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NEWS SUMMARY Student Council Plans Mock Elections

Classes Organize

Seniors elected Larry Binder class president by acclamation at the first class meeting this year. Also elected at the Sept. 26 meeting were Jon Kurland, vice-president; Margaret Diggs, treasurer; and Kathy Siebert, secretary.

Juniors elected Bob Anolik, president; Pat Brodie, vice-president; Mary Clifford, secretary; and Jeff Kellert, treasurer at their meeting last week.

Sophomores levied \$3 per student class dues at their class meeting last week.

B&I Selects Theme

Bricks and Ivy's theme may be based on the Beatle's song, "In My Life." Efforts are being made to obtain rights to the song.

Quebecois To Visit

Forty high school students from Quebec will visit Milne Nov. 1 as guests of our French department.

After school the visitors will go to Colonie Shopping Center for free time. They will return to school for a pot luck supper.

The students will attend a dance featuring a live band on Nov. 1 in Brubacher. Senior high students may attend for a nominal fee.

FHA To Visit NYC

FHA will visit offices of *Seventeen* magazine and *Simplicity* in New York City. The visits will probably be in November, according to FHA president Sandra Jabbour.

New Paper Coming?

Several groups of Milne students told the *Crimson and White* they are considering establishing an independent publication at Milne.

The publication wouldn't be officially affiliated with Milne, but would be Milne oriented.

The *Albany Liberal* was a Milne oriented newspaper independent of the school until it vanished several years ago. It was devoted to opinions on society as well as Milne.

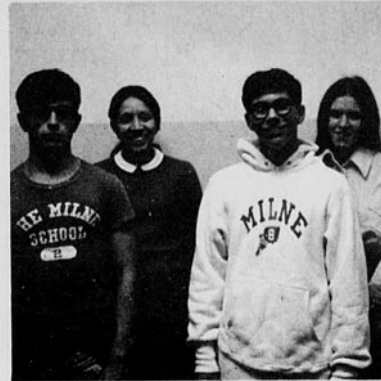
Groups interested in forming independent papers plan to respect all libel and obscenity laws.

The *Free Press*, a Schenectady high school underground newspaper, was suppressed by authorities because it was obscene and disruptive.

Contest To Start

Details of the contest to design a new *Crimson and White* nameplate will be announced next week.

All students are eligible to enter. The nameplate is the letters saying "Crimson and White" on top of the front page.



Senior class officers: back, l.-r., Margaret Diggs, Kathy Siebert; front, l.-r., Larry Binder, Jon Kurland.

Student Council's Committee on Political Parties is planning for a mock election in several weeks. In the mock election students would "vote" for President and United States Senator. Mock elections are a Milne tradition dating back more than 20 years.

Paul Hardmeyer, committee chairman and Council vice-president, wants a debate between supporters of the candidates followed by balloting. This is similar to the way mock elections were previously conducted.

The Committee on Political Parties was created last year to establish political parties. Paul Hardmeyer asked committee members to draft plans for political parties during the committee's first meeting last Monday. Hardmeyer said the various ideas will be combined later.

Student Council discussed community service projects similar to those conducted by Ambassadors last year. Council may sponsor similar projects if Ambassadors don't.

Student Council will meet during the school day this year. Only representatives and students with study halls can attend meetings. The *Crimson and White* will carry intensive coverage of student government and the Student Council will sponsor student forums to compensate for the lack of open meetings.

Clubs! Where?

Many students are unhappy over the clubs' unusually slow start this year.

Mr. Bell left club organization to faculty advisors. Although clubs are supposed to meet after school, most people don't know which day meetings should be on or if all clubs will meet at the same time.

During last Friday's Student Council meeting a junior delegate said students in his homeroom wanted to join clubs. Several persons said the bulletin incorrectly implied students weren't interested in clubs this year.

Clubs May Expand This Year

Clubs may be bigger this year since students can join several clubs if they meet on different days. Latin club exhibits this possible growth. Last year it had 15 members. A Latin department questionnaire revealed 40 students are interested in joining this year.

Prior to Friday's announcement only FHA, publications, and student government had been organized for the year. FHA and C&W organized before school started. B&I met during the first week. MBAA and student council met last week.

Until several years ago clubs met during the daily 30 minute homeroom period or after school. Last year almost all clubs met during the club period; that restricted students to one club.

Harriers Win; Girls Open Next Week

Milne won the Milne Invitational for the first time last Saturday in Washington Park. This is the fourth year Milne sponsored the Cross Country Meet.

Milne scored 77 points while runners-up Albany Academy and Middleburgh scored 109 and 110 points respectively. Thirteen schools competed in the meet.

Lewis Ouellette led our team finishing third. Other scorers were Stu Welch, fifth, John Miller, eleventh, Chris Barker, fourteenth, and Richard Schorr, forty-fourth.

The next meet is tomorrow's Cobleskill Invitational. After a league meet next week in Maple Hill and the St. John's Run in New York a week from tomorrow, the harriers return to Washington Park for the Central Hudson Valley League Championships on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 4:15. Two weeks from today they run in the county championships at the University campus.

BAA Plans Student Directory and Dance

MBAA plans to publish a student directory listing names, addresses, and phone numbers of Milne students. They published a similar directory two years ago.

MBAA's new president Ken Graham says MBAA is, "planning a dance around Christmas."

Besides Graham, MBAA's new officers are Bob Kayne, vice-president, Bob Schacter, treasurer, and Tony Hazapis, secretary.

Girls' Field Hockey starts Oct. 19 at Lansingburgh under the coaching of Mrs. Jeannette Rice.



Cross Country stars Lewis Ouellette, John Miller, Stu Welch, and coach Arthur Ahr.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note: The following letters are in response to an editorial printed in the C&W. They contain individual solutions for involving people more directly in the nomination of presidential candidates.

To the Editor:

National political conventions are "out of it." Man cannot live by tradition alone, and the convention is an out-dated tradition. Those of us who break bonds of tradition have decided to bury the convention.

The most popular solution, which has been barely alive since 1920, is an all-powerful primary to replace the mob scene. This primary would allow all voters to make their own choice. Petitions would be submitted bearing the required number of signatures for eligibility on the ballot. Some states would have different slates than others. All candidates would campaign extensively because they would be individuals and not representatives of their party's platforms. The slate would be voted on in November and, after all state votes were computed, the candidate receiving the most votes would be our next President. The Vice Presidency would be won with the second highest count, and it would be possible for that winning candidate to decline if he felt he could not serve under the President.

Here we have a government representative of the voters. Most people would argue the elimination of parties but with parties come machines and dictates to our representatives.

Knowing our representatives, I feel that this primary system will continue to remain barely alive. Our men supporting the system are influential but still cannot penetrate the old politics-tradition wall of men ruining our country and disillusioning the people.

—Linda Balog

To the Editor:

In the last issue of the C&W attacks were made on the convention system of nominating national candidates. Although the conventions have faults especially due to the indirectness of the election of many delegates and in their unwieldy sizes, they do select the nominees of the people.

Based on the public opinion polls, both the major candidates were the choice of the members of their respective parties. These polls did not include opposition party members (who have their own candidate) and independents (who didn't choose to get involved in the political process.)

It is undeniable that many persons wanted someone other than the major candidates and found both candidates objectionable. The largest group of those who found both Nixon and Humphrey objectionable formed a third party. The strength of this group, which feels left out of politics, is considerable. Their candidate is George Wallace.

Other persons who don't support the major parties have formed parties and tried to get their candidates on the same ballots. Often they fail and resort to write in campaigns. These groups include Socialist, Peace and Freedom, Prohibitionists, etc.

Some persons have suggested a national primary. Besides its high cost, this system is objectionable because it takes the individuals in little areas like New York's 29th congressional district and lumps everyone together in a blob of 70 million Americans.

Don't underrate the convention system yet. It has many advantages and fewer faults than a national primary.

—Aaron Kuperman

"Until a man has learned to listen he has no business teaching: until he realizes every man has something of truth and wisdom to offer, he does not begin to learn. It is only when he sees how each of his fellows surpasses him that a man begins to be wise, to himself and to his fellowmen." —anonymous.

CAFETERIA	
Hamburgers	30
Hot dogs	25
Soup	10



The bell rings in two minutes!?!?

Who Are We Fooling?

Stanislaw Lec said, "No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible." Figuratively each day we observe that, unfortunately, no individual in a group ever feels responsible.

Being part of a group eases the conscience of the individual. He feels that, since others are joined with him in a common action, his action is somehow justified. The adamant individual (the snowflake which falls first), fools himself into thinking that, since others are adopting his cause, he must be right. However, the reasons for his followers' adoption of his cause are immaterial to him. Each snowflake does an equal part of the damage; yet, each would blame the other for abetting the incident. Who is responsible? Surely it is not the snowflake, but the avalanche.

Individuals may say that they are compelled to comply with the wishes of the group. However, individuals, who all possess wills primarily responsible to themselves and are ultimately equal parts of a group, have a choice.

Each person follows the group because he has no courage, is apathetic in opposing the majority, or he genuinely believes in what he is doing. An individual is only one person. "What can one person do to reverse the direction of a group?" he lamely rationalizes. He resigns himself to the more powerful force. He thinks he is not responsible because mentally he opposes the group's actions, but, in the case of an avalanche, actions are what count.

It is time that people started growing up and shedding the hypocritical self-deception that no snowflake in an avalanche is responsible. Conformity gives force to the evil intents of a few. As a result of the apathy in this world, we seldom see the abatement of an avalanche by an obstinate snowflake.

—K.S.

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THE WILD BLUE YONDER

Second of a Series

By Alan "Red Baron" Jupiter

The plane climbed to 2500 feet and I throttled back. My instructor described the procedure I was to follow while practicing stalls.

A stall occurs when the smooth airflow across the top of the airplane wing is broken and there is no longer enough lift to sustain flight.

I pulled the plane into stall position. As the nose of the plane rose the airspeed fell, and the screeching stall-warning buzzer sounded inside the cabin ("surprisingly" I developed a headache at this point). The plane seemed to be standing on its tail. It shook violently, though not as violently as I did, and then the nose fell. The plane went into a dive and it seemed that I would reach the earth one way or another. My stomach hinted that it was opposed to what was happening. I applied full power, pulled back on the wheel and the plane rose to level flight. I was pushed down in my seat and once again my stomach reminded me of its presence.

After eight hours of sweat, tears, nausea and other "minor" irritations, I finally landed safely, adding what knowledge and ability I had to just plain luck. So naturally my instructor insisted that I taxi to the end of the runway and take off again.

To whom it may concern: Please excuse the stains and creases on this article. It's hard to make a deadline from 2500 feet!

we've yet to learn

... closed doors ... wooden floors
... written facts ... never ending
maps ... faceless teachers ...
so called preachers ... Where does
it all end?
day after day ...
again and again ...
Prisoned behind walls of stone,
No time to be alone.
calculations ... memorizations ...
recitations ...
No time to sit and stare.
No time to stop and share.
Can you tell me where i'm going ...
What i'm doing ... Who i am?
So many things i don't understand.
So many things i've leaned on
have turned to sand.
Can you tell me WHY?
one year ... six years ... two years
... four years ... four years more
... all behind a closed door.
no answers to show ... only facts i
know ... no where to go ... only i
move slow ...
What am I to be?
be still CHILD
don't ask such foolish questions ...
—R.H.