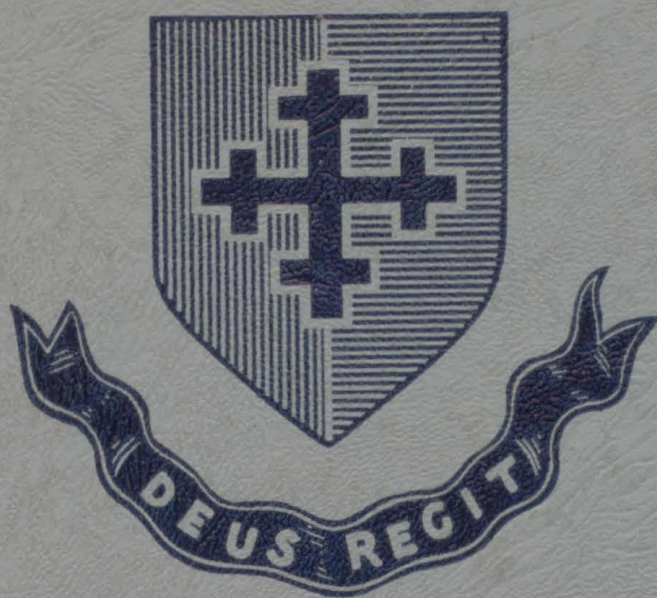
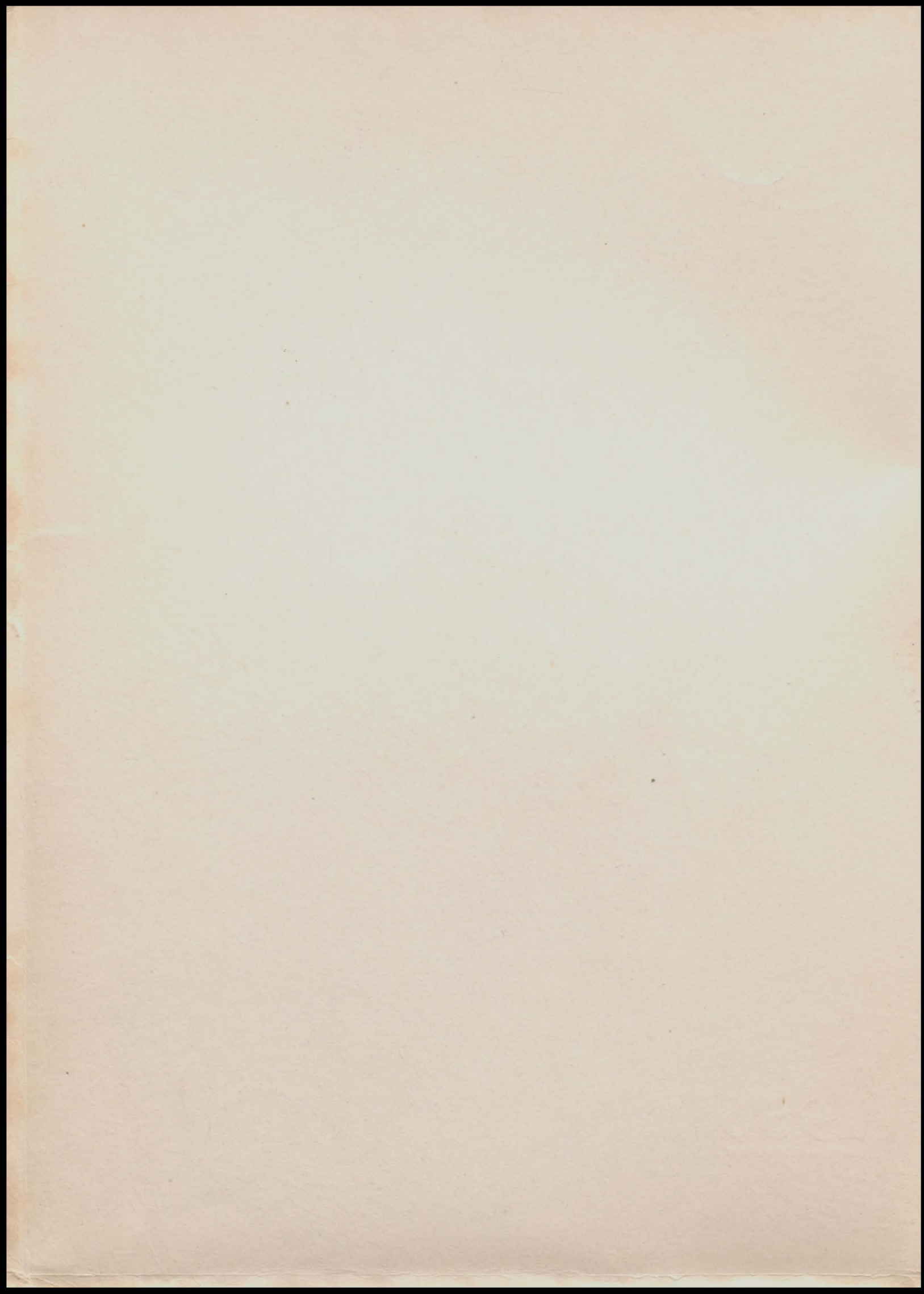


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Dedication



Miss Emily Walsh

In dedicating this, our Owl, to Miss Emily Walsh, we feel that it is an inadequate token of our heartfelt gratitude and devotion to her. During our stay at Hoosac "Mother" has indeed been close to us all. We know her as selfless and untiring in her work in the school. "Mother" has become such a basic part of our community that it is difficult to imagine Hoosac without her. She will always be remembered.

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Foreword

The Sixth Form and the Owl Board proudly present this year's OWL. Again we have been able to publish a hard bound edition. This would have been impossible had it not been for the tireless work of our business managers, Tink Elliot and Murray Britton, and their assistants, Frank Romary, Gerry Benzinger and John Bobak. At the same time, we want to acknowledge that last year's managers, Gerry Guild and David Goodrich, set a fine example with their hard bound edition, which up to that time was the first one in over thirty years. We hope that in years to come, hard bound Owls will become an unbreakable tradition.

Our format is based upon the design of a former editor, Dave Bliss. It is in four parts, Seniors, Activities, Festivals, and Sports. Our yearbook is a compressed synthesis of the highlights of our school year. We hope that you enjoy our OWL of 1956.

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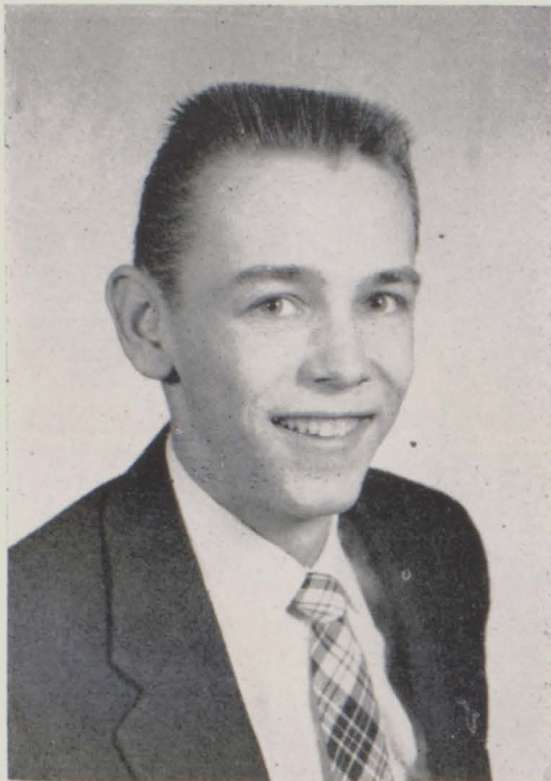
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Gerald Benzinger

Activities:

Choir V, VI, Glee Club V, VI, Bible Reading VI, Manager of Tool Room VI, Hoosac Store V, Waiter V, VI, Graftonian V, VI, "H" Club V, VI, Vice President VI.

Athletics:

Varsity Soccer V, VI, Varsity Basketball V, VI, Co-Captain VI, Varsity Baseball V, VI, All Star Basketball Team IV, VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Chorus V, VI, Beefeater V, Waits and Troubadors VI.

Sobriquets: "Gerry", "Benzi".

Favorite Saying: "Get off my back."

Always Found: Talking.

Ambition: Going into business.

Interests: Carrie.

School Memory: Last year's prom.

Bequest: My Tuti Fruity record to Lee Bishop.

Pet Peeve: Getting up in the morning.

Jerry co-captained this year's championship basketball squad and was high scorer. He was vice president of the H Club and a member of both the soccer and basketball teams. Jerry also belonged to the choir.

His favorite pastime is sleeping, but every once in a great while the "plastic man" wanders blandly over to Hoosick Falls to give the girls a thrill. (Bennington girls just don't rate.)

As vice president of the H Club he tries to keep order, but with Hoby and Rebel there that's impossible. Who knows, someday he might play for the Celtics.

John Bobak

Activities:

Social Committee VI, "H" Club VI, Glee Club VI, Choir VI, Pantry Boy VI, Graftonian VI, Dramatics VI, Public Speaking VI, Honor Roll VI, Owl Board VI, Coup D'Etat VI, Bible Reader VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Elizabethan VI.

Athletics:

Varsity Soccer—Taconic Conference All Star Honorable Mention VI, Varsity Basketball VI, Varsity Baseball VI.



Sobriquets: "Boby", "Peso Jr."

Favorite saying: "Hi Hun".

Always found: Reading books on golf.

Ambition: To be a Priest, and to build a railroad straight to Albany.

Interests: Skirts.

School Memory: Town House.

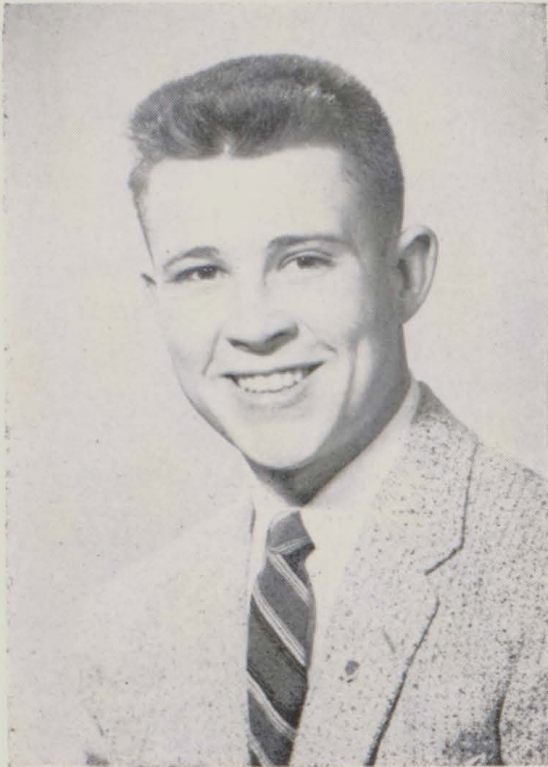
Bequest: All unpolished shoes to Kemp.

Pet Peeve: Mills whistling in my ear in the morning.

"Boby" has been voted "The boy most likely not to have to shave", but with his razor and magnifying glass he's out to prove us wrong.

John is a member of everything except the smoking club and is a standout in this year's class. He is a three letter man, is active in all extra-curricular activities, and appears on the honor roll frequently. Besides having all these assets, he has a sister, which helps considerably. All these combine to make him the most popular boy in the class. We are all sure that you will be a success in college and in the ministry, John.

Murray E. Britton



Activities:

Junior Prefect VI, Owl Board V, VI, Student Council IV, Pantry Boy V, Head Waiter V, VI, Head Pantry Boy VI, Railroad Club III, Graftonian III, IV, V, VI, Captain VI, Dormitory Prefect V, VI, Social Committee VI, Dramatic Club VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Beefeater III, IV, Shepherd III, Mummer's Play V, Father Christmas VI.

Athletics:

Soccer IV, Baseball III, IV.

Sobriquets: Murray, "Mur".

Favorite saying: "Tink, the bell's rung----get up!"

Always found: Writing to Princy.

Ambition: To live on Saturn.

Interests: Greenfield, getting truck stuck.

School Memory: Home.

Bequest: Address book to Billy Schultz.

Pet Peeve: Sarcastic girls.

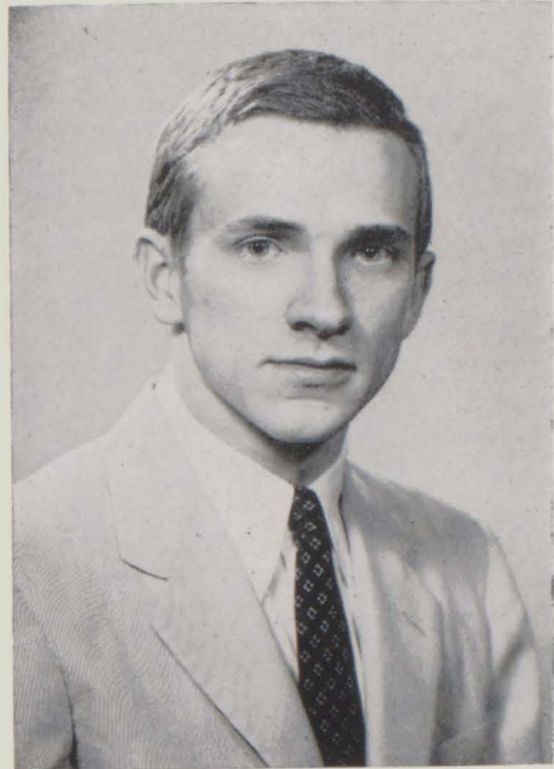
Murray, our illustrious Junior Prefect, came to Hoosac in his third form year and still holds the record for detention with 21 hours. Over the years he has always had a weak spot for la femme. This year seems to have been the worst. He just can't resist women.

Once in a while he devoted some time to getting the school in shape, but if there was a female around (under 55) he would be off on a rampage.

Murray, as Jr. Prefect, does his best to keep the third floor clean, but that's a lost cause. No one can make Mr. Howard keep his room cleaned.

Murray has three weaknesses he must overcome. First he has to watch the women, next the socks and thirdly that Gravely.

Christopher Bronson



Activities:

Editor-in-chief of Owl and Owlet VI, Dramatics VI, "H" Club VI, Graftonian VI, Honor Roll VI, Debating Club VI, Coup D'Etat VI, Liturgical Choir VI, Bible Reader VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Beefeater VI.

Athletics:

Varsity Soccer—Taconic Conference All Star VI, Varsity Baseball VI.

Sobriquets: "Chris", "Doc", "Doctor K".

Favorite saying: "Your terminology is not only fallacious but absurd."

Always Found: With his typewriter.

Interests: Rummy Lou.

School Memory: Fr. D's nocturnal visits.

Bequests: The management of "Coup D'Etat" to Hoby and Rebel.

Pet Peeve: S. O. D.

Chris, a p.g. from Hotchkiss, descended on Hoosac from the hub of the social world, Greenwich, Conn., in September with his Lester Lanin hat, typewriter, and soccer shoes. Chris was handicapped by being a member of the Hotchkiss-Yale tradition. Yes sir, even Grandpappy went to Yale back in the early days of Hotchkiss. He had a hard job to do, but with the backing of Fr. Wood (another Yalie) he overcame his Hotchkiss ways. He did a pretty good job, considering he had Pappy on his side. Not only is Chris editor of this yearbook and the school paper, a prominent member of the dramatics club, debating team, public speaking society, but he also managed to lead his class scholastically and make the all-star soccer team.

Since the valley of the Owl lacks the Greenwich social life, Chris or Dr. Kinsey as Fr. D. calls him, has turned to making surveys at St. Agnes. Due to the ardor in his surveys he received his M.S., D.B.S., and B.W. from the nicotine club.

His main claim to fame is being the only one in school who understands Mr. Clarke, but that comes from close contact with him. We wish Dr. Kinsey the best of luck in his future surveys and social life. And, Dr. K., don't get caught emptying ash-trays.

Edward L. Elliot



Activities:

Senior Prefect VI, Owl Board Business Manager VI, "H" Club V, VI, President VI, Social Committee V, VI, President VI, Glee Club V, VI, Liturgical Choir V, VI, Pantry Boy V, Graftonian V, VI, Captain VI, Dormitory Prefect VI, Sigma Omega Delta V, VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Beefeater V, VI, Chorus V, VI.

Athletics:

Varsity Soccer V, VI, Co-Captain VI, Taconic All-Star V, J. V. Basketball VI, Varsity Baseball V, VI.

Sobriquets: "Tink", Snuffer", "Hawk".

Favorite saying: "Hands out of your pockets".

Always found: Playing Canasta.

Ambition: To get a B. S. in Forestry.

Interests: Spending money on 33 RPM records.

School memory: Old school party.

Bequests: My room to Jim Keenan and all Uncle Skrooge comics to Geoffrey.

Pet Peeve: Tree running into bus.

"I'm Tink Elliot, advertising representative of the Hoosac Owl Board. Would you like to further the interests of your firm via good publicity through our yearbook?" With questions like these, Tink would plunge headfirst into conversations with our local patrons. By the means of his winning personality he solicited many pages of countless ads. Through his unstinted work another hard cover yearbook has been possible.

But Tink's industriousness did not stop there. He was also Senior Prefect. In this responsible post the management of the school's discipline was almost entirely in his hands. Not only was he efficient, but gentle. In addition to this tremendous responsibility, he had an exhausting job as president of the H Club. This involved much organization on his part. Tink, of course, was important in all three sports; he was co-captain of the soccer team. Tink was a sine qua non on both the decoration and social committees. As student chauffeur, he has a distinguished record for driving to and from places on time, and often early!

Needless to say, Tink has been a good example to the rest of the school by setting an expeditious tempo for us to follow. Because of his tireless activity, it is a wonder that he didn't wear out!

Kent King

Activities:

Debating Club VI, Dramatics VI, Owl Board VI, Public Speaking VI, Bible Reader VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Mummers Play VI, Beefeater VI.

Athletics:



Sobriquets: "Kent", "Tenty".

Favorite sayings: "Hi Gang!", "Make Out!"

Always found: Writing Helen's name.

Ambition: Professional acting on Broadway.

Interests: Helen.

School Memory: January 21, 1956.

Bequests: His Mitre to Jim Boink.

Pet Peeve: Not enough Butt-Breaks.

"In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love", and we see the Montclair flash, Kent King, wandering around in a daze. Upon closer inspection we discover the name of Helen written over his books, his paper and his roommate.

Kent came to us a little late in the Senior year, but in his short time he has left quite an impression on the school. He has been active in the debating society and dramatics club, but still finds time to put in a personal appearance on the baseball diamond.

When not indulging in his favorite pastime, letter-writing, Kentie can be found reading or telling Mr. Creighton Clarke that he is not in the barnyard. Hoosac wishes Kent the best of luck in all his ambitions.



H. Rayford Lance

Activities:

Owl Board VI, Dramatics VI, "H" Club VI, Antonian VI, Coup D Etat VI, Liturgical Choir VI, Bible Reader VI, Public Speaking VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Elizabethan VI.

Athletics:

Soccer Manager VI, Varsity Basketball VI, Varsity Baseball Co-Captain VI.

Sobriquets: "Ray", "Rayford".

Favorite saying: "Call the fire department."

Always found: Sleeping.

Ambition: To marry a Texas cowgirl.

Interests: Texas.

Schol Memory: Plowing into tree with bus.

Dequests: Room to Hoby.

Pet Peeve: Rising bell.

From Boston comes Ray Lance to room with Dr. Kinsey. Ray accompanies his roommate on many surveys and takes a few on his own. As captain of the baseball team he strives to keep Mr. Dickie in line. While everyone else is asleep Saturday morning, Ray is lining the baseball diamond. Ray is going to a foreign college, Texas Christian University. (It's just west of Arizona—no one claims it, but what do you expect). It was a disappointment when Wellesley turned him down, but he lacked a couple of good points. As president of the Saturday morning breakfast-in-bed club, Ray was a complete flop—he went to chapel one morning and Britton kicked him out. (The president of the club is elected—no civil service exams!)

We wish Ray all the luck at T.C.U., but watch out for those Texas girls.

J. Bruce MacMaster

Activities:

Field House Prefect VI, Choir VI, Dramatics VI, Public Speaking VI, Waiter VI, "H" Club VI, Bible Reader VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Elizabethan VI.

Athletics:

Varsity Soccer—Taconic Conference All Star VI



Sobriquets: "Mac", "Blast Master", "Spackle Plaster".

Favorite saying: "Ya' got a weed?"

Always found: Trying to find food.

Ambition: To be a priest.

Interests: 10 Woodlawn Avenue, Glens Falls.

School Memory: Mail breaks.

Bequests: Used convertible top to Bill Garges.

Pet Peeve: Field House boys.

Zoom! Any question about cars? If so, ask Mack! Mack is an authority on ignition switches, hub caps, windshields, carburetors, and even cigarette lighters! It was he who could be counted upon to fix the bus. The only time Mack failed us was when it was time to smooth out a few fenders. Another subject Mack is conversant on is girls. If you don't believe this, ask Anita. But the subject he knows most about is colleges. He has applied to many and has investigated still more.

In addition to these interests he has become bookish and scholarly. In view of this, his career in college is assured. Bet of luck to you, Mack, in Siena.



Peter H. H. Magee

Activities:

Owl Board VI, "H" Club VI, Dramatics VI, Antonian VI, Honor Roll VI, Waiter VI, Liturgical Choir VI, Sigma Omega Delta VI, Bible Reader VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Jester VI.

Athletics:

Varsity Soccer—Taconic Conference All Star, Honorable Mention VI. Varsity Basketball—Taconic Conference All Star VI, Varsity Baseball, Co-Captain VI.

Sobriquets: "Pete", "Magoo", "Magoozel".

Favorite Saying: "Swank and Residential."

Always Found: In Bliss's room.

Ambition: To marry Kim.

Interests: Kim.

School Memory: The party at Erica's.

Bequests: Hoby, the right to come to a Brown weekend.

Pet Peeve: Hoosac not being co-ed.

Pete, hot from Kent School, dropped onto Hoosac like a cobalt bomb. At first he looked like a typical boarding school Rah Rah, but even the shortest conversation would dispel such a hasty premature conclusion.

First of all Pete is anything but typical. Quite to the contrary, he is a veritable *rara avis*. His name is enough to confound any expert in tongue twisters, but aside from his appellation, his unusual, vital, and coruscating personality baffles even the most competent psychologist, including the notorious Dr. Kinsey. But Pete is far from *non compos mentis*. Instead he is in full possession of his talents of which he has an abundance almost to the point of superfluity.

Pete uses his many manifold talents in a variety of ways. He uses them with girls. (Ask Kim, she will tell you.) He uses his talents on the athletic field. (Ask him, he will tell you.) Pete won honorable mention for the All Star team in soccer and made the All Star team in basketball. He was also a whiz on the baseball diamond. Then, he was also a distinguished writer on the Owl Board and should have been editor, but his rival from Hotchkiss, Doc Bronson the p.g., faked him out with big words and a typewriter. Pete was an active thespian and played in general a significant role in the school.

Frank Romary

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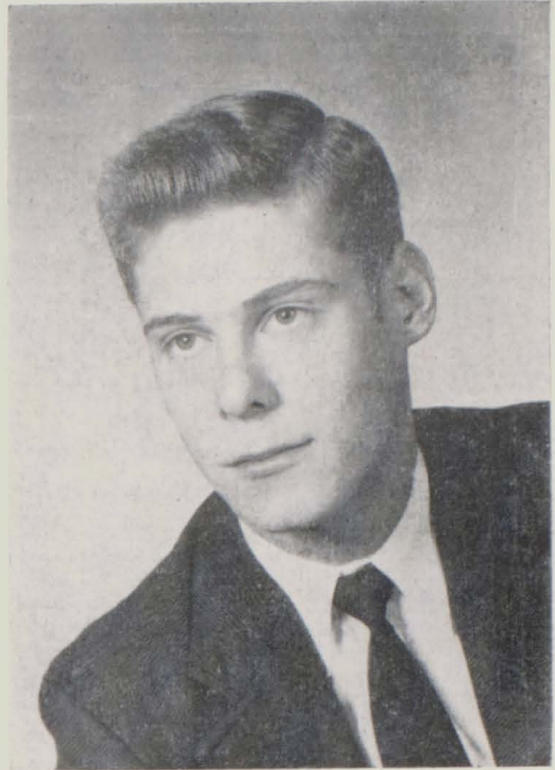
Glee Club IV, V, VI, Choir IV, V, VI, "H" Club VI, Radio Club IV, Waiter V, VI, Owl Board VI, Graftonian IV, V, VI, Sigma Omega Delta IV, V, VI, Study Hall Prefect VI, Bible Reader VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Yule Log Sprite, Fifth Grade, Sword Dance IV, V, VI, Boar's Head Minstrel VI, Elizabethan IV, V, VI, Chorus V, VI.

Athletics:

Varsity Soccer IV, V, VI, J. V. Basketball V, Varsity Baseball IV, V, VI.



Sobriquets: "Frank", "Frankie", "Fingers".

Favorite Saying: "That don't cut no ice with me."

Always Found: In Tink's room.

Ambition: To graduate from Hoosac.

Interests: Blondes in red convertibles.

Bequests: Room to Rebel.

Pet Peeve: Fire drills.

Frank, the third oldest surviving member of our class, is well known for his prolific letter writing. As a writer of missives and a scintillating talker, he is infamous around St. Agnes, Saranac Lake, and of course, Norton Hill, his home town. As for socializing, Frank won't forget Cal's.

"Lover boy Frankie" is characterized by neatness. Especially neat was his room where there was a row of miniature drinking glasses. Please be advised that these were not ornamental. Frank is a lover of good fun and joviality. He is always laughing and kidding around. In the school this felicity was an indispensable asset. His cheerful disposition was of course helpful to him and others when he carried out his responsible duties. While he was usually slap happy, he could be strict and tough. For instance, as study hall prefect he kept order with an iron hand; as a result, the under-formers referred to him as the terror of the Senior Class. But to his fellow classmates, Frankie was anything but a terror. He was, instead, a great guy, who was much fun for all.



John Sabo

Activities:

Senior Council Member VI, Owl Board VI, "H" Club VI, Pantry Boy VI, Coup D'Etat VI, Graftonian VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Beefeater VI.

Athletics:

Co-Captain Soccer Team VI, Co-Captain Basketball Team, Taconic Conference All-Star, Honorable Mention VI, Varsity Baseball VI.

Sobriquets: "Sabe", "Saboo", "Peso Kid".

Favorite Saying: "High Stranger".

Always Found: On the phone.

Ambition: Dentist or coach.

Interests: Black-haired women.

School Memory: A black haired girl called Sylvia at S. A. S.

Bequests: Albany Academy to Sylvia.

Pet Peeve: Mr. Clarke.

From the heart of the Adirondacks comes "Saboo, the Elephant Boy". John came to the valley of the Owl as a p.g. from Whitehall, N. Y., which is a milk stop along the D. & H. line, in case you have not heard of it. John was co-captain of the basketball and soccer teams and was center fielder for the baseball team. When not beating up Lee Bishop, he can usually be found in the sack.

Saboo has one great weakness, dark haired girls. His ambition is to settle down in Italy where there are millions of them. Good luck to you in later life, John!

Walter Seager

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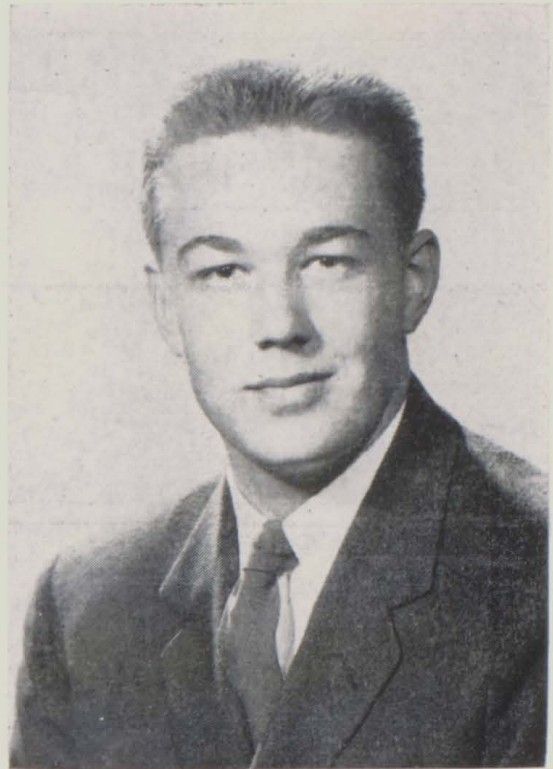
Dramatics VI, Debating Club VI, Bible Reader VI, Study Hall Prefect VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Beefeater VI.

Athletics:

Baseball.



Sobriquets: "Walt", "Tojo".

Favorite Saying: "Where's Fr. D.?"

Always Found: Behind the barn.

Ambition: Social worker.

Interests: Acting.

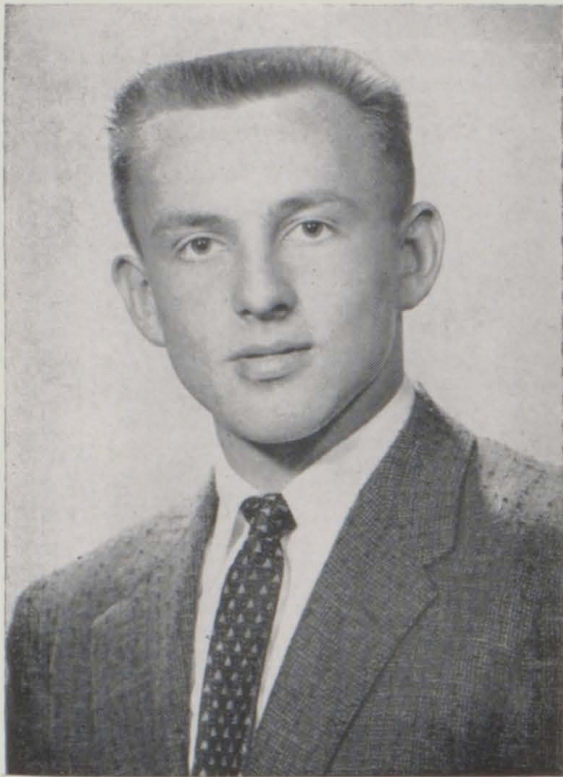
School Memory: Getting caught by Father Williams.

Bequests: A shower to Bill Hall.

Pet Peeve: King's snoring.

If you are interested in International politics, see Walt. Following in his Dad's footsteps, he is very knowledgeable on diplomacy, foreign aid, and problems in government. But in addition to his encyclopedic knowledge, he is a brilliant debater and a masterful actor.

When one considers that Walt arrived later than his roommate, Kent King, it is amazing that he accomplished what he did. But Walt took everything in his stride. He was very good in his studies and did well in the school. We wish Walt a great time at Antioch, where he will be next year.



Stanley Meguer

Activities:

Sixth Form Council Member VI, Sigma Omega Delta IV, V, VI, Glee Club V, Waiter IV, V, VI, Head Dining Room Committee III, Graftonian IV, V, VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log:

Sprite I, II, Elizabethan V, VI, Sword Dance VI.

Athletics:

Grasshopper Basketball I, II, Varsity Soccer V, J. V. Basketball V.

Sobriquets: Stanley, "Stan", "Stash", "Slim".

Favorite Saying: "How's that grab you?"

Always Found: Playing pinochle with Bliss.

Ambition: To have breakfast in bed.

Interests: Hollywood dragstrips and three-act plays.

School Memory: Old School party . . .

Bequests: Driver's license and employment card to Garges.

Pet Peeve: Weight lifting . . . after lights.

Stan, the oldest surviving member of our class, as far as years at Hoosac go, which isn't far, is Los Angeles' contribution to the valley of the Owl. He is president of the pinochle club and an active member of the after-lights canasta society.

Stan's favorite pastime is hunting. He hunts at Emma Willard, Albany Academy, and St. Agnes. The two troubles with his hunting are: 1. he has no license, and, 2. he has no gun--at least as far as we can see.

Stan's main ambition in life is to attend Vassar, but he heard Skidmore has an easier physical; therefore, he might have to settle for that. Best of luck with the wimmin and U.C.L.A., Stan.

The Faculty and Student Body



Rector's Letter

"The Right to the Tree of Life"

Each year at year's end, the Owl Board is kind enough to ask me to say a few parting words to the graduating class. I am, of course, happy to do this, even though I know that what I write will soon be forgotten. Nevertheless, there are some things I would like to mention with the belief that some day they may take fire in your hearts as your experience broadens and deepens.

You are now leaving the small world of school life to go into broader fields of great interest and opportunity for you. You will go eagerly and with high hopes for the future. Fortunately, none of us can foresee what lies in store for us so we can only venture forth with dreams in our minds and hope in our hearts and with the courage to try to make our dreams come true.

These are challenging times. Yet despite all the signs of difficulty that lie about us on all sides, I am sure of this one thing. There never has been a more exciting and desirable time to be alive than the present. The challenges are great, but the opportunities to live life to the full are even greater.

In the Book of Revelation which closes our Bible, St. John the Divine seeks to pierce the veil of the future in symbolic language and to describe the new heavens and the new earth which God will and does create. In the 22nd Chapter and the 14th Verse, St. John writes these words which are my parting ones for the graduating class:

"Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates."

It is my hope that you will think deeply about these words and seek to penetrate through to the treasure that lies in them. We are in this present era witnessing the great struggle to build the city of God here upon earth. That it will ever be fully accomplished before the end of time is doubtful but certainly we can all enter into

the great creative task which God has laid upon us. He wants us to earn the right to the tree of life and to enter into the city by the main gates. But He tells us that we can only have this right if we obey His commandments.

This life of ours is based upon many levels of law. First, there are the laws of nature which surround us every moment of our lives such as the laws of matter, energy, gravity and the like. We accept these as a matter of course and if we are wise we shall so order our lives as to obey them. Next, there are the laws of ordinary human society, whereby we learn to live together with our neighbor in peace and decency, respecting the rights of others. Third, there are the great moral laws given to us by God whereby we know the difference between what is right and what is wrong. The basis of the moral law is laid down in the Ten Commandments and in the second great Commandment of our Lord

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Finally, there are the laws of the spirit, whereby we come to know God directly through prayer and through communion with Him. This supreme law is summed up by our Lord in the first and greatest of all Commandments,

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind."

Natural law, human law, moral law, spiritual law--all of these in the last analysis come from God. The wise man is he who understands these laws and who seeks to obey them. He is the one who earns the right to the tree of life. He is the one that will enter into the city by the main gates.

As you leave this School, may God bless you richly with His abundant love. I am sure that you know that my prayers will always follow you.

Ever faithfully, your friend and rector,
MEREDITH B. WOOD.

How the Class Rates the Courses

Hardest	Physics
Easiest	French III
Most Valuable	English IV
Favorite	P. O. A. D.
Most needed	Cocktail Mixing and Speedshifting

How the Class Rates the Masters

Most popular	Mr. Howard
Hardest to bluff	Fr. Dunkerley
Most unacclaimed	Mr. Locke
Faculty playboy	Mr. Howard
Most brilliant	Mr. Clarke
Influenced us the most	Father Wood
Most personal	Father Wood

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Staff playboy	Mr. Butcher
Most brilliant	Mr. Green
Influenced us the most	Charley
Most personal	Flo
Most generous	Ethel
Most goodnatured	Walt

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Every year there are certain rabble which fail to be among the select few who are in the senior class. And we, the Seniors, get pretty shaken about this. Being the Noble class that we are, we are going to lower ourselves and mention these plebeians.

In the fifth form there are seven lucky members. First among these is Reb Asplund, who, when not seen in his long underwear, can be found nailing beer-bottle caps on his bulletin board. From the lower end of the building comes Rock 'n' Roll Watkinson and his teenagers, followed by Nick Maddux, who thinks it's so funny he can't stop laughing. Moving onto the second floor, we come upon Mal Bliss, who is handicapped by coming from the wrong side of the river. He has never lost an argument, but who has. His roommate, Albany's gift to Hoosac, Jim Keenan, has a great claim to fame---the only boy to trap a duck all year. By the way, do you have a "Keenan for Prefect" button? On the third floor we find Bill Mills pushing through radio tubes looking for part of his pet Gravelly. We see Jim Boink "I Go Papo" button on.

In the fourth form there is none other than Darien's one and only Herbert Schwartz, better known as Hoby. Hoby is Rebel's partner in crime and corruption. When not train-hunting, Hoby is taking triangles with the Reb. Geff Ball is the scape-goat of the Owl Board, while Loftus is the end of the council which goes over the fence last. Lee Bishop can usually be heard saying "Come on", but when you come, he goes.

In the third form there are a bunch of hackers. Kemp, for instance, developed a

mad passion for Angelus and had a habit of ringing it after lights. But snooping Mal Bliss found him out and turned him over to a responsible group of merciless seniors. Then there's Torres with his little list. Torres was confident that he was Hoosac's Joe Lewis. When Bill Parshall is not in a St. Agnes letter, he's out duck-trapping with Jim Keenan. Edgar Torey can usually be found checking his one trap, while Garges is looking at chopped and channeled girls. Keller's claim to fame is being the first to realize that Mr. Clarke was a master.

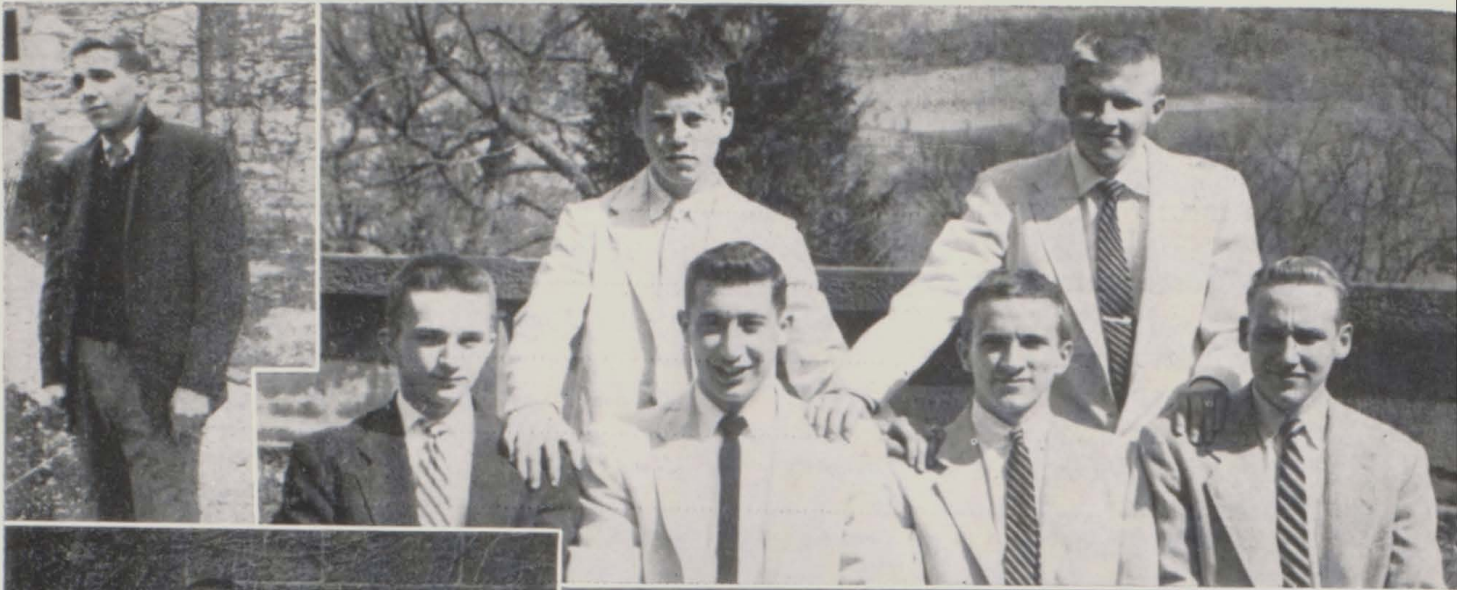
Moving on to the really lower forms we come upon Charlie Rexford shoveling it away at Mr. Howard's table. Charlie is the only boy who asks for seconds when the firsts aren't out yet. Charlie's friend in crime and corruption is Bill Schultz. Schultz is the Romeo of the second form, and when not "snowing" the girls from the Falls, is working on St. Agnes. From Tant'n, Slim Jim Beal, the boy in long red flannel underwear, can usually be found running around with same football tackle from the Falls. We have to watch what we say about Rus Reeder, because he has three older sisters. Bill Hall is the second form's Bill Mills. Dean Smith wants to be able to trap like Jim Keenan.

The bottom of the band comes in the forms of Hillman and Eisner, who can usually be found ringing the bells for Sabo or selling flavored toothpicks.

There is only one trouble with being an underformer, and that's being an underformer. But someday, maybe they too shall be honored enough to become sixth formers.

How the Class Stands

Done most for Hoosac	Britton
Done Hoosac for the most	Sabo
The wittiest	Magee
The funniest	King
The smartest	Bronson
Laziest	Seager
Hack off	Magee
The best pinochle player	Wegner
The biggest operator	Britton
Biggest drag with the Masters	Bronson
In worst with the Masters	Benzinger
Gets away with the most	Sabo, Britton
Gets away with the least	King, Magee
Neatest	Lance, Romary
Most absent minded	Britton
Most gullible	Elliot
Most generous	Sabo
Most pessimistic	MacMaster
Most likely to succeed	Benzinger
First to get married	Britton
Lover boy	Romary
Handsomest	MacMaster
Future Sugar Daddy	Magee
Class baby	Romary
Most genuine	Bobak



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First row left to right: Lance, Loftus, Britton, Bronson, editor-in-chief, Elliot, Bobak, Watkinson. Second row left to right: Mr. Howard, Romary, Sabo, Keenan, King, Magee, Ball, Bliss, Schwartz.

The Owl Board

This year the Owl Board has accomplished much. We have lived up to last year's Owl Board in publishing another hard cover yearbook. And in the field of newspapers, we have even surpassed our predecessors. We turned out an eight page alumni issue for the occasion of Mother Walsh's 30th anniversary. In fact, the Owlets have played a principal role in strengthening the Alumni association of Hoosac. Needless to say the Owlets have been, as always, important for school publicity in general. Therefore, the members of the Owl Board can feel confident that they have played a significant part in the continuance of Hoosac.

For the success of this year's Owl the credit should go to our business men. All associations need money merely to subsist. The Owl Board is no exception. The business managers, Murray Britton and Tink Elliot, and their eager assistants, Boby Bobak, Gerry Benzinger, and Frank Romary, have done a breathtaking job in managing the finances. As a result of their relentless canvassing and winning salesmanship, the Owl Board had enough money not only to keep going, but to improve itself as well.

Another important job is that of the editor. The school year started off with Hannum as editor, but he unfortunately departed from Hoosac at the end of the Fall term. This indeed was a crippling loss. Han was not only a brilliant English student of distinguished taste, but an accomplished art student as well. To replace this loss the Owl Board held a meeting and unanimously elected Chris Bronson as the new editor. The good doctor, however, found that he had a formidable task ahead of him. To fall into Hannum's shoes was like stepping into Gargantua's boots. But "Doc" had one factor on his side. He received co-operation from the entire staff for the whole

time he was editor. Chris found the job challenging, but very rewarding. All in all he liked it.

Editor at large was another position that carried weight. Ray Lance had this exhausting job and did very well. Jim Keenan was another competent executive, who helped keep the presses rolling. Jim, as events editor, made sure that articles were turned in on time.

John Bobak and Bill Watkinson, as Social editors, covered the Albany Academy and St. Agnes dances. We are indebted to these two for their on-the-spot reporting. They helped make the Owlet more readable. Terry Loftus, Hoby Schwartz, and Peter Magee kept the paper well documented with the latest scoops on the athletic situation.

Speaking of Peter Magee, he deserves a paragraph of his own. It did not take editor Bronson long to discover Magee's talent in verbalization. In addition to his excellent sports and events write-ups, Pete was found to be the last word in incidentals, few of which however were published unexpurgated. Nevertheless, Peter Magee, as a vital participator, proved to be a sustaining force in our organization.

Geoffrey Ball was a good staff writer, a reliable proofreader, and an efficient exchange editor. Geoffrey was indispensable and shows signs of having in the future a great career in journalism.

As for our faculty adviser, the whole Owl Board salutes Mr. Howard, who went to endless trouble to make both the Owlet and Owl a success. We were always pestering him for help. He not only assisted us in writing, but occasionally wrote articles himself. Had it not been for his unselfish aid and direction, the Owl Board would not have functioned. Consequently, we want to take advantage of this chance to express our much belated thanks to Mr. Howard for all that he has done for both the paper and yearbook.



First row left to right: Elliot, Fr. Dunkerly, Britton. Second row left to right: Loftus, Sabo, Bliss.

The Student Council

The Student Council under the guiding hand of Father Dunkerley had a very good year. The Council is the governing part of the school. Some of its rules are very tempting to break, but it was found that the Council Members themselves set an excellent example by following them to the letter.

Senior Prefect Tink Elliot was the head of the Council. Junior Prefect Murray Britton assisted him in the administration. The two had a real task cut out for them, but they were impeccably efficient. Senior Council Member Stan Wegner was good too, but was replaced by Junior Sabo at the half year. Sabo, by the way, was an invaluable member.

Lower than those on the Council were Bliss and Loftus. Bliss, who has completed two years on the Council, represented the fifth form and proved to be indispensable. Terry Loftus, the Fourth Form Council Member, was very conscientious and had a distinguished record.

Sunday morning Council Meetings were an example of the best in Hoosac tradition. These meetings were intended to iron out any mishaps in a person's conduct. The Council Members were always fair and never hypocritical. They acted with the utmost of wisdom and discretion. With wayward and problem boys they tried to be sympathetic and kind, but more often than not, they found that disciplinary action was called for. These Sunday morning meetings benefited many boys; for some the advice the Council Members gave can be regarded as a truly significant part of their Hoosac education. The students found that the Council Members were ultimately their friends.

Thanks to the good work of the Council, the classes were good, the jobs were well done, and the misbehavior was kept down to a minimum. For achieving this, the Council has much to thank Father Dunkerley for. Next year's Student Council will have to work hard to emulate this year's record, even with Father Dunkerley helping them out. Therefore, Best of luck to the Council of 1956-57.



Front row left to right: Magee, Bronson, Parshall, MacMaster, King, Reeder, Schwartz. Second row left to right: Babok, Asplund, Mr. Clarke, Watkinson, Britton, Boink, Lance. Third row left to right: Torrey, Seager.

The Scrim and Teaser

The membership of the S & T includes not only the thespians, but also public speakers and debaters. The public speakers have presented a forum of speeches and readings on the political and religious martyrs of history. The debaters presented a learned and winning negative to Darrow's affirmative on the resolution, "The government should provide worthy students with college scholarships." They are presently busy sharpening their verbal axes on their affirmative blade for the return match with Darrow.

When the thespians are not preparing a show for the boards, they go to acting workshops to deal with specific problems of technique. Memorable incidents of the workshops include: Bobak, King, and Seager as the Three Wise Men at dinner; Bronson as the merciful Park Avenue dowager, and Watkinson as the Rector of a segregated parish. In all these scenes the thespians were working on dramatic imagination, gesture, movement, and response-ability.

The thespians have provided entertainment for every possible occasion. For Halloween they featured in three parts a parody on love movies. For the Yule Log they presented the traditional Mummers' play. For the Bleeze they staged a shortened version of Tschaikovsky's **Swan Lake**.

Among their more famous productions was certainly the one they gave in honor of Mother Walsh's 30th anniversary. Father Dunkerley wrote a script especially for the

occasion. It was in three scenes. The first scene reverts to the past and tells how Mother, as a witch doctor's assistant, acted motherly towards Neolithic patients. The scene went off well, but not without incident. Kent King, finding the lines too repetitious, skipped over a few pages. The second scene deals with how Mother met Dr. Tibbits. The final scene projects into the future. A group of Hoosac boys on a Mountain Holiday go to Mars via rocketship to visit Mother, who by this time has retired. Magee brought the house down with a raving speech about his love. All in all, the play was a success.

The high point of the year for the thespians came when St. Agnes and Hoosac each staged a play in the St. Agnes playroom. St. Agnes put on a comedy while Hoosac put on a murder play. Our play, in one act, was about the murder of St. Thomas Becket. Kent King was excellent as the Archbishop and the four Knights were superb. The performance was well received, but most of the credit should go to Mr. Clarke for his expert directing. This production was indeed the Hoosac theatre at its best.

At the time of writing, plans are being laid and a cast assembled for two scenes from Shakespeare. King as Shylock, Seager as Bassanio, Mr. Howard as Antonio, Bronson as the Duke of Venice, Parshall as Quince, and Kemp as Bottom promise to be a fitting climax to the year's flops, so-so's, and hits.



First row left to right: Britton, Elliot, Bobak. Second row left to right: Loftus, Mr. Howard, Mrs. Franklin, Watkinson.

The Social Committee

The Social Committee, this year, has been very efficient in that it has had several very successful social events. At the beginning of the year Bill Hannum was our president, but he left at the end of the Fall term. Tink Elliot, our Senior Prefect, took his place, as president. Other members were Murray Britton, John Bobak, Bill Watkinson, and Terry Loftus. Had it not been for the guidance of Mrs. Franklin and Mr. Howard, the committee would not have been successful.

The social season began by having guests from St. Agnes, our sister school, on the night of October 15th. First on the agenda was a dinner, followed by a dance. The night soon drew to a close. This dance was a great success and was the occasion that Pete met Kim.

The next dance was with Albany Academy. Because of certain difficulties, the girls arrived slightly late. The supper was good and the girls enjoyed the usual grand tour through the Mansion. While a majority of the boys were inside dancing, some were outside tobogganing in the new fallen snow.

January 14 was not only the day for college boards, but also for our second dance with St. Agnes. This time they played host to us. Like all dances with St. Agnes, this one was much fun.

For the winter term we still had one more invitation from St. Agnes. They invited us to supper and a movie, which was **The Man Who Came to Dinner**. Practically the whole school went down to Loudonville in a chartered bus. Everyone enjoyed this memorable event.

At the beginning of Spring term, April 7th, we went down to St. Agnes for an interchange of theatricals and a dance thereafter. The plays, one given by our hosts and the other by Hoosac, were worth watching. But the dance afterwards was what everyone was waiting for. The dance came off fine and everyone had a good time.

Unlike last year Hoosac did not put on a prom this year. This was completely beyond the control of the Social Committee. At present, though, the Committee plans to have an invitation dance coming up soon.

So ends another year for the Social Committee, which has much to show for all of the work that was done for the enjoyment of the whole school. With Bill Watkinson and Terry Loftus on the Social Committee, the school is certain to have an active social life next year. We wish Bill and Terry luck.



Front row left to right: Keenan, Benzinger, Fr. Dunkerley, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Howard, Romary, Watkinson. Second row left to right: Loftus, Parshall, Maddux, Elliot, Bronson, MacMaster, Bobak.

The Choir

Under the joint direction of Mr. Butcher and Fr. Dunkerley this year's choir has been vigorous and busy all year. During the first week of school our co-directors held very rigorous auditions. They soon assembled a select bunch of very choice singers. As Mr. Butcher listened to the boys during the first rehearsal, he exclaimed that we were good material which need a little finish and polish. Further experience proved that we had the potential all right. We had both. The combination of Mr. Butcher and Fr. Dunkerley proved to be the **ne plus ultra** of singing instruction. As for rehearsals, we had plenty of them. Every Friday night we rehearsed extensively for Sunday Mass.

Very early in Autumn we started practicing the Yule Log. Of course the choir supplied most of the chorus. We had frequent rehearsals, which progressed very efficiently and rapidly. The result was that the chorus was in fine shape for the final performances.

During the winter term we concentrated on plainsong and other moving church music. Thanks to the choir, the singing on Sunday morning was excellent, and for that matter, the chapel singing in general.

For Spring term our activities were more extra mural. Most important among these was the joint concert between St. Peter's Choristers, which was run by William Rand, and Hoosac. This concert was held in the Hoosick Parish Hall on May 11th. Our portion of the program was to help out in the chorus of Handel's **Zadok the Priest** and to sing a few selections from our traditional Yule Log.

Our choir was divided into the following two sections: Tenor, Gerry Benzinger, Chris Bronson, Mr. Howard, Frank Romary, and Bill Watkinson; Basses: Jim Keenan, Terry Loftus, Bill Parshall, Nick Maddux, Tink Elliot, Bruce MacMaster, and John Bobak. The choir's great success is unquestionably ascribable to the selfless and devoted work that our co-directors, Mr. Butcher and Father Dunkerley, put into it. The two cooperated together to produce a good group. We hope that next year's choir has the same success.

Exchanges



Academe	Albany Academy for Girls
Bleatings	St. Agnes School
The Clock	Emma Willard School
The Crimson and White	Milne School
Dragnet	St. Peter's School
The Green and Grey	The Berkshire School
Kent News	Kent School
The Loomis Log	The Loomis School
The Pegboard	Darrow School
The Pigtail	South Kent School
The Pontefract	Promfret School
The Spirit of Clairvaux	St. Bernard School
The Westminster News	Westminster School

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St. George (Torey) kills the Dragon (King) while the King of Egypt (Ball) and Jack Finney (Schwartz) and Father Christmas (Britton) look on.

The Yule Log

This year, we of Hoosac School celebrated the 64th annual Boar's Head and Yule Log. As with last year, the pageant was produced in the assembly hall of the Tibbit's mansion. For the two consecutive performances 140 people watched it.

After the lighting of the Yule Candle, the Jester and the Sprite caused much merriment with their antics. Next the impressive Boar's Head Procession, flanked by many savory dishes, proudly marched in. Then came one of the highpoints, the Mummings Miracle Play, which was the result of many hectic rehearsals. With Mr. Howard directing, it starred Hoby Schwartz as Jack Finney, Mal Bliss as the doctor, Rebel Asplund as the Turkish Knight, Geoffrey Ball as the King of Egypt, and Kent King as the Dragon. It went off well and everyone liked it. Murray Britton, incidentally, stole the show as Father Christmas. The last feature before the intermission was the traditional Wassail, which was served in silver cups.

At the end of the intermission Fr. Wood

stepped forward with Russell Reeder and told the story of a certain swagger stick. Mr. Butcher always carries a disreputable stick that might have come from a now dead sapling. Russell, having noted this, asked his father to send his swagger stick so that he could give it to Mr. Butcher for Christmas. Col. Red Reeder not only sent the swagger stick, but also sent one which Lt. Gen. Eichelberger of **Road to Tokyo** gave to him during World War II.

Very successful was the Elizabethan Sword Dance. All admired this stately dance. The superb co-ordination of the dancers went over well. The Yule Log closed with **Adeste Fideles, Oculos Meos Levavi**, and the traditional blessing. Then the Beefeaters served supper to the guests.

The 1955 production of the Yule Log was very successful. This success was made possible by the combined efforts of Mr. Butcher, Fr. Dunkerley, and the entire faculty. The Owl Board and the Senior Class want to take this opportunity to thank them.

Bleeze

The Bleeze is the day on which we burn all of the greens that have been hanging in the assembly hall. For this occasion we had another of our delicious banquets which was crowned by the plum pudding dessert, which had been saved from the Yule Log pageant.

After dinner the seniors got up and had a wonderful time out in the near freezing night air burning the greens which had been stacked down on the lawn. After the seniors returned to the dining hall, the Rev. David Ball (no relation to Geoffrey) gave an illuminating address on God and Light.

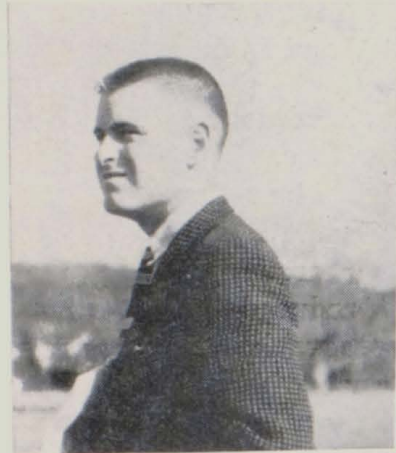
Then Peter Magee presided over the festivities and put the headmaster in his proper place. Following this, there were three productions. The first was an amusing skit of Father Dunkerley and Mr. Locke. Next the Second Form gave a very funny parody of *Dragnet*. Schultz, Rexford, and Beal were the stars in the hilarious number. Then came the crowning achievement of the evening, Tschaikovsky's **Swan Lake**, as produced by Mr. Clarke. This rendition featured some eye-catching choreography as Hoby's tights loosened. Also memorable was the Feather Dance wherein Chris Bronson and Walt Seager fought it out in a cloud of down. Ray Lance, by the way, was a high point in this extremely successful performance, which terminated the festive night of the Bleeze.

Halloween

Halloween is the night here at Hoosac where we honor all of the benefactors, friends, alumni, and any others that have had any connection with the school. We at Hoosac believe in having fun on this night of nights, not by going out and soaping up people's windows, but by having a large banquet and initiating the new boys into our large family. The usual procedure is to tell the new boys to eat nothing during the banquet so as to avoid gastronomical difficulties later on in the evening.

After the delicious meal was over, Tink Elliot and Murray Britton introduced some new boy speakers. Bronson gave a discourse on the merits of Father Wood. King spoke very intelligently on the necessity for the Student Council. Then Magee and Bronson gave a parody on British Love movies. Chair breaker Magee and prissy Chrisy brilliantly mimicked by-gone British gallantry. Then Cannon Williams was the last post-prandial speaker. He talked on the origins of Halloween.

This ended the festivities as far as the guests were concerned, but the new boys sadly walked out to undergo the unknown while the old boys were preparing for a heyday.



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Front row left to right: Lance, manager; Bliss, Bronson, Sabo, Schwartz, Romary, Mr. Dickie. Second row left to right: Watkinson, Parshall, Magee, Keenan, Bobak, Eliot, co-captain; Benzinger, MacMaster, Reeder, Asplund, Maddux, Loftus.

Soccer

This year's soccer team is by far one of Hoosac's most impressive, considering the material Coach Harry Dickie had to work with. On the first day of practice six of the starting eleven had never played soccer before, but Mr. Dicke cracked the whip, and we started to shape up.

The starting line-up for the season was: Bliss and Romary at the wings; the center forwards were Hoby Schwartz, John Sabo, and Doc Bronson. The defense consisted of Reb Asplund, Magee, and Watkinson at the half back spots, with Elliot and MacMaster holding down the fullback spots. Last but not least came our net-keepers, Benzinger and Bobak. We had little or no ability, but more than our share of drive. Mr. Dickie once told us, "You never know when you are beaten."

We opened against North Bennington and smashed them seven nothing in an exhibition game. Arlington took the wind out of our sails three to nothing a few days later.

Hoosac opened their league season against Berkshire on October 8th. It was a well played game by both sides, but behind steady drive the Owls won 2-0.

Buxton followed suit as the Owls got another victory to the tune of 3-0. Our hopes of a championship team were high. A 5-1 victory over Vanderheyden sent our morale sky-high and our chance looked good. Windsor Mountain threw a monkey wrench into the machine by defeating the Owls 2-1. It was the hardest, roughest game of the season, but the boys from Windsor had a stronger team.

A non-league game with the Albany Children's Home ended in a swim for all and a 3-0 victory for the Owls. The lakes on the field slowed the game down considerably.

Stockbridge sank us 2-0 in a heartbreaker, the season's last. Stockbridge broke into Owl territory only twice, but succeeded to score both times. The Owls controlled the ball most of the game, but failed to capitalize on their opportunities.

We finished third in the league. Taking into account the material he had, this record speaks very well of Mr. Dickie's coaching ability. We hope that "Rebel" and "Hoby" lead the team to a championship next year.



Front row left to right: Bobak, Benzinger, co-captain; Sabo, co-captain; Lance, Magee. Second row left to right: Keenan, manager; Bliss, Reeder, Schwartz, Mr. Dickie.

Basketball

This year Hoosac's basketball team won the Taconic League Conference for the first time. Shortly before our opening game John Sabo and Gerry Benzinger were elected to the team. The team faced Lenox after only one practice and lost 48-40, which hurt our pride a little.

The following Saturday we squeezed by a snappy, but young Berkshire team, 36-34; this was the beginning of a chain of eleven uninterrupted victories.

Gerry Benzinger hit for 30 points as we swamped Venderheyden 62-31, while Ray Lance led an attack which vanquished the Albany Children's Home three days later, 54-26.

On February 6, John Bobak bombarded Buxton with a hail of set-shots, while Gerry Benzinger cleared the boards and we emerged on the top side of a 45-28 score.

February 8 proved to be a great day at Hoosac. We revenged a soccer defeat by romping Windsor Mountain 41-34, behind Bobak's defensive rebounding.

Vanderheyden got a repeat defeat 49-32 and our season reached the half-way mark. Our first real challenge came from an undefeated C. Y. O. team. It was close until the last period when we outscored the Bennington boys by 11 points and won 58-52. On February 18 behind "Reb" Asplund's 2 points and Hoby Schwartz's 6, the Owls overcame Berkshire 64-47.

Behind Benzinger's 28 points Hoosac smashed Stockbridge a week later by a score of 75-36. The second Buxton game turned into a free-for-all, but by utilizing his J. Vs., Coach Dickie gave us an easy win 58-23.

Stockbridge gave the Owls a rough time on March 2nd by playing possession ball and thus rippling our fast break, but sparked by Sabo's 19 points, the squad came from behind to win 60-45. The Albany Children's Home succumbed to the Owl line 64-43 behind Benzinger's 35 points and a St. Agnes cheering section, which brought the best out in everyone.

Our final game of the season was nip and tuck with the boys from Windsor Mountain but behind the scoring of co-captains, Sabo and Benzinger, we nipped more than they tucked and came out on the better end of a 66-61 score.

This ended our first championship season with a 12-0 league record and a 13-1 overall. A post-season game could not be arranged with Lenox; consequently, we could not avenge our earlier defeat.

This year's team, as winner of the Taconic League Conference Championship, has had a good season. The team's scoring average was 50.6 points to the opponents' 38.4. Our success on the courts should be attributed to Coach Dickie and co-captains Sabo and Benzinger. To next year's team all of us wish the best of luck.



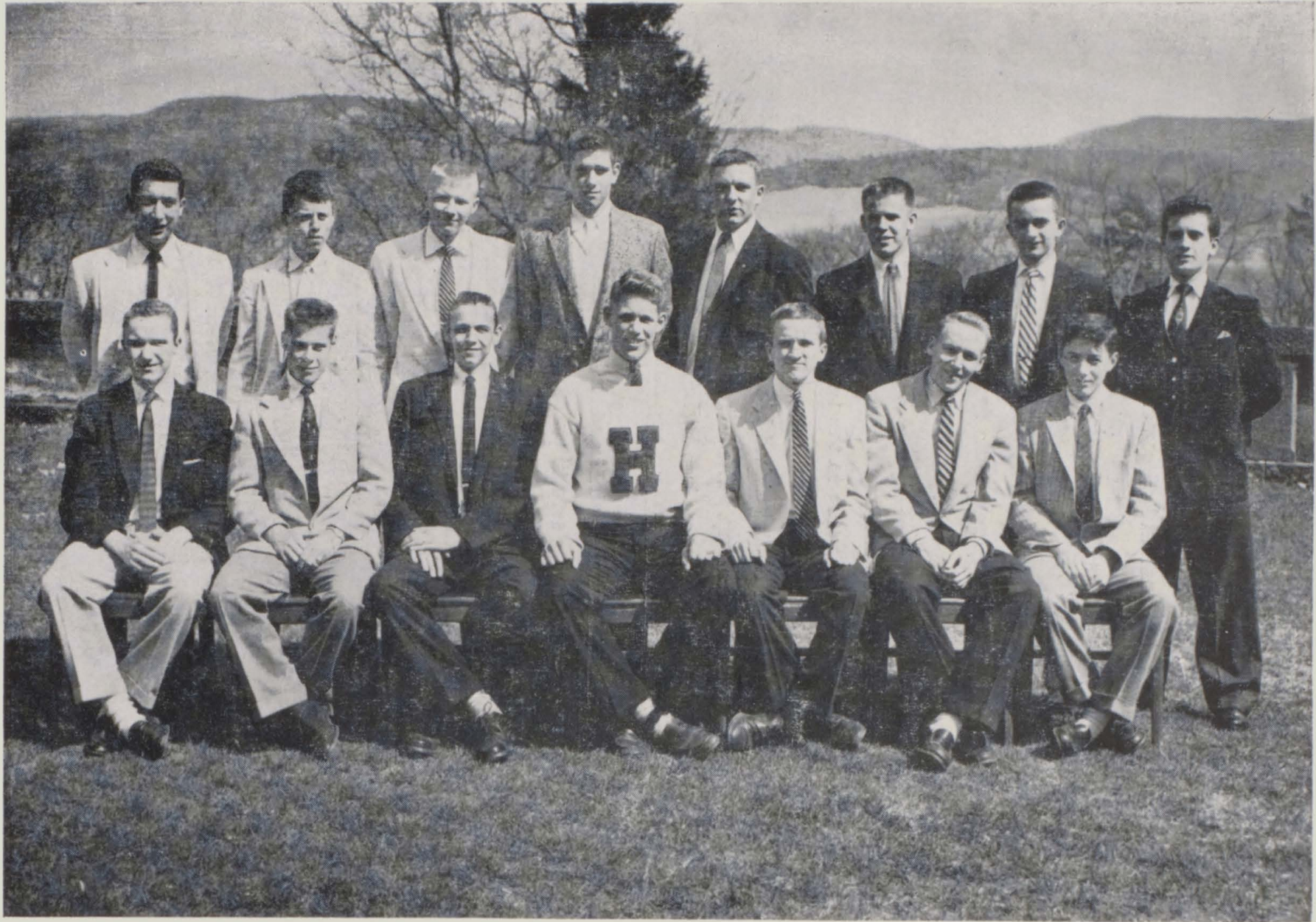
First row left to right: Magee, co-captain; Lance, co-captain. Second row left to right: Bishop, Keenan, Elliot, Benzinger, Romary, Sabo. Third row left to right: Mr. Dickie, Boink, Reeder, Bobak, Asplund, Schwartz, Watkinson. Fourth row left to right: Mad-
dux, Keller, Torres, Loftus, Rexford, manager.

Baseball

Around the second week in April Charlie Rexford could be seen carrying his baseball bible from class to class. This was the first perennial sign that Spring had sprung and that baseball had come.

"Chuck to me" was the familiar cry from our efficient catcher, Pete Magee. Visible from behind the plate were Tink Elliot and Jim Boink, our two strong arm pitchers. At the first base was a Southern gentleman by the name of Ray Asplund. Across from first base was Ray Lance, our terrific "ball hawk" on grounds. Hoby Schwartz was not only a consistent hitter, but also a good fielder. Like a little supercharged mouse he sped around the bases so fast that he couldn't be seen. Jim Keenan played well at third base; his hitting was of value to the team. Out in right field was no other than John Bobak, whose general record was excellent. John Sabo was in center field, where he distinguished himself for excellent catching. He was also good at batting clean up. The left fielder was Gerry Benzinger, who played a good defensive game. Lee Bishop, who is a mere fourth former, should be a promising catcher in future years at Hoosac.

The boys opened their season against a veteran Bennington high school team and took a beating. "It was safe to predict that the Hoosac nine will win more games than they lose" said Mr. Dickie, our coach. Mr. Dickie has been a wonderful coach in baseball, as he has in soccer and basketball. It is to him that the team wishes to express their thanks. At the same time we wish the team of next year the best of luck.



Front row left to right: Keenan, Romary, Benzinger, Elliot, Bronson, Lance, Bliss. Second row left to right: Sabo, Schwartz, Asplund, Reeder, Magee, MacMaster, Bobak, Watkinson.

The H Club

The H Club was founded only recently. This year it was under the leadership of Tink Elliot, who has acted as president. Gerry Benzinger was vice-president, Ray Asplund treasurer, and Chris Bronson secretary. To make this revered organization one has to win a letter in a sport.

The character and nature of the H Club has changed. This year it has been less active than in the past. This is the result of the belief that the H Club should be more of an honorary society than a mere agency for get-togethers, parties, and outings. This year the H Club has had more members than usual. This does not mean indiscriminateness on the part of the club, but rather a sizeable increase of good athletes. We have all been very pleased by the way this year's H Club has been run.

Soccer supplied a large gain of members. From this we gained Chris Bronson, a good attentive player with plenty of Hoosac Go, Hoby Schwartz, who was full of speed, John Sabo, the power incarnate, and our wings, Mal Bliss and Frank Romary. The letter winners from the defense were: Pete Magee, our trusty center half back, our two half backs on the outside, Rebel Asplund and Bill Watkinson, our two full backs, Tink Elliot and Bruce MacMaster, and our goalies, Gerry Benzinger and John Bobak.

For basketball we had our formidable five: John Bobak, Ray Lance, John Sabo, Peter Magee, and Gerry Benzinger plus Hoby Schwartz as a substitute. These and two others, Russ Reeder and Mal Bliss, won letters to make a grand total of eight basketball letters for the year '55--'56.

At the time of writing the baseball team is progressing. We are expecting a host of letter winners from this sport, because they show every sign of the makings of a good team and of having a good season.

The H Club has had a good year; it has been a real inducement to maintain a high standard of sportsmanship and team spirit. We wish next year's club the same success!

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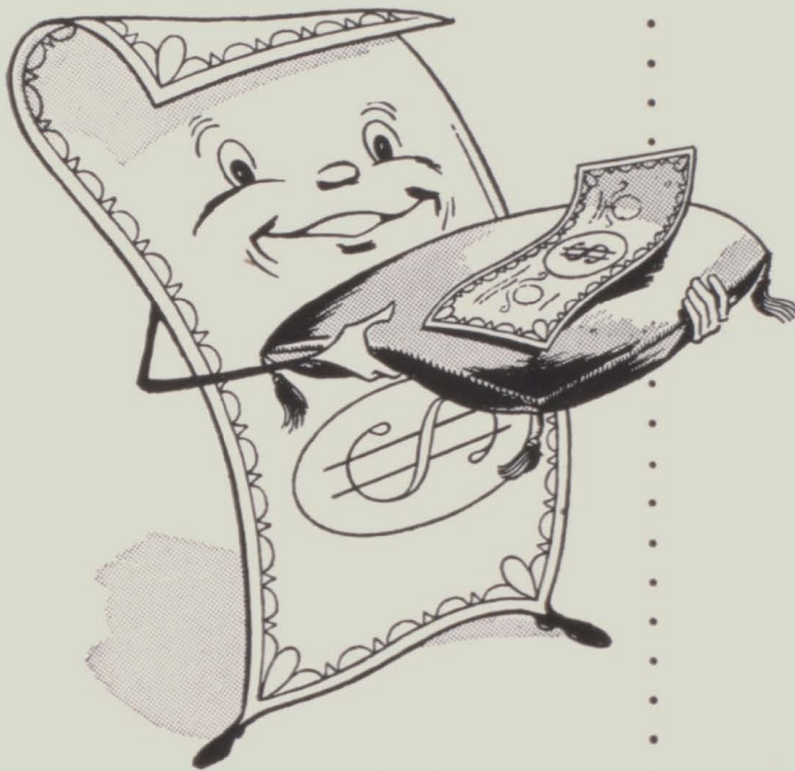
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