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Who Represents You?

(CSP)—State Senator for Albany County is Walter Langley. Colonie and part of the City of Albany are in the district of Assemblyman Fred Field. Most of the City of Albany and Bethlehem are in Assemblyman Ray Skuse's district. Guelderland is in Miss Maryanne Krupsak's assembly district. All except Miss Krupsak are Republicans.

Legislators can be contacted at the State Capitol in Albany, zip code 12224. Further information on legislators and their districts can be obtained from the Cooperative Student Press through the C&W.

Milne Triumphs Again

Milne's Little Red School House team defeated Hoosick Falls, 350-150, last Thursday making it the team's second win. Larry Binder, a senior, headed the team with 140 points with junior David Morse, 130, senior Aaron Kuperman, 50, and junior Larry Patent with 30 points. Should Milne win the next match against St. Mary's, we will be eligible to compete in the championship match in June.

Course Guide Ready

Next year's Milne Course Guides have been completed and are awaiting distribution. All students will have their own copy of the guide soon after the end of first semester. According to Miss Lydia Murray, girls' guidance counselor, the course guide is "much more creative than last year's." This year the guide is printed on orange, blue, and purple paper.

STUDENTS SEE NIXON

On Tuesday, January 20, Dr. Theodore Fossieck allowed Milnites to view President Nixon's inauguration during lunch patterns. The center section of the auditorium was reserved for seniors. Two black and white televisions were made available by the administration.

Chilean Arrives

Maria Isabel Cornejo Clavijo arrived at Milne from the South American Republic of Chile for a two month stay on Monday. She is staying with sophomore Celia Moore during her visit. Prior to her arrival in Albany last Sunday she visited New York and Washington.

Maria Isabel speaks English well but also has trouble understanding student teachers.

Chile is on South America's Pacific coast. It has one of the most modern economies and most stable democracies in that region.

Council Votes Election Change; Slates Constitutional Convention

By Pat Rao

Since the demise of the dress code the Student Council has been centering its attention on two main topics, election of representatives and posters.

On January 10 the school voted on an amendment changing the Council representatives' term from a year to 16 weeks. It was passed and will go into effect next semester. Council President Stu Welch, who introduced the measure, said that he expected that most representatives would be re-elected but that fresh ideas of new representatives would probably make for a more liberal council.

Posters were banned by the administration a few weeks ago due to the failure of organizations to remove them once an event was over. In an attempt to compromise, the Council drew up a set of rules for hanging posters. A deposit of \$1.00 will be required for each poster hung, to be refunded after their removal. Mr. Bell must approve each poster and posters

may be mounted only on glass or metal. To prevent confusion and the handling of large sums of money, the Council agreed to operate on a credit system. Under this system no money would change hands, but credit would be given to organizations wishing to hang posters, with the understanding that if the posters were removed by the afternoon following the event, the credit would be dropped. If not they would have to pay for each remaining poster.

There was also some discussion of letting juniors run for Council offices and Steve Dunn is now drawing up an amendment to the constitution concerning this.

At the January 15 meeting it was decided to hold a constitutional convention next semester and rewrite the constitution more concisely. The convention would be made up of one delegate from each grade. After rewriting, the constitution would be presented to the school in sections for approval.

New Marking System Leaves Doubts

By Adrienne Shapiro

The new marking system which will be implemented in this semester's grades has met with generally adverse reactions from students and favorable ones from supervisors.

Many supervisors reason that since this marking system is just a "guideline," it will be more flexible and capable of being geared to the individual student's needs.

Most students feel that they will be unjustly penalized if their marks fall down second quarter or second semester due to increasingly difficult material. With the new system, students can produce the minimum of work first quarter and first semester knowing that it's the second quarter and semester that really counts.

Mr. Harold Bell, Mr. Donald

Pruden, Dr. James Crowley, Mr. Richard Weeks and Mr. Mark Yolles are the faculty members of the new student-faculty marking committee. The student representatives are: for grade 9, Larry Fuld; grade 10, Adrienne Shapiro; and grade 11, Tony Hazapis. Student reactions to the new marking system and their suggestions for further change will be presented by their grade representatives.



Coach Doug Phillips, Mr. Bell and Mr. Marcus do a bit of "splinter-picking" at the Good Guys vs. Faculty game.

Sports Schedule

BASKETBALL—Boys

Jan. 24—Coxsackie-Athens	Home
25—Waterford	Home
31—Maple Hill	Away
Feb. 7—Voorheesville	Home
14—Waterford	Away

BASKETBALL—Girls

Feb. 7—Voorheesville	Home
14—Waterford	Away
Jan. 20—Waterford	Playdium

BOWLING—Boys

Jan. 27—Maple Hill	Bowling Green
Feb. 10—Catskill	Hoe Bowl

BOWLING—Girls

Feb. 12—McCloskey	Home
13—Albany & Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk	Shades

Driver Education Course to be Required

By Aaron Kuperman

(CSP)—After April 1, 1969 all persons desiring a driver's license for a first time will be required to take a three hour classroom course in driver safety. Persons already holding licenses and students who took a driver education course in school are exempt from the requirement.

The classroom instruction may be taken through adult education courses established under the auspices of the Departments of Motor Vehicles and Education, high school courses by regular driver education instructors, or by commercial driver training schools. If none of those groups are available, the Department of Motor Vehicles will conduct the course. Up to \$5 is charged each student taking the course.

Commercial driving schools will probably profit from the course, especially in areas where there are few high school driver education programs.

Though the Department of Motor Vehicles is able to offer the course and the Department of Education is encouraging schools to offer the course, both the state departments and local schools experience fiscal difficulties this year due to proposed cutbacks in state spending. Spokesmen for the Department of Motor Vehicles and Education didn't know where funds for the course would come from.

The course outlines 45 minutes of knowledge of basic driving rules; one hour, 15 minutes on defensive driving techniques including knowledge of the effects of changing road, weather, and traffic conditions and the effects of drugs, alcohol, and the monotony of driving. One hour is appropriated for discussion of driving attitudes including anger, fatigue, and maturity including discussion of bad habits such as reckless driving, drag racing, etc.

A Mark Is A Flaw

The new marking system goes a long way towards humanizing grading. The new marking system still leaves gross loopholes which nullify most of the gains made by humanizing grades.

Under the new system faculty members are given more flexibility in deciding semester and year grades. However many faculty members may follow the book in respect to grading. The new guidelines must be studied in light of this possibility.

Students doing well first semester who coast second semester are penalized. They always were. The new guidelines do nothing more than increase existing penalties.

Students who coast first semester and work second semester still receive good grades. If a supervisor strictly follows the new guidelines it will be easier for a student to coast during most of the year, work for a relatively short time at the end of the year, and receive a good grade.

It would be better if guidelines including specific recommendations were replaced with a set of principles upon which each supervisor would establish his own guidelines for each individual course. This would allow the different nature of different courses to be taken into account in grading.

The current system rewards students who loaf early in the year and concentrate efforts on the end of the year. This is damaging to students interested in learning. This undermines the student teaching of student teachers teaching students rewarded for loafing in first semester. This is the primary flaw in the vastly improved marking guides.

—A.K.



Round Trip to the Moon...

Pan American Airways is now accepting names to put on the waiting list for the first commercial flight to the moon. There have been about five hundred reservations made, nationwide, mine among them. Those of you who have seen 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY perhaps have some idea of what a flight such as this would be like. It would certainly be like no other trip ever taken.

But how far away is such a trip? Of course, space may be forever closed to people simply wishing to tourist outside the usual trafficked places. The cost alone is astronomical. But if we are to pay heed to Jeanne Dixon and other, more reliable sources, the idea of a new, cheaper propellant and rocket is not too far-fetched.

Assuming that it costs less than ten million dollars, and the traveller is in good physical condition, a tourist trap on the moon could include anything from legalized gambling, as the moon is under no national jurisdiction, to super sports, (there is only 1/6 gravity on the moon making most people weigh less than forty pounds and enabling even the poorest athletes to leap straight up ten feet with ease).

The moon of course has many, many other uses, from nuclear bomb test sites to missile bases to a repository for the bodies of people who wish to be preserved on the chance of being revived later. (Now you can even die now and live later!) And of course the moon is an ideal place for—perish forbid—a great big billboard in the sky; rented out and painted over by the big corporations.

The uses of our satellite are endless. We commoners, of course, can't expect an in-person view of it before—say—1990. This year, however, we should be able to see it from our armchair when the Apollo 10 or 11 astronauts land there.

—Ralph Benko

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

As in previous years the Christmas assembly was a Christian assembly. This is insulting to many Milne students who are Jews.

There are many beautiful and stirring Jewish hymns and anthems reflecting the diversified and ancient heritage of the Jews.

Milne's concerts should reflect this important facet of America's and our school's ethnic origins.

Dr. York should include these selections in future band concerts. Beautiful music isn't limited to Christian songs. Milne concerts shouldn't be either.

Respectfully,
Aaron W. Kuperman

To the Editor:

Attention dummies! Your rebellion against class geniuses has started for you—by yours truly the Administration. It is now possible for you to work less and still profit at the end of the semester. And while the A-students continue to sweat with all of their homework and extra studying, you will know the way to quick success.

Here's the plot: realize that the second and fourth quarters are stressed—that's all.

Save your energy for those sixteen weeks and don't worry about anything else—it won't matter! Your bad grades can be cancelled out by that one improved grade showing "increased interest and insight." Ha!-

Now you can show the eggheads what you really know. Just get B's second and fourth quarters and you've got it made. It was made for you! Take advantage of it and have a nice rest.

—Linda Balog

The Drummer

Have you seen the lone drummer
Beating out his funeral march?
He holds his head high.
The sticks wielded skillfully,
They strike the drumheads but—
No sound.
We cannot hear the solemn song;
It is lost in the drummer's heart.

—April Shelford

A Time It Is

there was a time
when things were mine
people came
things aren't the same
i don't understand
i'm scared
i reach for your hand
it's not there . . .
freedom can't be won
wars are never done
i'm trying to believe
death and destruction
ruin their fun
does it really . . .

—R.H.

Dahunga U.

Dahunga U. (pronounced Duh hun ga) is the pride of all Podunk. Located on the Hudson River it is, without a doubt, the cultural seat of Podunk. This marvelous institution has inspired men to such achievements as sidewalk fertilizer, leather lathering and the growing of seedless, greenish-yellow grapes. But of course this is all common knowledge and therefore I'll give you some insight into the people at Dahunga U.

At the head of the medical division fondly called Schultz's Meat Market) is Arnold Schultz. Arnold has some remarkable achievements to his credit. One being the first lip transplant in Northern Podunk. You can see why we are very proud of Arnold. (For those interested, Arnold's Barber Shop is open eight to five daily.)

Another highly noted member of Dahunga's staff is Herbert H. Hunkley, our new political science professor. Herbie is an exciting lecturer and has stimulated many of his students. Just last week one of his classes cleaned the statue of Uriah Dahunga (pigeons you know).

Oh, I'm sorry but I've gotta run, if I cut my coffee brewing class again I'll blow my average and have to transfer to D.M.Z.

—Paul Hardmeyer

Movie Quips

If you're a romanticist, the modern version of *Romeo and Juliet* is especially for you. But no matter who you are, this classic love story is endowed with new facets of meaning bound to reach the hearts of everyone. Cast superbly in the parts of the fated lovers are two English teenagers, Leonard Whiting and Olivia Hussey. The film is directed beautifully by Italy's Franco Zeffirelli, who besides relating this poignant, touching story, does it in such a way that it also reflects the gap which so often separates today's parents and teens—as it had then. Definitely a film to cherish.

In *Yellow Submarine* the Beatles present their images in a new animated fantasy complete with the singing of their own tunes, old and new, for the soundtrack. Splendidly designed by Heinz Edelmann, the film enchants the eye with its ingenious, extraordinary droll characters. The plot is relatively simple—for that matter, a trifle boring. The inhabitants of Pepperland, home of Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band, send for the Beatles to aid in their war against the Blue Meanies, creatures who silence music and drain color from conquered areas.

—Susan Boochever

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