Greetings Fellow Milne Alum

This is your first intimation that SOMETHING BIG is coming in the spring. We are working with University at Albany personnel to plan an All-Milne Gala for April 9-10, 2005. Save the dates! There will be great food, dancing, tours and lots of opportunities to just visit, reminisce and admire the restored murals in the former Milne library.

A banquet will be held at the Desmond in Albany on Saturday, April 9. The following morning, we will have an opportunity to enjoy brunch at Milne. As always, our first goal is fun and renewal. Our second goal is to aid in the University’s efforts to save our alma mater and Page Hall, historic Albany buildings that require extensive renovation. These buildings deserve to be brought forward into the electronic age, to be made handicapped accessible and to continue to be attractive environments for learning.

This is such a beautiful campus, a popular venue for professional meetings and small conferences. We know that Milnites will respond well and generously to preserve the buildings in which we spent some very happy times.

If you’d like more information about our reunion plans, contact Melissa Samuels at (518) 442-3083 or msamuels@uamail.albany.edu.

Check with your classmates, mark your calendars and get ready to reunite!

Jackie Mann Gavryck ’47
Judy Koblintz Madnick ’61

Help Bring Back the Grandeur of Milne and Page Hall

In 1929 Milne and Page Hall were added to the buildings that made up the campus of the New York State College for Teachers, joining companions Draper, Hawley and Husted Halls. Today these buildings house the University at Albany’s Nelson A. Rockefeller School of Public Affairs and Policy, the School of Information Science and Policy, the School of Social Welfare and the School of Criminal Justice, all four ranked amongst the country’s top programs.

Whether attending high school classes or practice teaching under the tutelage of the tenured staff at Milne School, for many, these halls elicit fond memories. Discovery and life-long friendships were sheltered there. The buildings boasted grandeur in the first half of the 20th century and served as important neighborhood and civic anchors. Now, though, Milne and Page Hall struggle to keep up with the times.

The University at Albany has launched an initiative combining private funds and government resources to return Milne and Page Hall to the grandeur of 80 years ago. Updates are in the works — refurbishment of hallways and faculty offices in Milne have started. The beautiful Lithgow murals are being restored. A new sound system in Page Hall will be installed to improve offerings from the NYS Writers Institute and other community events. The rest of the auditorium is in the planning stages of restoration.

Come and join classmates April 9 at the Milne School Gala.

See old friends and get acquainted with new ones who share your Milne experiences. Reminisce about great times and discover the many projects now under way. Perhaps you and your classmates, your family or your friends would like to join forces and make a gift that will help keep your memories alive. There are a number of opportunities you might name: a classroom, a seat in Page Hall, the clock atop the hall. If you have questions about the fundraising initiatives or the plans, please contact Mary Johnson at (518) 437-4959 or email Mary at mjohnson@uamail.albany.edu.

Milne School Gala Honorary Committee

Peter Bulger ’73
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James Clark ’49
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Call for Memorabilia

Do you have some old photos, yearbooks, sports paraphernalia, programs, etc., that you’d be willing to share? As part of our Milne Gala celebration, we are asking alumni and former faculty and staff to share memorabilia from their days at Milne. The items will be included in a memorabilia display for all to enjoy. If you have items to include, please let us know if you want them returned after the Gala or if you’d be willing to have them presented to the University Archives for permanent retention.

When sending materials, please include a description and year if possible. Please also be sure to include a return address and phone number.

SEND MATERIALS TO: Melissa Samuels, University at Albany, Alumni House, 1400 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12222

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Save the Dates: April 9-10, Milne Reunion