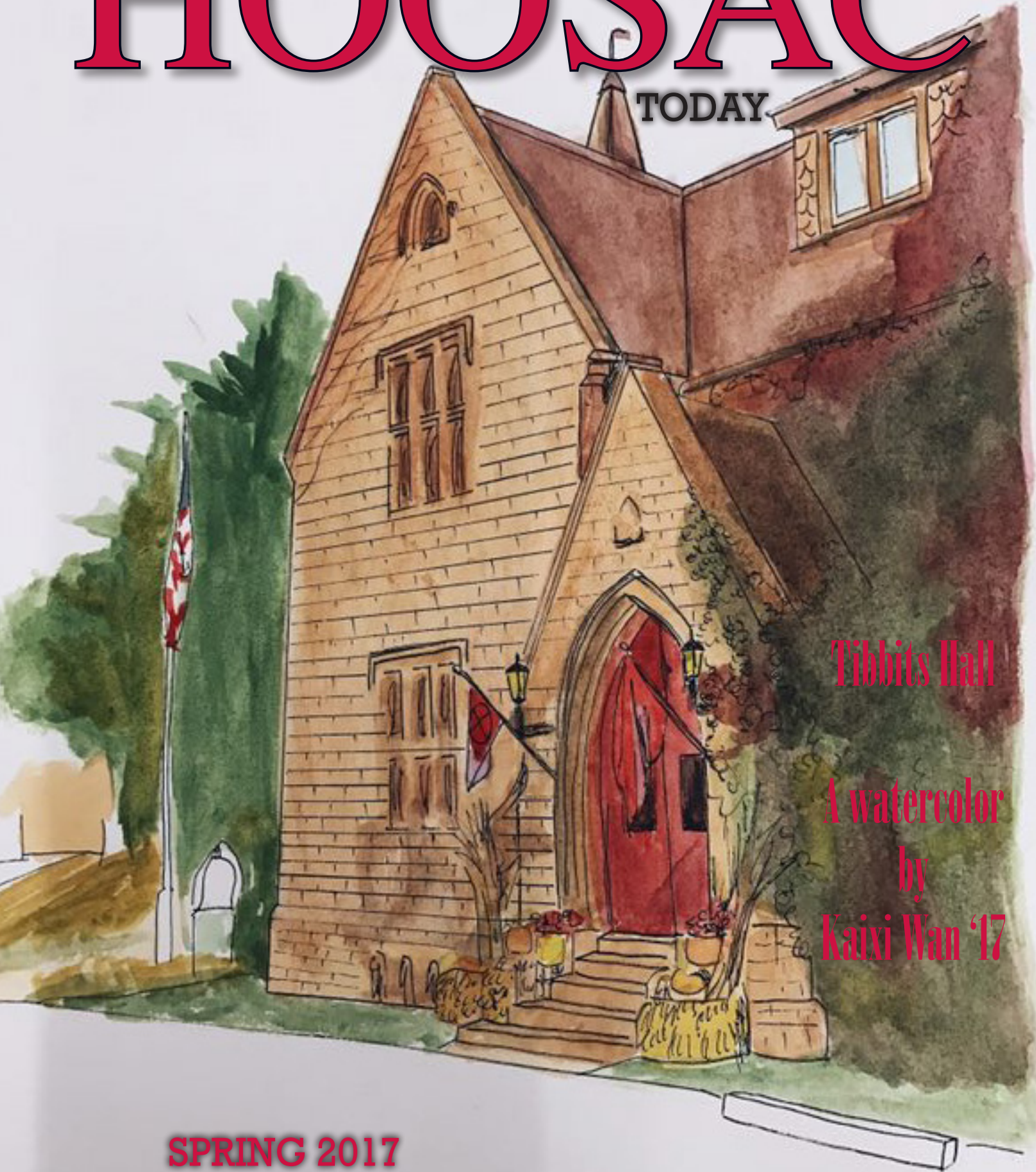


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Tibbits Hall

A watercolor
by
Kaixi Wan '17

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A Message from Dean Foster, Head of School



“Spring has sprung,” at least that is what it seemed for a few days this past February. With 60 degree days and the sun shining, it was an awakening here on campus. Smiles replaced grimaces and t-shirts took the place of overcoats. Lacrosse sticks came out on the lawn and the hockey goals came off the pond in the nick of time. A day later and they would have been lost to depths.

But this respite from the winter was not meant to last, soon the temperatures returned to normal and the snow began to fly again.

While everyone was sad to see the weather return to normal they were at the same time relieved that winter was truly not lost to Spring. There was still much to accomplish before the end of the academic term and beginning of March break.

The end of the second trimester is always a busy time for the students. The hectic classroom pace in anticipation of final exams, a busy athletic schedule and the frenzy of the V1th Formers as they complete the college application process always creates some angst.

The boys hockey team was concentrating on winning a second Holt Conference Championship. The boys basketball team fought hard to earn their way into a 7th seed in the New England Prep School Athletic Council championship tournament. The Girls Hockey team prepared for the North American Prep Hockey Association season tournament. The debate team was working overtime to earn a spot at the New York State

tournament. For a small school, we certainly had a lot going on!

Time and tide wait for no man and the whole school community can take pride in all that was accomplished this winter, from an amazing Boar’s Head & Yule Log celebration, a spot in states for the debate team, playoffs for the boys basketball team and girls hockey and a Championship for boys hockey. It has been a wonderful winter.

Soon the students will return and the campus will once again be as busy as ever, spring will truly be here and while we will still have the occasional touch of winter, all eyes will be set on the future and the approaching Prize Day & Commencement ceremonies. I encourage you to visit us and see all the wonderful things that are happening here in the Valley of the Owl.

If you can’t make it to campus, be sure and follow us online through our webpage and Facebook and as always, send us information about what you are up to.

Deus Regit!

To College We Go!

Guided by faculty member and college counselor Kraig Odabashian, the college application process is over for forty-eight seniors who will soon exit campus life at Hoosac to embark on the next phase of their journey. College acceptance notices are still coming in and are sent directly to the student by the college or university. College acceptance highlights at this time: Emily Levin will attend Cornell University; Djordje Jaksic – Clarkson; Dannick Breton – scholarship honors program University of Southern Maine; Stephen Yetto – Endicott

College; Michaela Simon will attend and play hockey at Salve Regina; Kaixi Wan has a choice of several art schools (see pg 25); Aleksandar Kirilov – SUNY Stonybrook and SUNY Buffalo, awaiting notice of D-1 scholarship for track and field.

Each year at Prize Day we bid farewell to our seniors, wishing them the best, knowing that they are prepared to meet the challenges ahead. Moving from student to alumnus, the big red doors of Tibbits are always open for you to stay connected. Deus Regit!



Success at Hoosac

by Daniel Miller '18

Coming to Hoosac has dramatically changed my life and the way I look at school. Since the beginning of high-school, I didn't start off the way I planned to. My freshman year, my grades were in a slump and I basically gave up towards the end of the year. My sophomore year, I did pick it up a little and began to do my homework more often and study for tests. I still was having trouble scoring on tests, even though I studied for the whole week for the big test. Since starting my junior year at Hoosac, my grades have gone up with great success. I personally think the small classes contributed to my improved grades and also having that time at night to sit down and actually do work. As soon as Student of the Week in November was posted on Hoosac's Facebook page, I was getting text messages from multiple family members congratulating me before the last class of the day was done. Being in school with students from other countries is awesome, meeting new people from different parts of the world. Not only have my grades gone up, but I enjoy going to school and enjoy my time being here.



Daniel Miller and his dad, Stephen with Tibbits Hall as a backdrop.

Visiting Francis Whitcomb '41

by Sherri Craib Klein



A recent photo of Fran Whitcomb

Yes, it was time for a road trip to the Northeast Kingdom to see Fran Whitcomb '41. The rural remoteness of the Whitcomb farm may have been reflected in his remark last Spring when we spoke of making a trip his way "You should come after mud season!" Mud season had long passed and December snow was upon us, but - time to go. The drive itself illustrated this man's great commitment to serving Hoosac School, Fran having made that 200-mile drive many, many times. True to form, when I remarked about this effort, Fran issued his classic lighthearted laugh saying "It's not any longer than Ben Ford's drive!" (*Editor's Note: Ben is Fran's nephew, Hoosac class of '74, and a trustee*).

As I drove, I thought of all the years Fran had made this trip to Hoosac from his home in northern Vermont to serve as trustee, to speak at Bleeze Banquet, to attend graduations and Yule Logs. His degree of commitment became more pronounced as the miles

continued, beautiful as they were with wide rivers accompanying the road and gorgeous vistas of snow-covered pines. Ski country, fishing country, and then - backroads graced with farm after farm in a blanket of fresh snow. I could

"...I've been associated with Hoosac since 1930."

imagine Fran toward winter's end in the midst of his maple syrup business, checking the weather, preparing to collect the sap and boil it down.

As so many at Hoosac have experienced, a visit with Fran Whitcomb was something to look forward to. This visit was different in that he was in his home. A new Hoosac tie and gift of etched glasses elicited a big smile and exclamation. We viewed pictures and films of the old campus: "Memories? Oh I have hundreds! Hoosac was my home for 11 years, from 1930 to 1941. It was a very important time in a young boy's life. I've been associated with Hoosac since 1930. It's a very special place."

Fran's thoughts rolled back in time as he commented on each scene: "Oh Gosh - the athletic fields - I played my guts out on this field. 11-man football, 1932, 12 on a team, not too many students then - 38 enrolled. School just made it - and it wouldn't have save for a benefactor.

Yup, that's the Kremlin, where the youngest boys lived - HoHoHo - that looks like the Squealery! Yes...cuz of the curtains - faculty apartment at the end, Prefects lived in the apartment with the Squealery extending out. Assemblies were held downstairs. The Kremlin bell - do you know the story? Dr. Tibbits supposedly bought it in Russia. Kremlin got torn down when the school moved. There's the Red House - my father's

study 1st floor left. Library was in "Hollydome," the big dorm for older guys. We went to Chapel at 5:00 pm before supper every day. Sometimes it could be hilarious - Vith Formers would run the service when Fr. Whitcomb was away - we went every day! That's the pond, now called Tibbits Pond. Used to sneak up there when it was warm once in a while for a dip; we used the pond for hockey mid 30s-50s. We scraped snow off. And there's the straightbacked bench painted blue - made by my father for the Chapel, a 2-seater. I think it's still there in Tibbits." Viewing a 1941-42 video: "Ah yes, six-man football, Hoosac = Red, Lenox = Green. HaHa, the other team had cheerleaders! Probably 1942. There's Charlie, and Bernie Lamont - killed in the war. Johnny Steward, Harold Green, David Farr. Oh, this one is an Antonian/Graftonian football game - see - no equipment! Okay - break it up guys! Wow look at the socks. There's George Waddington's car! I had a driver's license, so



Francis Whitcomb '41

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we could drive to games. Brings back memories - in 1939 my father gave this car to my brother; when my brother went to war, guess who drove it! It sat four years, then in the summer of my sophomore year in college, I got it out of my grandmother's barn. I recently gave it to my son."

Fran and his wife, Patricia, live on picturesque pastoral acreage. His life as a country gentleman was evident. A foot of new snow had fallen, giving their Subaru parked outside particular meaning. Inside two wicker his/her chairs were comfortably parked before an antique kitchen wood stove that was fired up for a cozy warmth. We talked of Hoosac over lunch. Fran recalled all the parts he played in the Yule Log. "Yule Log - over 11 years I must've played almost every part...started out as the page. I was a king and a sword dancer and finally, the Jester. The best part of being the Jester was to pull a pretty girl out from the crowd and dance her toward the mistletoe! That was great fun. And we had prepared clever little gifts to throw to the audience too." Years later at Yule Log, its traditions,

costumes and original play preserved, a tall figure with white hair would stand out in the crowd many times, clearly enjoying the revelry again and again. Patricia also showed great interest in viewing the video saying "I have never seen a Yule Log - we had a farm with horses and three little children - I had to stay home." And so once more the realization of the support to the school given by family members.

Francis Whitcomb had been honored in 2014 as "an extraordinary citizen, educator, and as Vermont's active community member of the year". "Oh that," Fran minimized, "most of that happened after I retired!" Recognition for those accomplishments included inspir-

“...After all Fran, you are Hoosac’s oldest living alum!”

ing generations of students as teacher and headmaster at the Putney School; a skilled farmer and superb sugar-maker; respected leader in the Presbyterian Church; gracing Northeast Kingdom musical performances with his voice; trusted advisor to governors and legisla-



Fran in 1940

tors regardless of political persuasion; wise civic leadership including justice of the peace. In addition, Fran took the time to write about Hoosac's early days thus recording stories of The First Asado Day, Discipline in the 1930s, and The Gym Fire.

Our visit coming to a close, Fran and Patricia walked me to the door. "It was wonderful of you to make the trip" said Fran with a good-bye hug. "Why of course," I replied, "after all Fran, you are Hoosac's oldest living alum!" "I am?" This brought a smile to his wife who quietly remarked "Well of course you are!" Fran teased about one day flying onto Hoosac's athletic fields in a helicopter with, "My son's a pilot you know! Give my regards to Dean."



Francis Whitcomb '41, Sherri Klein, and good friend, the late Dick Phair '43

Appreciative of Hoosac

by William Marvin

Even though I did not personally attend Hoosac, it has always been a special place for my family – particularly those who are among its graduates.

What makes Hoosac special? I think it all starts with its people; their commitment, spirit, and singular purpose to positively affect the lives of those around them. The faculty, staff, and student body all are parties to this unique blend to ultimately create a dynamic learning environment.

I have met so many amazing people through Hoosac. I recall meeting Ashton Crosby in Tibbits Hall as a kid. He focused on me as if I were the only person in the world. He wanted to know what my favorite subject was in school, and what sports I liked. He connected with me as nobody else had done prior to that point.

I also remember in the early 1970s when my father (Keith Marvin '43) told

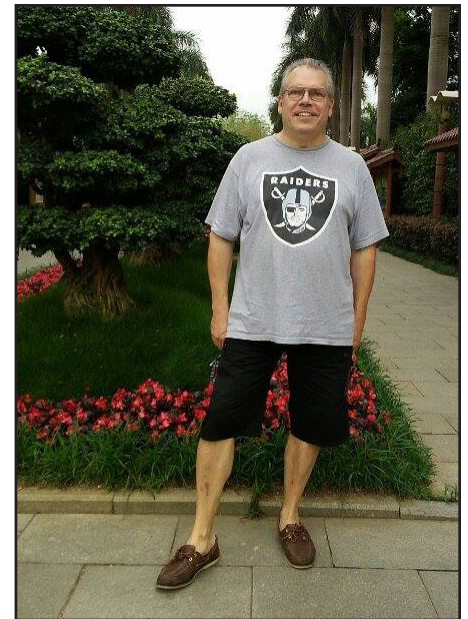
me if I ever was in Canaan, CT, to look up his friend Dick Phair (also Class of '43). And so I did. Dick invited me behind the counter of his pharmacy, where we sat and talked for 15 minutes. There was no more beautiful and genuine person than Dick! And as he was quick to tell anyone who would listen, Hoosac had much to do with shaping his life in a positive way.

The beauty which symbolizes Hoosac is why I feel an attachment to the school. It explains my excitement two summers ago, running into a graduate wearing the unmistakable purple and red of Hoosac at the Frankfurt, Germany airport. It is why I never make the Capital District to Bennington trip without a drive through campus.

Hoosac is small in size yet far-reaching in influence. For a young woman or man, I believe, it provides a developmental platform from which

future promise is more visible. I am so appreciative of all it has given to my family over the years, as I am sure it has done for so many others.

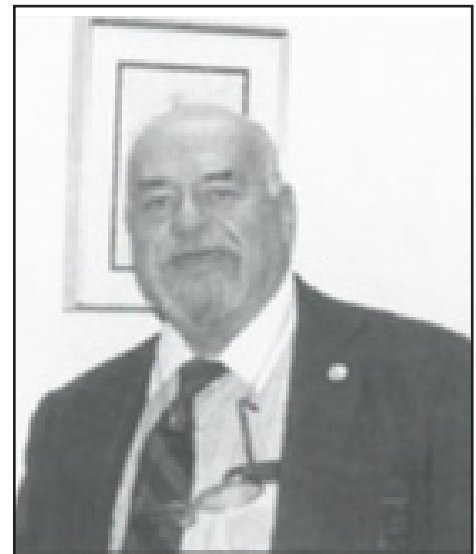
Bill's father, Keith, also worked as a staff and faculty member at Hoosac School 1944-1948. Bill's brother, Dwight, is class of 1974.



Bill Marvin



Keith Marvin '43 with his Rolls Royce and license plate collection.



Keith in 1991 at a dedication of a veteran's plaque. Keith served in WWII.



Alumni News

'36-'41 Class Agent, Francis H. Whitcomb '41, 2278 Centebar Rd., South Albany, West Glover, VT 05875

'43-'49 Class Agents, Needed.

'50-'51 Class Agent, The Very Rev. Raymond D. Brown '51, 6162 Lazy Man Gulch, Helena, MT 59601. Email: ray003@aol.com

'52 Class Agent, Needed.

'53-'54 Class Agent, Franklin W. Bulkley '53, 1150 Freddie Ct., Reno, NV 89503. Email: frankandsal@gmail.com

During a recent search for "lost alumni," Sherri Klein found that **Richard Sellers II '54** of Bel Air, MD had passed away in December 2008 of cancer. **Richard** had been employed by the State of Maryland for 21 years. He served in the U.S. Navy and the Merchant Marines Shipping Service as a Third Mate.

'55-'56 Class Agent, Charles Rexford '60, P.O. Box 697, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607

Charlie reported in January. "**John Highland '55,** was pleasantly surprised to learn that after over 60 years, he still holds the single game soccer scoring record for Hoosac. **Highland's** five goals and one assist against Berkshire still hold over **Giancarlo Pisanelli '01,** who also had five game

goals but no assist. **John** played varsity soccer for four of his five years at Hoosac, with the last three being on a soccer grant awarded to him by Fr. Wood on the recommendation of Coach Arthur Lloyd. Fr. Wood was very proud of **John** for not only his athleticism in soccer, basketball, and baseball, but for the fact that he planted a lot of the trees on the Mansion grounds. Fr. Wood helped **John** get into the SUNY-ESF Ranger School in Wanakena, N.Y." **John** lives in Rexford, NY with his wife, Beverly.

David J. Hebert, Jr. '55 lives in Oxford, MA. He owns and operates Hebert Honey, which carries a full line of honey and beeswax products, as well as bee pollen to ward off allergies. You can find more about **Dave's** all natural products at <http://heberthoney.com/data/products.html>. Email - heberthoney@earthlink.net

Frank Romary, his wife, Mary, and their best friend, Miss Dudley, attended The Boar's Head & Yule Log pageant in December. They live in Burlington, VT.

'57-'58 Class Agent, Paul Rodia '58, 30 Applegate Lane, Woodbury, CT 06798

'59 Class Agent, William Comer, 5650 Eden Roc Lane, Atlanta, GA 30342. Email: bill@comermachinery.com

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Class Agent, Theodore '63-'64 Juraschek '64, 100 Eastbury, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Email: theo_jurachek@msn.com

'65 Class Agent, Needed.

'66 Class Agent, Lance Roepe, P.O. Box 111796, Campbell, CA 95011. 207-326-2024. 408-879-9126

'67-'68 Class Agent, James W. Millar '68, 160 Upper Troy Rd., Fitzwilliam, NH 03447. 603-585-6444. Email: jim.millar@us.schunk.com

Hamilton "Ted" Cammann '67 wrote to Headmaster Foster in February, "Once again I am unable to attend the function in New York. The band (*Imagine Dragons*) extended our touring break due to an expecting wife with twins; and I decided to spend my winter as a ski instructor at Cannon and Loon Mountains (in New Hampshire)." **Ted** lives in Chilmark, MA with his wife, Abby, when he



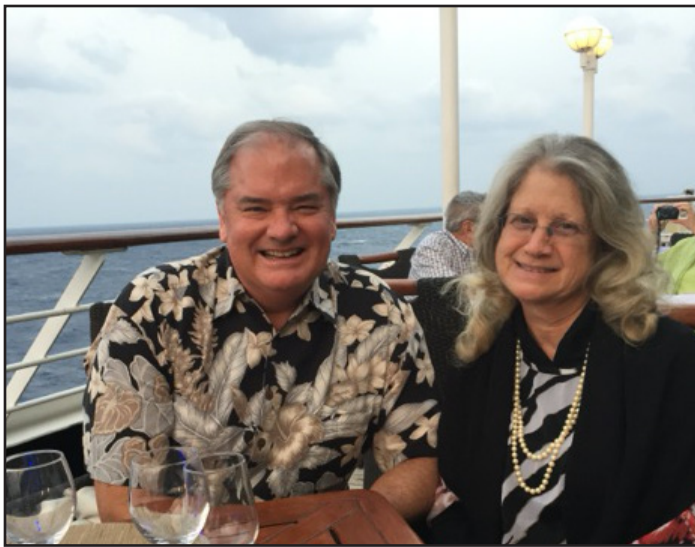
Board member William W. Parshall II, '59



Dean Foster, Frank Romary '56, and Miss Dudley at the 125th Boar's Head & Yule Log



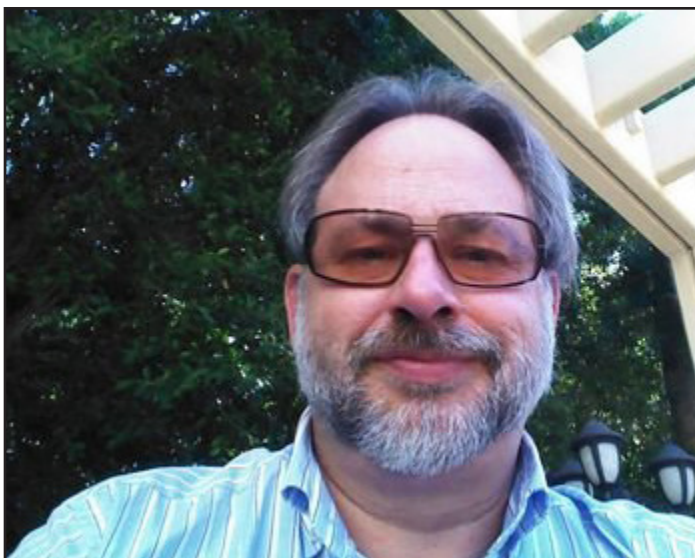
Dave Hebert '55 working with his honey



Hunt Deutsch '70 and his wife, Mary, on their trip to Asia.



Kevin Rapp '73 and his wife, Dolly



G.S. Jade Barrett '78

is not on the road as Tour Accountant with the internationally known band, *Imagine Dragons*.

'69-'70 Class Agents, Needed.

Geoffrey Stevens '70 can be found on *LinkedIn*. **Geoff** is the owner/creative director at Geoffrey Stevens Design. He and his wife, Pam, live in Carefree, AZ.

Peter Van Bomel '70 wrote that he is 67 years old and still working 40 hours a week at Dupont ExStation as an electrician. He lives in Wilmington, DE. His email is peter.a.vanbomel@dupont.com.

Hunting Deutsch '70 sent pictures from his trip to the Orient last year with his wife, Mary. He says, "We traveled to Kyoto, Japan to China, Hong Kong, Vietnam, and Singapore."

'71 Class Agent, John T. Ober, 731 Silver Run Valley Rd., Westminster, MD 21158. Email: jtwober@gmail.com

'72 Class Agent, David Hoy, 2-101st St., Stone Harbor, NJ 08247

'73 Class Agent, Richard Montgomery, 154 Samara Dr., Shrewsbury, NJ 07702. Email: rmontgomery211@gmail.com

Chip Jarman wrote in February, "What a thrill to see my dear classmate from 1973, **Thomas Kevin Rapp** and his lovely wife, Dolly, at our Julian, CA home up in the mountains today! **Kevin, Rich Montgomery '73**, and I were the three Prefects at our boarding school, "Hoo-sac School for Boys". I first

reunited with **Kevin** in Las Vegas in 2007 on my way to Burning Man. The yearbook photo was taken on the steps of Tibbit's Mansion."

'74 Class Agent, Philip Smith III, P.O. Box 944, Far Hills, NJ 07931. Email: phillarymgmt@aol.com

W. David Slaymaker is the Assistant Dean for Outreach at Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences, and the Arts, and President at Oaxaca Streetchildren Grassroots. He and his wife, Lorraine, live in Benton, AR.

'75 Class Agent, Seton Ijams, 311 E. 71st St., Apt. 5H, New York, NY 10021. Email: sijams@aol.com

'76 Class Agent, Craig Kanner, 17 Gage Rd., Brewster, NY 10509

'77-'78 Class Agent, Matthew McCormick '78, 743 Lincoln Rd., Otsego, MI 49078

G.S. Jade Barrett '78 wrote in March, "I have accepted an assignment to train the Irish National Under 25s for the European Championships for the next year." **Jade** is the President of Tournament Bridge Services, LLC, the world's largest professional bridge players organization. He lives in Elk Point, SD.

'79 Class Agent, Needed.

'80 Class Agent, Fred Wright, 659 Ridgehill Dr., Orange Park, FL 32065

'81 Class Agent, Michael Rider, 3 Nob Way, Lowell, MA 01852

'82 **Class Agent, Dr. J. Toby Mordkoff**, 11 Wildberry Ct. NE, Iowa City, IO 52240

'83 **Class Agent, Lizzette Hayes Winters**, 2044 Alycia Way, Pleasant View, TN 37146. Email: LHlights@aol.com

'84 **Class Agent, Wanda Wrzenski Williams**, 4900 Mystic Oak Dr., Browns Summit, NC 27214. wkawilliams@juno.com

'85 **Class Agent, Austin P. McGrath III**, Park Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047. Email: grandgablesiding@nycap.rr.com

'86 **Class Agent, Bryan T. Green**, 7909 Whitebridge Glen, University Park, FL 34201. Email: bgreen@hhmin.org

Hoosac lost one of our own on February 6. **Anthony (Tony) Cavedon '86** passed away with cancer. He was 49 and lived in North Kingston, RI.

'87 **Class Agent, Needed.**

'88 **Class Agent, Marbie Parshall Tarburton**, 4493 Cedarwood Dr., York, PA 17402. 717-751-6861. Email: marbis@aol.com

'89 **Class Agent, Janet Stiegman Fellows**, 2360 Brace Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424. 716-394-7211. Email: janetjfellows@yahoo.com

'90 **Class Agent, Kevin A. Backus**, 23323 Liberty St., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Email: captkevin@mrmuskiecharters.com

Rana Kelton was married to Dale Hasman in January.

'91 **Class Agent, Karl A. Sessler, Jr.**, 4517 Foxcroft Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32309

'92 **Class Agent, Kendall Klein Munzer**, 2204 Dewees Creek Dr. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

'93 **Class Agent, Kristin Norton Anderson**, 172 Todt Hill Rd., Staten Island, NY 10314

Darren Calica wrote in March from the Tokyo airport, "Desending into Tokyo, Japan now. What's exciting is that I have four-hour layover flight to the Philippines, and what's awesome is that I'm meeting up with a Hoosac School alumnus and classmate, **Yu Shimura**, who lives in Chiba, Japan. Its been 26 years since graduation. I made a call to **Yu** at the last minute to try to get together - and, success! Good times old friend."

'94 **Class Agent, Jaime Campbell Hudak**, 358 Broadway, Ste. 201, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Email - jchudak@criteriuminc.com

'95 **Class Agent, Crystal Allen**, 4068 South Washington, Englewood, CO 80113. Email: all4cailin2000@gmail.com

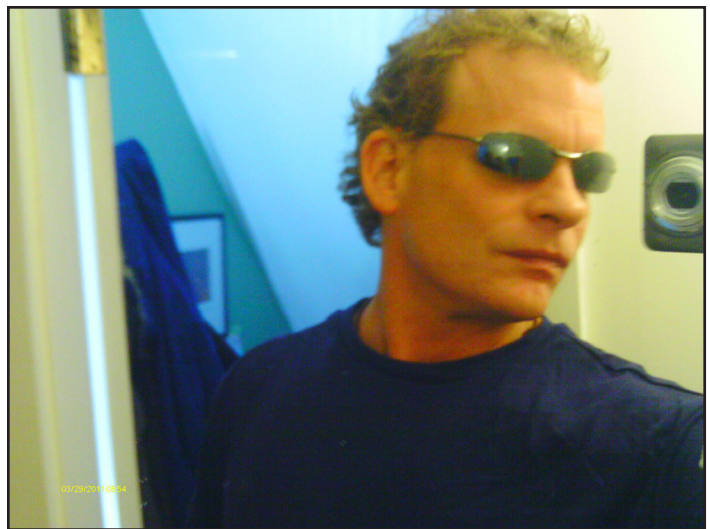
'96 **Class Agent, Nick Johnson**, 9 Broadview Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804

'97 **Class Agent, Carlos "Cheech" Quinones**, 1269 Bonheur Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146

'98 **Class Agent, Jeff Urquhart**, P.O. Box 926, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896. Email: yugecin79@gmail.com



L. to R.: Chip Jarman '73, Rich Montgomery '73, and Kevin Rap '73 as Prefects.



Anthony Cavedon '86



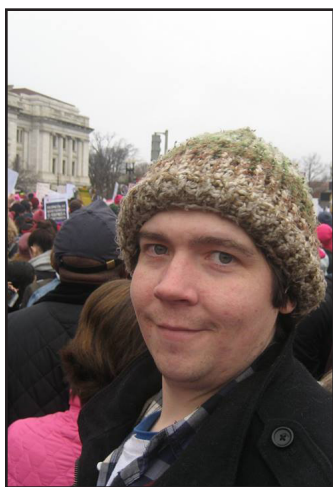
W. David Slaymaker '74 in Mexico



Rana Kelton '90 and her husband, Dale, on their wedding day



Darren Calica '93 and Yu Shimura '93 met in Japan in March



Tristan Burns '01

'99 Class Agent, Kelly Price-Bayliffe, 4092 Ashton Club Dr., Lake Wales, FL 33859 Email: info@tastour.co.uk

Kelly Bayliffe has been living in London for the past 13 years with her son, Michael, who is now seven years old; he just lost his first tooth! In 2016 she was nominated as the UK's dating and relationship of the year, and now runs a singles club with 30,000 members, in addition to her wine tasting business which has hosted over 500 events. You can get in touch with her on kellysrevival@gmail.com

'00 Class Agent, Christine Donovan Dobson, Email: ilovegrumps@yahoo.com

'01 Class Agent, Jontia Jones, P.O. Box 319, Selkirk, NY 12158

Tristan Burns, his wife, Kate, and a friend, attended the Women's March in Washington, DC in January. They live in Williamstown, MA.

Erika Campos Droin lives in Bangkok, Thailand with her husband, Franck, and their three children. Their twins, Alexia and Kai, were four months old in January.

'02 Class Agent, Lea Taubinger, 416 Ocean Ave. #3 Melbourne Beach, FL 32901. Email: lea_taubinger@hotmail.com

Lea writes, "Hello everyone, it's been a while since I last wrote something for *Hoosac Today*. Thank goodness for Facebook so most of us can keep in touch, especially if you are in a different city, state, or country! My experience at Hoosac

was very special in many different ways. I was 15 when first attended summer school in 1998, and the experience changed my life! My independence started early, my friendships bloomed all over the world. Even though we might not see one another often or ever in person, we all have something special in common. Life-changing experiences, and some fun memories. Today I work with a fun group of people doing Old Time Portraits. We work four state fairs a year. Traveling is part of the job. I also work at a consignment boutique called *Michele's Closet* in Melbourne, FL when I am in town. As some of you know, I have been spending some time in Brazil, where I grew up. It's been quite an adventure, and I am honored to live such a blessed life."

Christina Trongone got engaged to John Yaeger on Christmas Day. **Christina** and John live in Marshfield, MA. She is a recovery youth leader at Vinfen, and attended Marist College after Hoosac.

'03 Class Agent, Needed.

'04 Class Agent, Whitney Kelly, P.O. Box 9, Hoosick, NY 12089 Email: whitneynvk5985@aol.com

'05 Class Agent, Laurel Del Rosario, 193 Church St., Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Email: laureldelro2@hotmail.com

'06 Class Agent, Amanda Fleming, 2514 London St., Los Angeles, CA 90026. Email: amandamary.fleming@gmail.com

'07 Class Agent, Blake Boyer, 13 Bassett St., Taunton, MA 02780. Email: hoosachockey1@yahoo.com

'08-'09 Class Agents, Needed.

'10 Class Agent, Jed Jones, 428 Schenkar Rd., Pownal, VT 05261 Ph: 802-823-5074

'11 Class Agent, Needed.

'12 Class Agent, Patrick (P.J.) Lepage, 214 Grassy Lake Rd., Whitefish Ontario, Canada POM 3E0. Email: pj_ryde@hotmail.com

Will Sims posted on Facebook in February, "I had the opportunity to interview for an Internship and I was selected as the Chair of Membership for the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) at PSU."

'13-'14 Class Agents, Needed.

Yaqin (Alice) Jin '13 attended Yule Log this past December. **Alice** studies visual media at Rochester Institute of Technology. She is from Shanghai, China.

Yuexin (Amy) Qian '13 is a Public Relations Intern at Ogilvy Public Relations in Columbia, MO. She says, "I am an undergraduate student majoring in Communications at the University of Missouri. I will also receive a minor in Business, and I am pursuing another minor in Information Technology. I will graduate in May 2017, and am currently looking for internship/full-time positions in marketing, multimedia production, social media, and advertising industries after my gradua-





Erika Campos Droin '01 and her husband, Franck



Lea Taubinger '02



Christine Donovan '00



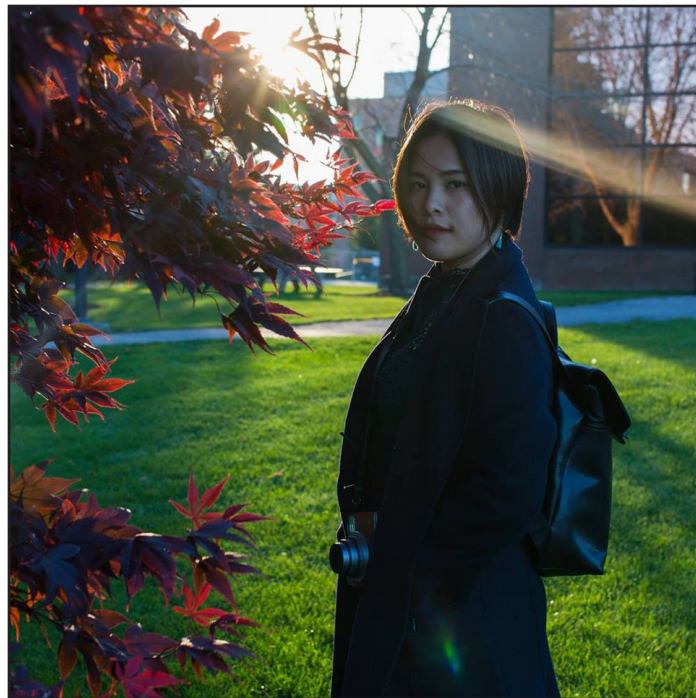
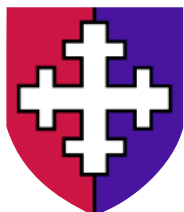
Kelly Price-Bayliffe '99 and her son, Michael

tion. During my four years at college, I held an executive board position as a vice president of the Missouri International Student Council, took part-time jobs at the Mizzou Bookstore and the Mark Dining hall, joined volunteer activities, including Food Bank & Mizzou Alternative Spring break, and became a research assistant for the Department of Communication.”

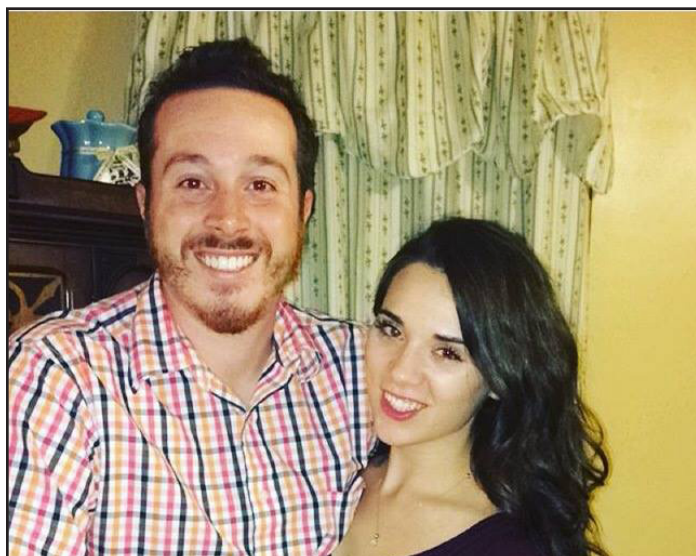
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Morgan McLenithan made the Dean’s List twice at Ithaca College, and has been inducted into the Oracle Society. She is majoring in Environmental Science.

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Yaqin (Alice) Jin '13



Blake Boyer '07 and fiancée, Kayla Choiniere



Morgan McLenithan '15



Yuexin (Amy) Qian '13

Phillipe Gadoury and Felix Page, Class of 2012

by Mike Still - from Dalhousie University

Editor's Note: This excerpt is from an article from Dalhousie University about Phillippe Gadoury and Felix Page, both Hoosac School graduates of the Class of 2012.

For over half a decade, men's hockey forwards Philippe Gadoury and Felix Page have been united by the sport of hockey.

"We met in high school," says Gadoury. "We were going to a school that was focused on hockey. We met there, played hockey together and that's how we built a relationship."

That relationship has seen the duo from Quebec travel together to New York, Ontario, and now Nova Scotia – all for the love of the game.

Gadoury and Page's first trek together occurred in 2011, when they attended a private school known as Hoosac, in New York. They were there for three reasons: to hone their hockey skills; attain their grade 12 education, since high school in Quebec only goes to grade 11; and improve their English.

The year they spent south of the border was an immense success, both on and off the ice. Athletically, the pair played in 19 games and combined for 72 points, while improving their English.

"I didn't know English at all before we went there, and it was pretty tough at first, but we liked it a lot and had a great time there," says Page.

The following year, the pair returned to Quebec where they played a year of college hockey for the Andre-Laurendeau Boomerang – winning the league championship in the process.

Both players had a huge offensive impact. Gadoury recorded 35 points in 31 regular season games, while Page tallied 29 points in 32 games.

From there, the duo spent the 2013-14 season in Ontario, playing for the Nepean Raiders of the Central Canada Hockey League.

Yet again, they made their presence felt. Gadoury led the team in scoring with 55 points in 42 games, while Page



Felix Page '12 and Phillippe Gadoury '12

added 42 points of his own.

Having each other to lean on was invaluable for both players during their travels, and also aided in their teamwork and relationship both on and off the ice.

"We have lived together for so long now that we're used to it," says Page. "And it's pretty cool, it's nice."

"It helped me a lot to understand things that maybe not everybody would understand now, just because we've met so many different people from different countries and provinces as well, and it's huge, especially now."

In January of 2014, the pair went their separate ways for a while, as Gadoury was signed as a free agent by the QMJHL's Halifax Mooseheads, while Page stayed in Ontario to play another season with Nepean.

Gadoury had a tremendous season and a half with the Mooseheads, and was even invited to the Montreal Canadiens training camp. More importantly however, he fell in love with the city of Halifax.

With that in mind, it wasn't too hard for Tigers head coach Chris Donnelly to recruit Gadoury to play for Dalhousie at the start of the 2015-16 season. He had planned on continuing his post-secondary education and felt that the institution – along with the community – were the right fit.

"I knew a lot of people that were going to Dal, so I had an idea of what it was like and the level of difficulty and stuff," says Gadoury.

It didn't take much to convince his close friend to join him as well.

There was a slight adjustment for both players at first, as the level of physicality in the AUS was significantly higher than in other leagues the pair had played in. Much like their previous experiences however, they had each other for support.

"We knew that our first year would be kind of hard and there would be a lot of new stuff that we hadn't seen before, so at least the hockey part was kind of easier because we knew each other," says Page.

In just under two seasons, the duo have given the rest of the league a taste of what's to come. They've combined for 57 points so far, and Gadoury was named to the CIS all-rookie team after earning AUS rookie of the year honours last season.

Suffice to say, the Tigers are happy that the close friends chose to take their talents to the East Coast.

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A Hoosac Love Story

by Jackie Hyde Houran '02



My husband and I met at Hoosac in the fall of 2001. We were actually married right on Tibbits side lawn in 2004. I could never imagine that almost 16 years and two kids later, we are living the coastal life in North Carolina with a house, two dogs and a cat.

But isn't that what life is about? Falling in love, settling down, and growing old together?

I'm just lucky that I met my soul-mate so early. Some people search for that kind of love all of their lives. If it weren't for Hoosac, none of this would have ever happened.

Since graduating from Hoosac, we have both been very busy. Aaron joined the Marine Corps in 2003, and with four deployments, lots of moving, making new friends and losing old ones, he was medically retired in 2015. He has since earned his Associates Degree in Science at our local community college, and just started his first semester at UNCW for Environmental Sciences. He plans to become an Environmental Scientist.

As for me, I have obtained my personal trainer certification through the National Academy of Sports Medicine, and am currently working my dream job at one of the biggest gyms in the Marine Corps.

Our children, Noah (10) and Benjamin(8) are doing well in school and love to go hiking and climbing with us whenever we get the chance.

Hoosac will always be near and dear to our hearts as it was where our story began.



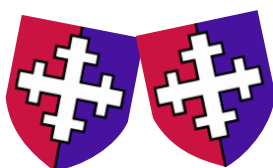
Aaron Houran '01 with Jackie Hyde Houran '02 at her Hoosac graduation



Jackie and Aaron today



Jackie and sons, Noah and Ben



A Lady Owl Hockey Ambassador and an Ardent Fan

That hockey teams travel far and wide to compete is a well-known fact, and so it is at Hoosac for both our boys and girls teams. The effort is grand and deserving of much credit, especially when our players take the time to extend themselves to others in a gracious manner. The Headmaster was very pleased to receive this compliment about one of our Lady Owls:

Dear Mr. Foster,
I wanted to take a moment to compliment a member of the girl's hockey team, Jordan Salzano. While refilling her water bottle between periods at the weekend game, I mentioned to Jordan that we had a Hoosac alum, Ben Ford '74, who drove 1 1/2 hours to Buffalo from Rochester to attend the girls' games. Without being told to do so, Jordan took a moment, introduced herself to Mr. Ford, shook his hand, and thanked him for attending the game and supporting the team. Jordan was a terrific ambassador for the team during this encounter, and a great representative of Hoosac School and the girls' hockey team.

Sincerely,
Pam Brashich



Jordan Salzano '20

I was delighted to meet Jordan, and she is indeed a great ambassador for the team, both cordial and gracious. I didn't get a chance to meet any other players, but I did get to meet the parents in attendance, some also from Rochester, but also from Florida and California! I had wondered if anyone else would be in Buffalo to cheer them on, so was determined to make the trek, but it turns out that Hoosac probably had the best bench support of any visiting team. Not a hockey expert myself, I learned a lot from the hockey moms and dads who have spent countless hours watching their girls zip across the ice and fight for control of the puck. And I cried along with them when Makenna (Murphy '18) was injured, and prayed for her re-

covery. In spite of losing their teammate, the Owls came back on the ice and gave it their all to finish the game.

As I told Mr. Foster, I was very impressed by the Lady Owls hockey team that weekend. They were playing some very good opponents from Canada, and they remained scrappy and spirited throughout. Even through extreme adversity, they gave it their all to the last buzzer. I was very proud to cheer for them. What a great addition to the school! I wish Coaches Bill Ward, Cari Coen, and the Lady Owls continued success this season and in coming years, and I look forward to my next opportunity to come out and root for them.

Ben Ford, Class of '74
and Hoosac Trustee



Ben Ford '74

Students See the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine

With tickets donated by W. Seton Ijams '75, alumnus, trustee, and Senior Vice President at Columbia Artist Management, Inc., in New York City, thirteen Hoosac students were able to attend a concert by the National Symphony Orchestra of Ukraine performing works of Prokofiev, Stravinsky, and Shostakovich. The concert was held at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, in Troy, NY, built in 1875. This is one of the finest acoustical environments of symphonic music in the U.S., together with 19th century architectural splendor.

The audience was ecstatic about the fine performance, calling for two encores.

Says student Djordje Jaksic '17 about going to the performance: "It was an incredible experience. The pianist left the



*Alexis Avramtchev '17 and
Djordje Jaksic '17*

biggest impression upon me, although the conductor of the Ukrainian Philharmonic was also exceptional. An interesting fact is that the same pianist won an important Soviet Union piano competition at the age of 13. The speed of his fingers was unbelievable, even Mr. Uhl was amazed. They played Chopin and Stravinsky that I recognized."

If you would like to specifically support Hoosac's Music Program, please designate that on your gift. Thank you!

The Beat Goes On

An outcome of a music elective, the dining hall came alive with music one day after lunch at the close of Trimester II. Combining voice, piano, drums & percussion, guitar, six students performed three numbers for the whole school community: "Can't Help Falling in Love," "Over and Over Again," and "Satisfaction." Music department faculty member Chris Fisher-Lochhead said "I am really proud of these kids and extremely impressed that they have come so far in just a few months. Jordan did not play the drums at all before January. Hunter hardly ever had played piano. Djordje had never played guitar, and Aleksandar had

never performed before as a singer. This is a great foundation to keep building a student-based music program. The goals for these performances are to showcase the work the students have done over the trimester and give them the valuable experience of performing in front of an audience. A student-based approach means the students pick the music that we play, allowing them to learn music according to their interests. About 30 students have expressed interest in taking a music elective. There is a curiosity about doing new things in everyone, especially in the young. It is important to nurture that curiosity and Hoosac seems to be embracing



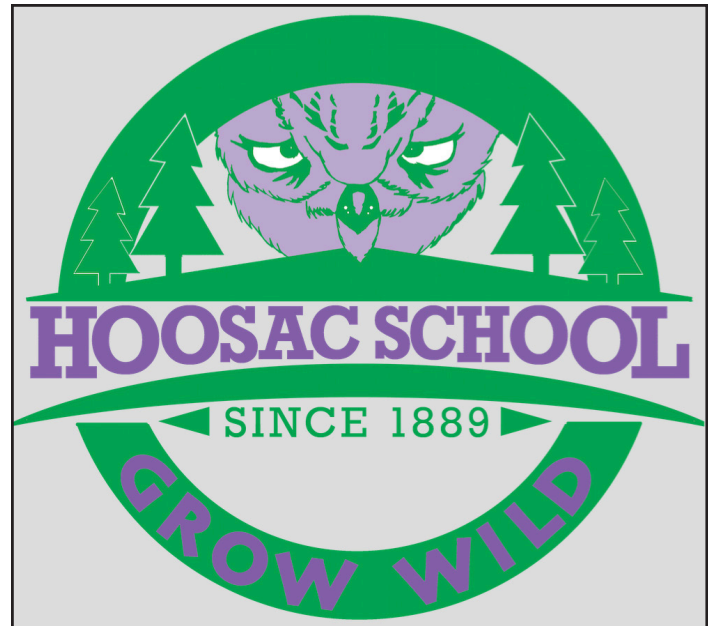
L. to R.: Hunter Ewing '18, Jana Apostolakis '19, Mr. Fisher-Lochhead, Jordan Salzano '20, and Djordje Jaksic '17

“Grow Wild”: Hoosac’s New Agricultural Science Program

The October Trustee/Faculty retreat served to inspire new ideas for Hoosac, one of which is the Grow Wild agricultural science program. And it is “growing”! To introduce farming as a science and a business, a Friday night lecture series by farming professionals included Executive Director, Teri Ptacek, of the Agricultural Stewardship Association. Teri, along with the owners of Tilledale Farm, explained sales of development rights. Next, full-time pharmacist and full-time farmer Jason Staley presented the differences between factory farming and family farming. He also provided students a hands-on experience in hooking up maple syrup tap equipment. Lastly, Cornell graduate Annie Metzger of Laughing Earth Farm described a business and banking model necessary to run a full-time farm. Laughing Earth Farm produces vegetables, flowers, pork, and poultry.

Volunteering many hours since the October retreat, Michelle Gocio, parent of Sophie Gocio ‘18, is working closely with our school to create and develop “Grow Wild at Hoosac” - a unique educational outreach program inclusive of multiple phases and facets of learning while simultaneously fighting hunger. The initial phase involves teaching students to organically garden, thus establishing a base of knowledge from which to found a community garden. In her overview of the program Ms. Gocio wrote “As a school rooted in the Episcopal faith, this project embodies the belief that we should serve as the hands and feet of Christ during our time on earth.”

With 25 students signed up for Grow Wild, short-term plans are in place. This Spring, students will fertilize and till our Hoosac garden and have field trip opportunities at local



Logo designed by Dannick Breton '17

farms that raise sheep, vegetables, flowers, pork, chicken, and dairy. Some students have also signed up for farm work at Soul Fire Farm, as well as at the Vegetable Marketing Program (VMP) through 4-H. The VMP will allow students the opportunity to experience farming first hand, as they take on the responsibility of growing vegetables on schedule for delivery and sale to a local retailer. The school continues to meet with Cornell Cooperative Extension Program representatives, area farmers, and other schools in order to develop curriculum and coordinate use of outside educators.



Students and faculty harvesting purple potatoes in the garden behind Tibbits Hall. Photos by Sophie Gocio.

Hoosac's Visual Arts: Understanding, Expression and Excellence

Upon entering Memorial Hall, one is immediately engaged by the cascade of student art on display. The pieces show exceptional talent and variety in media and technique. Equally delightful is noticing artwork by students who had never before dabbled in the visual arts. Art teacher Ms. Deborah Alter explained the wide variety: "It's important to work with each student's interest, exposure to different mediums, and skill levels. I am very happy to adjust classroom activities to meet those needs, and it is exciting to watch students develop their abilities and achieve success in what they create."

A word from Ms. Alter: Our visual arts program is designed to provide students with meaningful opportunities to investigate fine arts and art history, as well as how art teaches about world cultures. Students experience a variety of media, both traditional and non-traditional, as well as approaches to using technology as an artistic tool. Students are challenged in ways that will help them develop problem-solving and

critical thinking skills as well as artistic, technical, and aesthetic sensibilities. (Studies have shown that students who study the arts score considerably higher on standardized exams such as the SAT and ACT.)

The critiques that accompany each unit of study provide students with an opportunity to grow even more as they exhibit, discuss, and write about their own and each others' work. Thus far this year, students have had opportunities in Studio Art, Mixed Media, Drawing & Painting, Digital Arts, Digital Photography and Design, and AP Art. In the Spring Trimester, they will also have opportunities to work in three dimensions (sculpture), traditional two-dimensional fine arts, and printing and bookmaking. The spring class offerings include opportunities for the students to learn from accomplished working artists of the region.

Studio Art includes varieties of drawing, painting, sculpture, and mixed media, incorporating elements of art, principles of design, and connections to art history and culture. In **Drawing and Painting**, students learn and create with techniques that are broad in scope and meant to challenge each student's ability as well as build upon skills introduced in Studio Art. Once students have developed a strong understanding of how to work in a variety of media such as pencil, watercolor, ink, and acrylic paint, they use that knowledge to create art inspired by different themes, both personal and universal. **Mixed Media** students explore a variety of materials and techniques, both traditional and non-traditional, combining them into visually exciting, original works of art. **Digital Art** and **Photography** introduces the student to the use of the computer as an artistic tool to create original images,

as well as the use of photography as a form of self-expression, personal vision, and communication. Student work integrates the principles of design to create compelling photographs. For the highly motivated and dedicated student who is able to work independently, **Advanced Studio Art/Portfolio Development** offers an opportunity for students to create a portfolio that allows them to explore a wide range of art forms, as well as a body of related works that demonstrate her or his sustained and thoughtful investigation of a specific visual idea. The portfolio is often used to support acceptance into college (academic colleges as well as art schools).

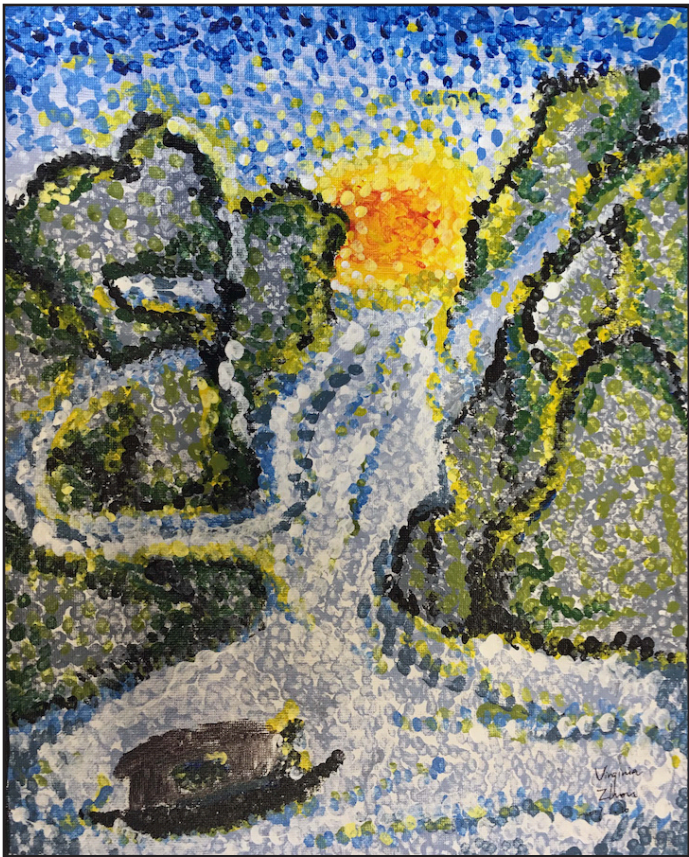
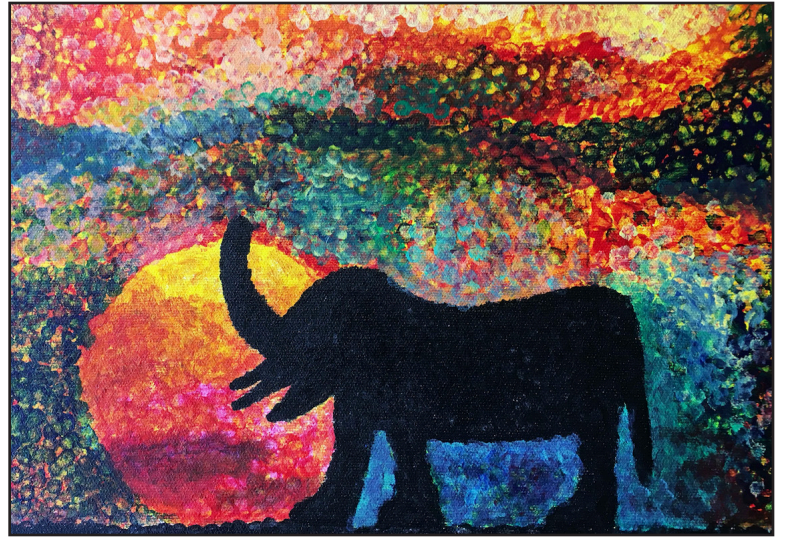
Growth, understanding, expression, and excellence are the goals for every student who studies the Visual Arts at Hoosac. In accordance with Hoosac's mission to develop enthusiastic learners with creative minds, every student has the chance to learn, grow, improve, and succeed in the art classroom, no matter past experience or skill level.



Tanner Stanton, '17



Alicia Wu '17



Student Art:

Clockwise from top left: Osato Osemwota '17;
Simon Delden '19; Tanner Stanton '17; Daisy
Perez '18; and Virginia Zhou '17.

Living at Hoosac School

by David Burke, former faculty member

Resting upon the top shelf among an assortment of retired sporting goods behind the bar at the Three Monkeys Pub in Changchun, China is a Hoosac School ice hockey puck. This unused, vulcanized rubber, biscuit-shaped disc bearing the Hoosac mascot Owl now serves as a pleasant reminder of my eleven years teaching, coaching, and living at Hoosac School. (2001 - 2012)

Unlike the retired hockey puck, I continue to teach languages at a high school in northeast China. Teaching ESL and French at Hoosac prepared me extremely well for this most rewarding challenge. Learning Mandarin is a massive endeavor, yet it's yielded more than a billion new friends. The international student body at Hoosac School is in itself an asset that easily bears positive results going way beyond that which can be measured. The world is a fantastic place and needs to be shared.

A Yule Log song playing at holiday time in a Chinese shopping mall will quickly bring me back to the Squealery boys' dressing room and its chaotic, colorful costuming and last minute

inspections or rehearsals. Mary's banquets (feasts!) and Mr. L's timely, yet numerous "nuggets" of wisdom are sorely missed.

The good fortune of multiple dwellings befell me over the years living at Hoosac. In each house, the walls echoed with tradition and murmurs of imaginary past campus gossip and Jester plots. Whitcomb Hall, overlooking the Chapel courtyard, and Dudley Cottage are a couple of the oldest structures in America. It was a charming place to live.

Northeast China is one huge, flat garden; it is barren, white and frozen in winter, lush and humid in summer. And except for birds, there is very little observable wildlife. Contrarily, at Hoosac School, the local wildlife is strongly represented. I recall having encounters with varied fowl, big turtles, bats, woodchucks, deer, skunks, foxes, moose, the garbage-can bear, and a mouse.

Hoosac School is a beautiful place on the edge of nature, but the people of Hoosac are its enchanting beauty. Those relationships and encounters are the ones that really matter as it's 'who you

are' and not 'where you are' that makes all the difference. At the Three Monkeys Pub, I notice the Hoosac hockey puck and reminisce about the rewards of my stay at Hoosac School. The academic and social education I attained while living at Hoosac School has given me the world, and what could be better than that?



David Burke, former faculty



Pond hockey in China



Part of Dave's class in China



Dave and a friend go sight-seeing

Keeping in Touch: Former Hoosac Faculty and Staff



Ben Moss '85 and his wife, Liz



Tom Cochran '66 talks with his son, Charles, also a former faculty member



Robert Burns, former Director of Studies



Randy Krum, former music director



Dave Donlon, and his wife, Bridget, welcomed second son, Max, in February. Shown here are Max and Ian. They live in Frankfort, Germany.



Glenn Olf in class

In Memorium

Alice Taber passed away at her home on Lincoln Hill in Eagle Bridge, NY on January 26, 2017. **Alice** was 89. She will be remembered fondly by Hoosac alums as she served as a cook alongside Mary Smith for many years.



Alice Taber during her Hoosac days

Up for Debate

by Jordan Rodriuez '19

Lincoln-Douglas debating is all about clarity of the mind and the ability to formulate ideas into coherent, persuasive speech. Obviously, like any debating, it is based on logic, but this kind of debate focuses on the combination of logic, intuition, and morality. In these days in which we live, it is more important than ever that we are able to think for ourselves logically, but of equal importance is the ability to express these thoughts in a way that others can understand. This is precisely what we learn and gain proficiency in through debating. There is no better way to prepare yourself for the morally ambiguous modern world.

Students are interested in debate because it provides a challenge for the mind. Being able to speak clearly in front of people while simultaneously thinking on your feet in reasoning good arguments are two very difficult things and putting them together is certainly a two-pronged attack, but we push

ourselves and the experience and skill we gain more than makes up for it. We also learn a good deal about the way the government works, and about technicalities of the law and how they work in our society. The topics we debate are always directly related to controversial issues that are affecting all sorts of people throughout the nation. To prepare we read lots of analyses of the issue, various evidence, and other things related to the topic. Once we have compiled what we want to use and decided on the arguments we want to make, we'll write our cases.

Another great thing about debating is the fellow debaters you meet from other schools. Your opponents are always friendly and they're mostly the same people every tournament so you can get to know them and see how their debating has improved. I would say that, although stressful, it has been a very positive experience and I have learned a great deal.



Jana Apostolakis '19

The 2016-17 Lincoln-Douglas Debate topics:

- *The United States should guarantee the right to housing.*
- *Public colleges and universities in the United States ought not restrict any constitutionally protected speech.*
- *The United States ought to limit qualified immunity for police officers.*

By January and February, debaters squared off on the issue of free speech at public universities. The debate came down to a classic conservative/liberal difference of position. Ms. Apostolakis and Ms. Perez, who argued both sides in alternating rounds, were well prepared with key rebuttal evidence and philosophical context in which to understand the resolution. Mr. Kraig Odabashian, who coaches the team, encourages debaters to engage topics within a Constitutional framework, preventing the debate from becoming too abstract and grounding it in legal and historical discourses of concepts such as rights, progress, and social welfare. Both Hoosac debaters won key rounds, propelling Ms. Apostolakis to the 2017 state tournament in the Lincoln-Douglas Debate in April at Hofstra University.



The Hoosac Debate Team. L. to R.: Jana Apostolakis '19, Daisy Perez '18, Mr. Odabashian, Evan Fuller '19, and Jordan Rodriguez '19.

The Legend of Tibbits Ghost

Tibbits mansion - built in 1860, bursting with history, its halls and walls beckoning stories of old. Indeed the legend of the Tibbits ghost remains alive today as students hear stories of a secret tunnel or hear a sound in the night that sparks the imagination, or could it really be LeGrand?

Past headmaster Donn Wright stirred the legend of the Tibbits ghost in his OWL TALES column in 1996 and 1998 *Hoosac Today*. He wrote that when he came to Hoosac in 1966, it was widely believed that LeGrand Tibbits' ghost visited the old campus. A staff member who worked in the pantry reported that everyone believed that LeGrand used to walk up to the pantry door and stop. No one ever saw him, but many heard his footsteps. Hearing these reports, Father Wood came in one morning to listen and heard them – he threw open the door, but no one could be seen. In the 1960s, Headmaster Donn Wright often worked late into the night – in a dimly lit corner stood a brooding knight in armor and Donn envisioned LeGrand's spirit finding its way into disgruntled people. In 1983, a Tibbit's family descendent claimed that he saw the ghost of LeGrand in a dark cloak climbing the hill beside Whitcomb Hall at daybreak.

The older brother of our founder, Edward Dudley Tibbits, story has it that LeGrand Cannon Tibbits was a diminutive man who cut a wide swath. He was known to carry a cane with sword inside it and sometimes patrolled the grounds with a pistol stuck in his belt. The legend persists that the ghost of LeGrand Tibbits patrols the campus still. Ray Hull '64 researched LeGrand Tibbits' political activity and found that although he served only one term as state senator from 1896-1898, he was generally referred to as Senator

Tibbits. Ray's grandfather visited the school in 1962 and observed LeGrand to be imperious, hot-tempered, and stuttered. LeGrand was buried up on the hill behind Tibbits mansion. Later on, the story goes, his coffin was dug up and moved to the yard by All Saints Church. A large flat stone marks the grave. No one bothered to fill in the first grave, so generations of students would search for it and gaze at the depression in the ground, visualizing a ghostly essence emerging.

In his column Donn wrote "Late one night when I was asleep, my wife awakened in our bedroom upstairs in Dudley Cottage. She heard the panic bar on the chapel door opposite us, indicating someone had just gone in or emerged from the chapel. She went to the window and amidst new falling snow saw a short man with a beard that used to be described as 'an imperial'. He wore a broad-brimmed black hat, and a black cape, the very costume that people describe as the Senator's. It was during Christmas vacation and there were no students or faculty members on the



Senator LeGrand Tibbits in the 1920s



Hoosac's suit of armor

campus. Barbara Wright told me that the figure in black turned and gripped her gaze with a steely glare and then turned again and walked silently up the hill toward the original grave site. She looked behind him and saw there were no footprints in the snow." That same year a student, whose room was on the first floor of Tibbits south end, reported he was awakened in the middle of the night by someone tugging at his blanket. He opened his eyes and saw a short man in a checkered plaid shirt. His head was not on his shoulders, but tucked under his arm and he backed out of the room as Jim stared at him. Everyone on campus concluded that the ghost of LeGrand had visited Jim Nunnink.

(Taken from Donn Wright's 1996 OWL TALES column, which he always prefaced with "The stories in this column may sometimes be absolutely true." If you have a Tibbits ghost story, send it to info@hoosac.org for the upcoming Alumni Owlet!)

Winter Sports

by Athletic Director, Michael Ryan

Boys Hockey Team Wins Holt Conference Playoffs

The Hoosac boys hockey team won the Holt Conference tournament for the 2nd year in a row, beating Berwick Academy from Berwick, ME 5-1 on the big ice at the University of New Hampshire. The Owls defeated Worcester Academy 4-1 in the quarter-finals at Hoosac's home ice at North Adams, MA, and then hosted North Yarmouth Academy in the semi-finals and beat them in an exciting 4-3 overtime game. The team's overall record was 14-16. *(see back cover)*

Boys Varsity Basketball Reaches The Class D NEPSAC Playoffs

The Hoosac boys basketball team received an at-large bid to participate in the Class D NEPSAC playoffs, finishing the season winning seven of their last eight games. The Owls would face the number two seeded Wooster School on their court in Danbury, CT, and would fall to them 71-59. The Owls finished the season with an 11-6 record.

Girls Basketball Finishes Season at 4-8

The Hoosac girls basketball team had some nice wins over Darrow School and New Military Academy, and although they didn't have a winning season, the entire team returns next year as there were no seniors on the team. The girls feel very excited about next year's season.

Girls Hockey Competes in a 31-game Schedule

In their first year of Girls Hockey, the team traveled near and far to compete in tournaments and games. The girls had

three wins and three ties on the season with many games lost only by a goal or two. The girls beat Albany Academy 6-2 for their signature win of the season.

Boys JV Basketball

The boys JV basketball team finished the season strong by winning over Storm King and Faith Christian School – a school that had beaten them earlier in the season at the buzzer. They finished the season record at 3-3.



Delfin Bilgic '19 heading for the basket.



**Boys Varsity
Ice Hockey
Team**



Left: Joey Grasso '17 (captain); Below: Qiyao (Rocket) Li '17;



Hoosac's Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Team Celebrates their historic first season.



Skiing and Snowboarding

For a non-competitive sport option, students signed up for skiing and snowboarding at Bromley Mountain in Peru, Vt. for an afternoon each week during the winter. Many of these same students traveled to nearby Killington Mountain for a fun overnight trip as well.

Kaixi Wan '17 - Student Artist



Cathy with one in a series of designs sfor her AP Art portfolio.

Hoosac AP Art student Kaixi (Cathy) Wan is ready to take her talents to the next level. She has already been accepted at three prestigious art schools; The School of the Art Institute of Chicago; Massachusetts Institute of Art and Design (MassArt), (with a considerable scholarship), and FIDM (Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising) in Los Angeles. She is waiting to hear from several more, but there is no doubt that she will find herself at one of the nation's top art schools.

Cathy has always loved art, and knew that she would pursue her passion since she was five or six years old. She started drawing and painting in primary school in China, and has never looked back. Cathy came to Hoosac from Chengdu, Szechuan, China as a IIIrd Former four years ago. She says, "During my time at Hoosac, my love of art has been nurtured by my art teachers who have helped me to develop as an artist. The school has been supportive of my interests." In addition to the many art classes she takes at Hoosac, Cathy finds herself drawing and creating in her free time as well as taking private lessons during the summer breaks.

She loves that Hoosac is accessible to New York City, where she can partake in the art and culture that abound there. MoMA and the Met are two of her favorite museums. Field trips to The Clark Institute of Art in nearby Williamstown, MA and MassMoCA, just a half-hour away from campus are on her to-do-soon list. Her favorite artist is Frida Kahlo. "I love that she paints about her life; that makes it so real, even though a lot of people say she is a Surrealist painter. I find her work inspirational," she explained.

She plans to follow her dream of becoming a fashion designer. (Among her favorites are Louis Vuitton, Coco Chanel, and Dolce & Gabbana.) Another of Cathy's inspirations is her mother. "My mom loves shopping," she said, "and I always go with her when I can." She will probably work as an assistant in a big fashion house after college, but eventually wants to design her own line of clothing (starting with her own wedding dress). She has already had some success with her designs; a restaurant in her hometown wanted a unique uniform for its waitresses, and her designs were accepted and are now being worn. She has been involved with some other fashion shows in China as well.

"I've made a lot of good friends here at Hoosac," Cathy said. "The teachers are so nice and supportive, and it's really cool to be able to get to know about cultures from other parts of the world by making friends from so many different places. The nurturing, inspiration, and support I've gotten from everyone at Hoosac has helped me be successful in doing what I want to do and going where I want to go."

Credits

Front Cover:

Tibbitts Mansion, a watercolor by Kaixi Wan '17.

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Boys Varsity Hockey wins the Holt Conference for the 2nd year in a row!. L. to R.: Andrew Lusignan '17, Coaches Brett Heigl '09, and Zachary Cappelli '10. Photo by Whitney Kelly '04.

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Hoosac applies that technology to bring you visuals of what’s happening on campus. Via email, our alumni, parents, and friends receive “Hoosac Online” at intervals. When you open it, you will see colorful pictures of events, such as Bleeze Banquet, Yule Log, or sports accompanied by a brief description. Clicking on one of the photographs will open a corresponding video on the Hoosac website that will make you feel as though you are there!

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Hoosac in New York City!



L to R: Paul Diaz '95, Neal Irwin '96 and his wife, Ayse, Nick Johnson '96, Emily Degyanky '93 and Susan Schoeninger '94

A big *thank you* to all who attended our annual Hoosac Alumni & Friends gathering at the Princeton Club in New York City on February 24th. It was a beautiful, warm winter evening, and a rare occasion to use the patio in February! We had alums ranging from years 1968 to 2011, as well as members of the Board of Trustees. It was a wonderful night filled with laughter and reminiscing. A special thank you to the members of our Owl Society who were able to join us for our Owl Dinner following the cocktail party, which allowed us to personally thank many of you who continue to support Hoosac generously, year after year. For those of you who missed this event, we hope to have another gathering at Hoosac on May 20th - gather some classmates and come join us for a Saturday filled with Hoosac fun!

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