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NEWS BRIEFS

Seniors Push Pop

The senior class will sell hot dogs, pizza, and soda before the basketball game and during half time tonight. The sale begins at 6 p.m. in Page foyer. Profits from the sale will help the seniors pay for graduation expenses.

Ball Delayed

The Alumni Ball has been postponed to mid-semester vacation because the only hall available at the traditional time in December is Page gym. Juniors were told that they could not rent a private hall due to insurance reasons.

Can You Read This?

This is an experiment. We want to find out if the type in this article is easier to read than the other articles on the front page. This experiment may make it easier for you to read your student newspaper.

DRAMA CLUB DEBUTS

Mr. Richard Weeks, a new English supervisor at Milne this year, is presently serving in the capacity of Drama Club supervisor. The Drama Club meets twice a month in H150. At the last meeting, Steve Fuld was elected president, Sue Wiczorek, vice-president; JoAnna Popolizio, secretary, and Steve Benko, treasurer. Dues are \$1.00.

The Senior Class has appropriated \$20.00 to the Drama Club so that it may send Milne representatives to other schools to view plays.

At present, a play has not been selected; however, a play reading committee was set up to suggest plays to the Club.

In the future, the Drama Club hopes to join the High School Suburban Council. It is felt that by joining the Council, Milne school plays will be better attended.

1 Down; 69 To Go

John Losee, co-editor of *Bricks and Ivy* and National Honor Society vice-president, was accepted by early decision at Antioch College in Ohio. He is the first member of the Class of 1969 to be accepted at a college.

Juniors Pick Books

The junior book selections for this year are: *The Boston Strangler* by Gerold Frank, *The President's Plane Is Missing* by Rod Serling, *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden* by Hanah Green, *The Fixer* by Bernard Malamud, *The Magic Toy Shop* by Angela Carter, *Soul on Ice* by Eldridge Cleaver, *The Arrangement* by Kazan, *Michel Michel* by Robert Lewis, *Psychic Sciences* by L. and W. Gibson, and *Alas Babylon* by Pat Frank.

The library will purchase each book selected by the junior class.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE STUDIES LUNCH PROBLEMS; NO DRESS CODE FOR FOUR WEEKS

By Margaret Diggs and Aaron Kuperman

The Student-Faculty Committee met last Thursday to review lunch regulations. Mr. Gordon Simpson, as faculty-student liaison, suggested that each regulation be individually considered.

The committee decided that "IN" and "OUT" doors are not necessary. Last year, all food except milk, had to be eaten in the cafeteria or Page courtyard. This year any kind of food may be eaten outside if the student goes to Page courtyard via the Husted door.

President Stu Welch suggested that freshmen negotiate with the cafeteria to see how feasible it would be for them to sell milk for a part of the profits. This would reduce the chaos at the cashier, organize the freshmen, and start them on the way to raising the funds they will need as seniors.

All members of the committee felt that student supervisors could maintain a more orderly lunchroom than faculty supervisors. There is a strong possibility that student supervisors will be used again this year.

Newspaper Research Official State Dress Code Policies

Student Council repealed the dress code for a four week trial period at its Nov. 13 meeting.

The motion to repeal the dress code was introduced by Junior Karl Krichbaum. The amendment creating the four week trial period was proposed by Junior Richard Green.

At the Nov. 20 meeting, Vice-President Paul Hardmeyer said that Mr. Bell told him the administration wouldn't take any action to impose a dress code unless a student wore something that was indecent, dangerous, or detrimental to the school's image.

The *Crimson and White* asked the New York Department of Education what official policy was in respect to high school dress codes. The Law Bureau gave the *Crimson and White* copies of two cases in which students suspended from school for violating clothing regulations appealed their suspensions to Commissioner of Education James Allen.

In the case of a Shaker High School boy suspended for wearing boots, the Commissioner ruled that, "a pupil may not be excluded from regular instruction because of his appearance where style, fashion, or taste is the criterion."

In both cases Commissioner Allen ruled that school boards can, "prohibit apparel which indecently exposes the person . . . endangers the student . . . or other students, or is so distractive as to interfere with the learning and teaching process."



Student Council members and visitors discussing repeal of dress code at their Nov. 13 meeting. Pictured left to right are Junior Richard Green, Junior Karl Krichbaum, Senior Kathie Siebert, junior class president Robert Anolik, and Senior Rich Reynolds. President Anolik was a visitor. Like any student who visits a council meeting, Anolik could participate in discussions but could not vote or make motions.

"Senior" Fights Identity Problems

by Ralph Benko

Many of you are familiar with the name of E. Bass (E for Ernest). You have probably seen it on the daily bulletin, in the *B&I*, or on one of many lists. But how many of you actually know Ernest—a person with a problem like most of us. He has an identity crisis.

Ernest Bass is the only person in the eighty-odd years of Milne's existence to score 100% on the entrance exam. This has been attributed to computer error, but Ernest is nonetheless a member of the senior class.

Ernest's attendance is notoriously poor. He was absent for all of his final exams and has survived this far through Milne's phenomenal bureaucracy. He was "cubbyholed" and more or less forgotten. This is not to say that he could not have passed if he had tried.

He has been unable to be helped through his parents

as he has no phone and his address is listed as somewhere inside the uninhabited south mall. His communications with the guidance office consist mainly of messages scrawled on scraps of paper and left on Mr. Yolles' desk.

Ernest's attendance improved greatly last year. Headed by Lewis Ouellette, the senior boys took him under their wing, so to speak, and more people got to know Ernest than ever before. He competed in several track meets and this year had enough ambition to have his picture taken. However, it was on the spoiled role of film and he didn't show up for the re-take.

If you are reading this, Ernest, we all wish to say that we're on your side, and will help you in any possible way. At least, Good Luck in your food technology school next year.

Editor's Note: Ernest T. Bass was third page editor of this issue of the *Crimson and White*.

Raiders Open Against Catskill Tonight in Page

by Bob Schacter

With the opening tap tonight against Catskill, the varsity basketball team opens its defense of its Class C-D crown.

Coach Douglas Phillips sees wide-open, fast breaking basketball characterizing our games.

Offense won't emphasize tight ball control but will use three or four passes in the hope of getting a good percentage shot. Phillips says, "The key to our offense is to get the ball into the big man." Even if we miss the shot, our board strength with 6'7" Brian McCabe, 6'2" Mel Grant,

6'2" Bob "Spider" Kayne, 6'4" Karl Krichbaum and 6'1½" Joe Hanley should be able to snare many rebounds and put the ball through the hoop.

The backcourt is "green" as evidenced in scrimmages with CBA and VI. Often guards on a fast break have been in the lane but threw the ball and an easy two points away.

With big men clearing the boards this year, a quick pitch upcourt can be an easy two points. Kayne, Milstein, and Grant have been the most accurate shooters so far.

A tenacious defense has been the key to many Milne victories. Phillips thinks defense was poor in the CBA scrimmage but satisfactory against VI. Milne will probably use zone defense but might go to man-to-man if our foe scores from the outside. Against a poorer ball handling team, a zone press may be set up to pressure the opposition into mistakes.

Waterford, which won the CHVL title the past two years, has been reclassified as a "D" school. Milne must finish better than Waterford, Maple Hill, and Voorheesville.

C&W Policy

The **Crimson and White** doesn't belong to the administration, faculty, or the Student Council. We are an independent newspaper serving the entire student body.

We attempt to provide detailed coverage of as much news as possible. We'll report good news and bad news. We'll report agreement and controversy. Never will we falsely report a controversy as a peaceful agreement. We will write editorials that criticize people and institutions that hinder Milne's students. There are too many things wrong with Milne and society to stick to the nice aspects of student life.

A good newspaper reports both sides of an issue and provides constructive editorial comment that serves its readers' interests. We will allow nothing to interfere with our effort to fulfill our duties as a good student newspaper in a democratic school.

Where We Stand

Two weeks ago Student Council repealed the dress code for a four week trial period. Since then all students have dressed and acted reasonably. They have continued to dress in the limits of our liberal society. We have heard no criticism from either faculty or administration.

These facts are reason enough to make the abolition of dress code permanent. **We urge Council to abolish the unjust and unnecessary dress code once and for all at the end of the four week trial period and to trust to the discretion of the students.**

—The Editors

Candor, Accuracy, Worth

—C&W Motto

Apology

Due to the large influx of letters to the editor, we regret that we cannot print them all in this issue. We will try to place them in future issues.
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In the last issue of the **Crimson and White**, a member of last year's varsity bowling team expressed a preference for a "real coach." This is a completely irresponsible statement which was made by one person and is not the feeling of the complete team.

Last year's bowling team had the most successful year in the history of bowling in Milne, winning the league championship for the first time.

So at this time we, the continuing members of the varsity from last year would like to apologize to Mr. Johnson for this rude insult. We would also like to apologize to Mr. Yolles and thank him for taking time from his busy schedule to coach us.

Signed: Gordon Smith, Louis Finkelstein, Robert Schacter, Robert Schere, Alan Hutchins, Richard Babitt, Dave Rood, Kevin Bartlett

GUEST EDITORIAL

To the Milne Students:

Marks! Marks! Marks! Isn't there anything else important in high school? "But we have to have 'good marks' to get into college."

Remember this about marks when you talk about colleges: marks are relative, and admissions personnel do not know to what they are related. Marks are based on your performance in your peer group, on the curriculum, on the quality of student and teacher, on the required level of achievement, on the evaluation procedure, and on the background and preparation of the student and teacher. All that admissions personnel see is the mark, a meaningless letter unless they know how it is determined by each high school system.

There is much more than marks to a high school career. Look around you—knowledge, friends, activities. You cannot evaluate these things A, B, C, D, or U.

G. C. Schmit
(Student teacher)

To the Editor:

The National Honor Society has done much to improve the state of Milne's cultural well-being. Therefore, I wish to attack only the method of selecting members to the society, not the society itself.

Members of the society are selected by a faculty committee on the basis of scholarship, citizenship, service and character. By simply looking at an individual's record, anyone can fairly judge a candidate's service to the school and his scholastic achievement. However, citizenship and character are more abstract categories. I contend that no faculty member is qualified to judge the character and citizenship of a student he sees, at most, one to five hours a day. Furthermore, it is quite possible that a faculty member's personal like or dislike for a student may manifest itself during the selection process.

Also, the members of the society have, in the past, submitted a list of probable members its has chosen to the faculty committee. Although such a list has had in most cases, no immediate bearing upon the final decision of the faculty, it must be considered as an influencing factor. This practice makes the admissions procedure smack of "popularity contest"—not merit. The faculty's role in evaluating all prospective members on their scholarship, service, citizenship, and character, supports my viewpoint that the Honor Society admissions process might place more emphasis on the popularity of a student rather than on his merit as a citizen and scholar.

In conclusion, I recommend that the National Honor Society study its process of candidate selection and attempt to modify the system so as to eliminate as much favoritism as possible. Only an individual's worth as a whole human being should be the criteria for selection. If the National Honor Society is too timid and inwardly conservative to take an honest look at how it admits new members, then it has no right to exist as an organization of elite individuals.

With hope of reform,

Name Withheld by Request

To the Editor:

In regard to your article "Upper Classmen Have Financial Difficulties" may I say, "Let the seniors speak for themselves, and leave the juniors out of it."

As treasurer of the junior class, I feel qualified to dispute the issue. It is true we are having great difficulty securing a place other than Page Hall for our Alumni Ball, but I fail to see where this reflects on our financial status. As you may or may not know, the junior class is allotted \$145 by the Student Council for the Alumni Ball. After much research, we have found an extremely desirable location for the dance, but because no decision has yet been made I am not at liberty to disclose exactly where this is. The cost will be \$100. We also have allotted another \$100 for items such as refreshments, a band, decorations, invitations, etc.

As of this date, we have well over double that amount at our disposal, due to student cooperation to pay dues promptly; bake, cake, and candy apple sales; a dance; plus homeroom treasuries. Also, in comparison with other classes, our dues of \$2.50 for the first semester are relatively small.

So, in the future, it would be appreciated by all if you took the time to check out your stories before printing them. If you did, you would have a much more factual newspaper and everyone would be much better informed.

—Jeff Kellert

To the Editor:

In the recent debate over the dress code, another more important question has come up: Is the Student Council truly representing the student body? If we are to accept the findings of the polls conducted by the **C&W**, the answer is obviously, "No!" If the Student Council were representative of the student body, the amendment would not have been passed. Finally, with the **C&W's** help, the issue appears to be one step towards solution.

I feel that this entire incident must impress upon the student body the importance of informing its representatives of its opinions. Only if the Student Council is aware of the student opinion and votes with respect to it, can there be true democracy.

The Student Council's job is not to act as a rubber stamp to reforms proposed by the Administration. True, it takes a great deal of courage to express oneself in the face of Administrative opposition, but if Council represents its constituents, its constituents will support its decisions in the face of any opposition.

This is not a cry for student power. Informing your representatives of your views and impressing them to vote accordingly is no more militant than writing to your congressman; the Student Council's disagreeing with Milne's Administration is comparable to Congress's disagreeing with the President.

Some may disagree and say that it is necessary to compromise. Agreed. The American way is compromise. However, it is impossible to compromise if one group dominates the other. The weaker group is forced to conform.

Is that what we want from our Student Council? —April Shelford