

# Mad Scientists at Work In Chem Laboratory

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Hundreds of years ago, there were men called alchemists. They hid away in caves and played around with various chemicals, which when put together often produced astounding results. For the past two weeks the seniors who are taking chemistry were doing about the same thing. Although they weren't hiding in caves, they were playing around with chemicals which, when put together made such things as brushless shaving cream, hand cream, and little unidentified red things which float around in some more unidentified red stuff.

There have been many miscalculations (you wondered what that smell on the third floor was?) which weren't too serious as far as life and death go. Sara Seiter, one of the more adept technicians, spilled a whole bottle of perfume in some stuff, which was identified as cold cream, and the room has been "Tabu" ever since.

### Student Teachers Aid?

Due to this unit the Chemistry Department took on some extra student teachers. They were supposed to keep an eye on the mad scientists, but succeeded in confusing them. For example there was one who demanded perfection. If an experiment was not done right, it was done again, and again, and again. If the student was unable to do it by the third time, the teacher would do it for him and guess who cleaned up? Our friends the student teachers also became very good at shaking their heads. This, however, was not to their advantage because now their heads move only in one direction—sideways.

According to Mr. Harwood, the unit should prove to be very fruitful. Everything learned has a practical application. For instance, the seniors can now find out the acidity content of their vinegar before they put it on their spinach. This can be very helpful if—well it might be helpful to somebody. The seniors also learned how to make brushless shaving cream which smells like Carter's Paste and looks like wet swan feathers. In case of another depression, the girls will be able to make their own cold cream out of things you can buy in any grocery store, and for only pennies. Better yet, after using it for only a week they will no longer have to worry about dishpan hands. Due to conditions beyond their control, someone else will do the dishes.

### Words to the Wise

As far as advice for next year's chemists, most seniors will agree on one thing. Always wear your lab-coat—the unexpected never happens except when you don't expect it. Many times, a test tube, for some reason, squirted out all of its contents. Of course, you are supposed to hold it so it faces away from you, thus squirting your neighbor. This doesn't seem very polite but it is the only way to get even with him for hoarding the sodium hydroxide bottle.

No one can imagine what the marks will be like. Since there is mass confusion in the room most of the time, the teacher has no way of telling who gets what mark. They can't grade on a curve because after all those concoctions, there are no curves left. Maybe everyone will get an A.

### New Editors

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Alumnews.....Lois Smith  
Cartoonist.....Willa DeSousa  
The people who head the 1955-56 Bricks and Ivy staff are as follows:  
Editor-in-Chief.....Mike DePorte  
Art Editor.....Sally Requa  
Literary Editor.....Ruth Spritzer  
Business Manager....Stuart Doling  
Photography Editor...Frank Ward

Refreshments were then served. After congratulations were accorded the new appointees, the band resumed playing.

# Lawson Consents To Hypnosis Observations

The Milne seniors' psychology class, reasonably noted for being in the news, was recently visited by Dr. Edwin Lawson, who holds a Ph.D. in psychology and teaches at New York State College for Teachers.

Dr. Lawson consented to be hypnotized by Mr. Edward Fagan, supervisor of the class. Milne students witnessed the event, not as a source of entertainment, but as a chance to learn more about the unconscious power of suggestive advertising, and methods of revealing it.

The techniques observed were not to be disclosed to those outside of class, as misuse of the information might result in harmful disorders within the human body if administered improperly.

Dr. Lawson, while hypnotized, was told many amusing events which supposedly occurred during his life-time. Since he is highly suggestible, it was not long before he was completely under Mr. Fagan's control. He was told that when thirteen years old and a boy scout in Washington, D.C., he stole some silverware in a restaurant. A complete sense of guilt was evident on the doctor's face.

The scene changed and Mr. Fagan had Dr. Lawson on a beach. He was barefoot and fleas were biting him. Immediately the man who had no control over his reflexes began to scratch. He was pricked several times with a pin and was told that it was a pleasant sensation. He began to laugh, but evidence of several red marks were observable on his arm.

Lastly, Dr. Lawson's post hypnotic actions were tested by being instructed to shake the hand of the nearest boy at the sound of a girl's voice after awakening. He did this against his will, but according to his post hypnotic instructions.

### Milne Gallery Honors Rare Collection

An exhibition of etchings and prints from the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City was on display in the Milne art gallery for the duration of two weeks. The value of this particular collection is placed at \$14,500 and therefore a guard consisting of members of the art classes was posted during school hours, and afterwards, the paintings were removed for safekeeping to the art room.

Rembrandt and Goya were two of the better known artists whose works were on display. The exhibition was open to State college students and professors as well as Milne students and teachers. Because of the enthusiasm with which this exhibit was received, the art department plans to bring more shows of this nature to the halls of the Milne school.

# Principal Reveals Honor Students

Dr. Gerald Snyder, acting principal, announced and congratulated the top ten students of the Milne senior class in an assembly in Page Hall auditorium, March 17.

Two valedictorians with a ninety-five straight A average tied each other for top place. The two misses are Cynthia Berberian and Janet Vine. Cynthia has been an active cheerleader, secretary, as well as treasurer of Quin, **Crimson and White** news editor, member of the senior play cast and a graduation usher. Janet, a representative to the citizenship contest at Syracuse, is editor of the **Bricks and Ivy**, vice-president of the senior student council, and a former treasurer of the senior class.

Marion Preisser, who ranks third in the listing, was chairman of the annual card party bake sale, a Milnette, member of Sigma and a member of French club.

Alma Becker and John Houston both rank fourth on the ladder of intellectuals. Alma, feature editor of the **Crimson and White**, has been famous for holding the title of decoration chairman for almost every activity. She was also a graduation usher and an active member of Sigma. John Houston, is president of the senior class, traffic squad officer, and an ardent basketball player and athlete.

Fifth place marks Carolyn Olivo, literary editor of the **Bricks and Ivy**, president of Quin, a Milnette, and a one-time secretary of the class of '55.

Toby Scher won the race for sixth and is known to her classmates as a Milnette, a card party chairman and a member of Quin.

Rating seventh on the list is Cecil Blum, photography editor of the **Bricks and Ivy**, member of Quin, and member of the senior play committee.

Ann Gayle, eighth in the winner's spotlight, is president of F.H.A., treasurer of Sigma, songleader and Times-Union staff reporter of the **Crimson and White**.

Last but not least in the race for honors is Honey McNeil. This year's president of M.G.A.A., Honey is also girls' sports writer for the school newspaper, graduation marshal, cheerleader, and twice president of the class of '55.

### Typing Class to Publish Paper

A project recently established by the fourth period typing class is the publishing of a mimeographed paper. The paper will consist of interviews with Dr. Ruth Woolschlager, Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, Mr. Roswell E. Fairbank and the student teachers of the commerce department from New York State College for Teachers.

Each student in the class is assigned a number of teachers to interview and is to report his information for the mimeographed paper.

When all the interviews are completed, the paper will be published.

# Honor Roll

Jean Verlaney was the only one of the ninth grade who received all A's, although John Binley, Nancy Candler, Thomas Cantwell, Harold Chambers, Elaine Cohen, Stephanie Condon, Nancy Einhorn, John Garman, Doreen Goldberg, Rita Gosnell, William Grimm, David Klingaman, Laurence Kupperberg, Edward Nichols, William Reepmeyer, William Warren and Donald Wicks received all B's or better.

In the tenth grade Carolyn Male and Doris Markowitz received A's, and Larry Berman, Gene Blabey, Jean Eisenhart, Trudy Frey, Ellen Hoppner, Bob Kercull, Bob Horn, George Klikunas, Carolyn Lacy, Jerrold Powell, Sue Powell, Ellen Sherman, Wayne Somers, Arleen Susser, Helen Stycos, Russell Weber, and Sandra Wurst ended up with B's or better.

Dave Wilson was the only junior who got all A's. Merrill Andrews, Howard Chura, Paul Cohen, Mike DePorte, Arthur Evans, Barry and Bruce FitzGerald, Stephen Greenbaum, Lois King, Hilda Klingaman, Sue Patack, Ginny Pitkin, Dave Quickenton, Barbara Rutenber, Edward Schwartz, Lois Smith, Ruth Spritzer, Frank Ward, Stephen Weinstein, and John Wiltrout were the ones who received the B's.

Cynthia Berberian was the only member of the senior class who was on the A honor roll. Alma Becker, Edward Berkun, Cecil Blum, Ann Crocker, Betty Davis, Robert Faust, Alice Gosnell, Judy Hannan, John Houston, "Honey" McNeil, Charles Moose, Carol Myers, Thomas Nathan, Marion Preisser, Toby Scher, Janet Vine, Polly Ann Viner, and Jerry Thomas received B's.

Congratulations to Judie Brightman for winning the Betty Crocker Homemaking award.