)

The described Candlelight Procession was but one expression of Albany's disenchantment with the war in Viet Nam. At the State University there were teach-ins, speeches, readings of the war dead, and silent vigils. Needless to say, cities all over the country observed the Moratorium in like manner.

I consider this the triumph of the Moratorium: it was a united protest drawing its numbers from diverse ethnic, economic, and political groups. As I stood on the Capitol steps listening to the range of opinions, moderate to radical, I could not deny this fact.

However, now that it's over, I wonder . . . What effect will it have, has it had, on the President? How many people did not take part in the Moratorium? How long will the non-violent unity of the participants last? What's in the future?

The President tells us that he will not have his decisions influenced by a mob. Mr. Agnew tells us that we are led by "effete snobs," tells us that we are anarchists, or dissidents, or, at best, misguided souls. But General Hershey was fired and Mr. Nixon will speak on Viet Nam November 2. Are these to be considered as appeasements to keep the "mob" quiet? Or are they steps in a new direction?

The November Moratorium will be two days long. There will be a march on Washington "to bring all the troops home now." It will be a march against death, racism, the draft, the Thieu-Ky regime, increased military spending, and many other causes. But what about rumors of violence and confrontation? And how will its numbers be affected by events prior to November 15?

The future is filled with "ifs." By my standards the October 15 Moratorium was a success; but I don't know what's in the future. Of course, the greatest tribute to those who participated in the Moratorium, to the war dead, and to American democracy would be an end to the war NOW.

—April Shelford

## !! Postulated: Prudence P. Persimmon !! Impaled Upon Pencil Point !!

Investigation into the brutal murder of Prudence P. Persimmon has continued. It is now known that Prudence P. Persimmon, one of the kindest, most generous persons ever to live was impaled upon the point of the pencil with which she so often wrote advice to the unappreciative, unloving, and misguided of the Milne School. According to the autopsy report, death from impalement occurred at approximately 2:00 a.m. Saturday night on October 11th. Evidently the killer slinked sneakily through Pru's unlocked apartment door, overpowered her and then proceeded to brutally impale her on a pencil point. Death occurred instantaneously. Mrs. Harvey Schlock discovered the body at approximately 10:00 a.m. the next morning and promptly telephoned the police. When informed of the vicious crime, the C&W editors appointed Professor Herkimer E. Crinkleton as investigating Detective in Chief. Professor Crinkleton has been working day and night and has discovered various clues. On the floor of Prudence P. Persimmon's apartment, a brown tweed thread of a man's trouser leg was discovered about five feet from the body. A man's thumbprint was found impressed upon one of Pru's "potholders." Both the thread and the thumbprint are believed to belong to Prudence P. Persimmon's brutal butcher.

The police have asked the Milne student body to help track down Pru's assailant. Professor Crinkleton is looking for a man who drives a red MGB, wears a brown tweed suit and has thumbs.

### Thumbprint Found



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