

# HOOOSAC

TODAY



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## A Message from Dean Foster, Headmaster

The first day of Spring this year was March 20th. It was eight degrees outside. While this may seem a bit severe, it is pretty typical for a Hoosac vernal equinox. It is the rare occasion that there isn't ice on the pond at this time of the year.

The Equinox brings so much hope and expectation, much like the new year or more Hoosac-centric events like the Bleeze Banquet or Asado Day. It is a time to reflect on all the great relationships that have been forged here at Hoosac over the last 129 years. Relationships that stand the test of time and distance. Fellow alums who may not have seen one another for years or even decades, pick back up as if time has stood still in their absence from Hoosac.

On June 8th we will be celebrating the beginning of 130 years of Hoosac. To put a marker on how long ago that was, one of the big issues of the day was how the federal government was going to pay to support the Civil War veterans' pensions.

Based on their platforms, Republicans were Democrats and Democrats were Republicans, and Grover Cleveland had just lost his bid for a second term as President. He would go on to win that second term four years later. Believe it or not, the hot-button topic was tariffs on international trade - the McKinley Tariff.

Fifty years later Hoosac Alumni Dick Phair '43 and Fran Whitcomb '41 were unaware of

the roles that they would play in winning the second World War. Before they became war heroes, they were, as Dick Phair would say, true "Hoosac Boys." May they both rest in peace.

One hundred years later, 1989, the students of Hoosac witnessed the end of the Cold War, and recently-graduated students Melanie Harnett Hoffman '88, and Marbie Parshall Tarburton '88, probably did not realize they would be on the Hoosac Board of Trustees 30 years later.

Come forward another 30 years and our students today are part of an age of technology that was mere science fiction three decades ago. Smartphones and Facebook allow unparalleled digital connections, which some would say have degraded personal connections.

Despite all the changes that have taken place in the world, alumni still bond together with the one constant that has stood the test of time: Hoosac. The traditions and ceremonies that shaped the Hoosac experience 129 years ago remain much the same today.

What better way to reconnect with your Hoosac memories than to bring them alive again, right here at Hoosac. Join your fellow alums at the reunion June 8 - 10, and revel in the past, celebrate the present and embrace the future!

**Deus Regit!**

*Dean Foster, Headmaster*



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# MIKE RYAN | 30 Years of Sports and Sportsmanship

by Richard Lomuscio,  
Headmaster 1990-2011

I first met Mike Ryan in 1978 when his parents engaged me to tutor him to get ready for the Algebra I regents exam. I guess that he was about 14. The tutoring was successful and Mike got his regents credit. I did not see much of him after that until Little League season of 1983. Mike was my older son's coach. Of course, I went to every game and enthusiastically cheered on the team. It was at that time that I noticed how good a coach Mike was.

He took time for every one of his players and made sure that they gained confidence in their ability to play and learned good sportsmanship. I admired that, and I remembered his coaching techniques and love for sports in 1988 when Hoosac was searching for a good

coach for all sports. Mike's brother Jimmy was a Vth former at Hoosac School at the time.

I was not Headmaster then, so I could not hire Mike. That was Donn Wright's call. I was Hoosac's Dean and had returned to the campus in 1984 after an absence of seven years. So, I recommended to Donn that he schedule an interview with Mike. At the time we needed an athletic director (I was filling in doing all the AD stuff) so I was eager to have an athletic director take over. Donn liked Mike but wanted to see how he worked out for a year or so before he would give him the nod to be athletic director.

So in the fall of 1988 Mike Ryan jumped right in as a Hoosac schoolmaster taking care of everything to do with sports. He was given an apartment in Pitt Mason where he set himself up with his faithful dog, Spud. His first year he coached soccer,

basketball, and lacrosse. We did not yet have the gym, so basketball was held in the armory in Hoosick Falls.

Mike took care of the fields, the goals, the equipment, and anything else that had to do with sports. He also had advisees. Mike had his own table in the dining hall and served as the faculty liaison with the kitchen, working out details for all special events and banquets. He also planned all Antonian/Graftonian competitions. He is a Graftonian.

Donn Wright anointed him as athletic director in 1989. And that's the post he's held up to now. Mike will mark 30 years at Hoosac in June. After he married Pat Mahar of Hoosick Falls, the couple moved into the Dorothy Dickie house on campus. They then moved into Hoosick Falls where they live with their two daughters, Madeline and Elizabeth. Mike has always believed in keen competition and good sportsmanship

and has always tried to instill the values of fair play in his players, whether it be in soccer, basketball, baseball, softball, lacrosse, or whatever else Mike coached in his career.

I talked with Mike the other day and asked him about memorable moments on campus. He reminded me of the Pitt Mason fire of 1991. I had forgotten that he rushed into the burning room where the fire started with one of the dorm fire extinguishers. He slowed down the flames until the fire department arrived.

He also reminded me that during summers he painted buildings on campus. Mike said that in the past 30 years he has probably painted all the buildings about three times. He additionally noted that he brought back baseball in 2001. And Michael Patrick Ryan continues keeping competitive sports alive at this little school in upstate New York with the same enthusiasm he brought in 1988.





# Prepared for *Flight* Adam Candee '99

This Deployment is shaping up to be similar, although you never know how plans will change.

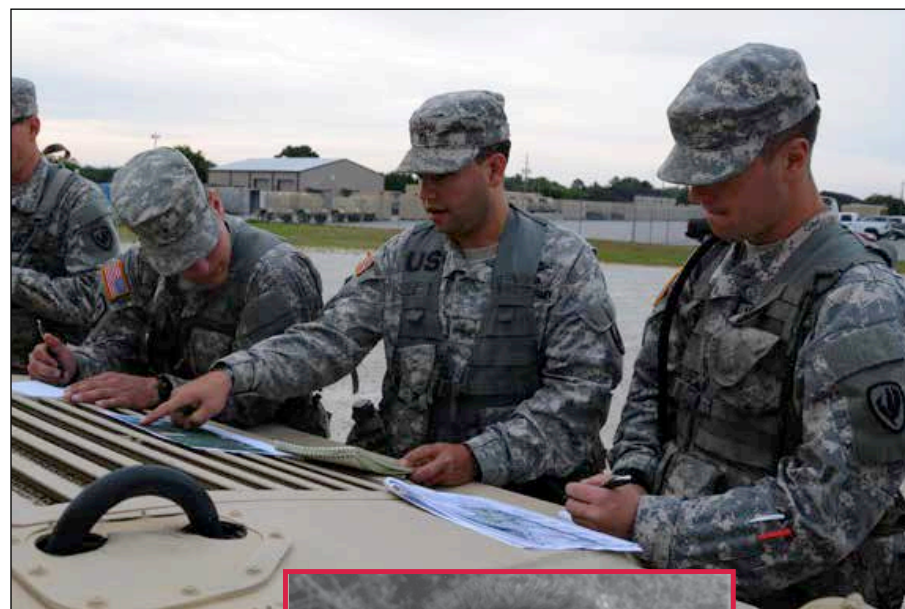
Although this is a great opportunity, the downside is that you must leave your loved ones in the states for over nine months, and while you are here you tend to spend much of the time training in the field. Sometimes you do not have the ability to talk to your family for several weeks or so. It can be tough but it doesn't last forever, and when you get home you tend to appreciate what you have a bit more. There certainly are worse situations to be in.

Getting to this point was a long road, part of which was purely my choice. I chose to join as a Special Forces recruit, not knowing that I could be a pilot (thinking that I couldn't because I wore glasses). I chose to leave the SF program voluntarily in order to become a pilot once I found out that I could. During the long process of becoming a pilot, I

served in the Infantry as Airborne, Light, and Recon, serving in two deployments to Afghanistan and almost a third before becoming a pilot.

Hoosac prepared me for a lot of things: college, receiving my bachelor's degree, (which was another step before joining the Army), being away from family, discipline, study, and working as part of a team. It's all part and parcel of what has made me successful in the military world, as well as any endeavors in the civilian world. Many of the lessons I teach to young soldiers stem from my time at Hoosac and the things that I took with me from there.

Maybe someday I'll get the opportunity to come to a reunion should one occur while I am not on deployment. I would love to share my experiences and stories with my old classmates, and hear all of theirs as well.



*Right: Adam's graduation photo in 1999. Above: Adam Candee '99 with a Black Hawk helicopter.*



**Right now** I am in Germany with Charlie Company, 3-227th Assault Helicopter Battalion, 1st Air Cavalry Brigade. I am a pilot flying UH60M "Black Hawks." This is my second tour in Germany, but I am officially stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas. It has been very rewarding working in aviation, and quite a difference from serving as enlisted in the infantry. It was always my dream to fly and every chance I get I take advantage of it.

Being in Germany is a mixed blessing. Not only do we get to travel and see Europe (I spent New Year's Eve in Paris), but we also get to do valuable and rewarding training with our allies. I have done many missions with both foreign aviation and ground assets. I learn a lot, teach a lot, and have a lot of fun. I was involved in one of the largest air assault training scenarios in American history on the last deployment (over 35 mixed American and Allied aircraft).

To those Hoosac alumni in uniform serving today, and to those who have served in the past, we honor you today and every day.



# In My Words

## Raoul P. Mongilardi '77

My philosophy is rooted in a deep, reverential love of the arts. From boyhood on I've identified with the performing arts on a journey of many roads that remains passionate, and evolving. I was drawn to storytelling through mythology and music that planted a seed of what would eventually become my science fiction episodic series, *Next To The Gods*. Music fueled my 'fever trance' writing sessions while Greek, Roman, Assyrian, and Egyptian pantheons inspired me to envision worlds and craft my characters.

When my father, Peter Mongilardi USN, was killed in the Vietnam war, shortly after announcing his opinion that the "war was untenable" it was an emotional weapon of mass destruction, creating a shock wave that took forty-one years to heal before we brought him home. Those were turbulent times for families and our country to endure. As a young hippie and sickened by war, my heart became devoted to art, music, and literature. I determined that my stories would always reflect positive outcomes, adventurous to be sure, but I would never perpetuate violence for its own sake.

During the 70s and reacting out of fear against the permissive attitude of the day, my family sent me to a military academy to insulate me from the drug culture. Within two years I rebelled strongly, not necessarily in reaction to the discipline structure but against the environment, which I found dull and worst of all, unimaginative. And I was not comfortable with a non-ROTC program, where people who are not in the military wear military uniforms. The academy was just in no way a fit for me and so I decided to rebel, but how? I found inspiration in the life of Gandhi.

You could compare me as a male "Madonna" in many ways because in my attempts to disenchant the academy authorities so they would ask me to leave, I mismatched the uniform on a daily basis. For example, I wore my parade dress coat over a bare chest with fatigue pants and shower slippers, etc., making the academy authorities scratch their heads, but it didn't work. Eventually, my passive-resistance tactics were a success and I joined the student body at Hoosac. *Vive la différence!*

I had a brief but magical experience at Hoosac and enjoyed the culture very much where I again felt inspired

and encouraged to write. Lifelong friendships were forged and I have treasured memories; the silent snowfall at night, my friends singing their hearts out at the Boar's Head & Yule Log, sliding through campus on skis, All Saints, and leaning out of my perch atop Tibbits, writing plots and story elements that would later mature into novels and screenplays.

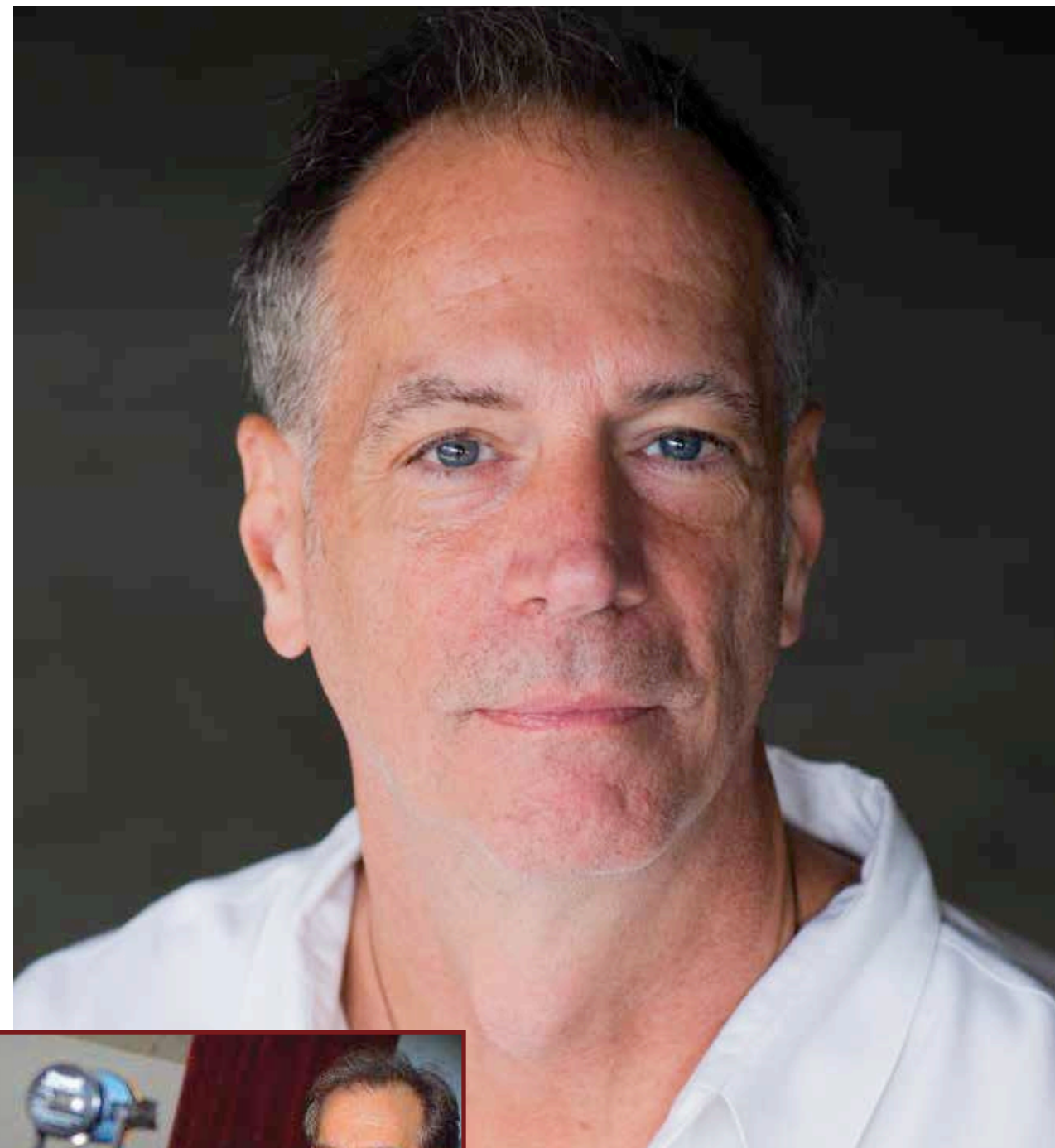
You have to love your art with everything you've got, remember there is no criticism of value, only critiques may inform, and then only from those who successfully do what you aspire to do. Cherish the trip along with every soul encountered because magic happens. For instance, recently the Kepler telescope discovery of the star that blinks erratically (KIC 8462852) has been associated with my description of a Dyson sphere, as I conceived it for *Next To The Gods*. It's very difficult to put into words the degree of humility and relief I feel in this serendipity of an actual NASA discovery commingling with my work. Humility because it's one thing to hit the zeitgeist of a movement with one's writing, but also a strange, peaceful, and very humbling feeling of relief to realize that there is some connection, some cosmological connection to a saga I have poured my soul into.

I love opening doors of wonder to new worlds of magical realism where epic adventure and metaphysical awe drive the narrative. If you emerge from my stories with goosebumps then I've done my job. Someone recently said to me "It seems to me the gods have always had your back. They inspired your youth. Mars took your father but Mercury brought him home. The muses of theatre and song healed you, and now Zeus is leaning over your shoulder pointing to Tabby's star, "See...you're not done yet." Man, do I hope he's right.

"Wisdom begins in Wonder."

-Socrates

Deus Regit,  
Raoul



**Raoul Peter Mongilardi** is the godson of the legendary film producer, Sam Spiegel and the son of Naval hero Air Wing Commander Peter Mongilardi USN, whose landmark case created military forensic history.

A resident of Hollywood California, Raoul has worked for Paramount Television, SONY, Disney Imagineering, as well as stars and royalty. His company, OM-RPM Productions, based in Los Angeles, produced the feature film *Love.com* as well as two documentaries, *The Changing Face of Autism* and *The Walt Disney Concert Hall Organ* (PBS broadcast). Raoul's science-fiction novel series, *Next To The Gods* is published on Amazon and will be produced as a film or episodic series. Raoul attended Hoosac 1976-77.

Raoul is represented by and coproduces with manager, Brandon Cohen of BACtalent. You can contact Raoul at [www.omrpmproductions.com](http://www.omrpmproductions.com)

# Remembering the Past, Planning for the Future

Theodore Juraschek '64,  
Hoosac Trustee



In the fall of 1962 my parents and I sat at the dining room table to talk about my education. I was not doing well at the local high school and my future, including college, was not looking good. We began to talk about boarding schools when Mom said "Hoosac School." I said "Hoosac what?" Mother said "My brother Tom Ward graduated from Hoosac School in 1934 and at his graduation I danced with famous actor and alumnus, Burgess Meredith."

Hoosac changed my life, helping

to ensure a brighter future for me. I arrived on a brisk and snowy day in early January, 1963. I was met by Headmaster and Rector, Father Blake. Within a few minutes Mr. Reifsnyder, assistant Rector, took over and told me to "study hard, play hard, keep your nose clean, and make sure your dorm room is always clean and ready for my white-glove inspection!"

In 1963 Tibbits Hall, Wood Hall, and the Chapel were the main buildings on campus. Our dining room was where Dean's office is today in Tibbits Hall.

Tibbits and Wood Hall served as both classrooms and dorms. With only 46 students, all boys, Hoosac worked.

And boy did I work hard at my studies and at sports. Wrestling was my favorite sport. Coach Dickey and Mr. Reifsnyder were often on hand to provide support and encouragement. One time Ashton Crosby, who had been on the Williams College wrestling team, came by to give us some pointers. Ashton later became Headmaster and for many years was Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Memorial Hall opened in the fall of 1963. This great addition to the school made it possible to increase student enrollment to 55 boys. The Boar's Head Yule Log celebration moved from Tibbits to Memorial Hall in December of 1963. That year my friend and classmate, Joe Gorea, was the Jester. I still remember him needling Mr. Reifsnyder. A year



or two later, Life Magazine did a multi-page spread on Hoosac's Boar's Head ceremony.

I graduated in the spring of 1964 along with just 15 other boys. Four years later in 1968, I graduated from St. Lawrence University. I traveled for a year, then went off to the army and eventually Vietnam where I was awarded a Bronze Star medal. I enjoyed a great career with a large medical products company, eventually retiring to Williamsburg, VA.

Almost 30 years ago, two important Trustees, John Millar '64 and Jeff Bolza '70, invited me to become a member of the Board. What a wonderful experience and honor it has been over these many years to be associated with great trustees and to have had the privilege of working with three excellent Headmasters, Donn Wright, Richard Lomuscio, and now Dean Foster.

Hoosac's future looks great. A strong academic curriculum, sports, work ethic, and smiling students signal a very vibrant

school. Hoosac has experienced many changes with some ups and downs since my day with only 46 boys. Currently, the school is virtually bursting at the seams with over 125 boys and girls. A special need is to expand or build new dormitory space for girls. My wish is to see this happen and for Hoosac to continue to grow and thrive.

**Top row, from left to right:** Ted's V1th Form yearbook portrait; Ted Juraschek at a Board of Trustees meeting on campus in the Fall of 2016; Ted's uncle, Tom Sedgewick Ward, Hoosac '34.

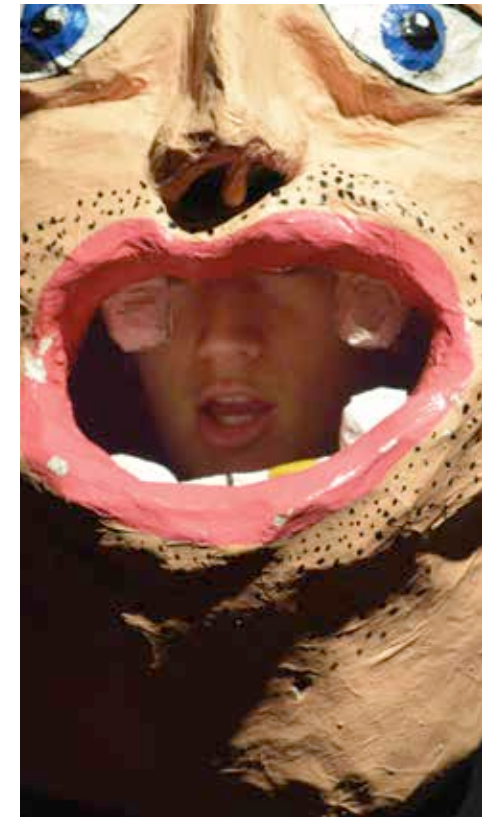
**Below:** A 2016 architect's rendering for a new girls' dormitory. The Headmaster and Trustees have been working toward being able to build it. Hoosac currently has the highest enrollment ever, including a record 47 girls.



John R. Pattison '48

# The Mummers' Play

## Meanings and Memories



It was the 125th performance of the annual Boar's Head & Yule Log. We were excited that our friend, Aiden Daft, had just been appointed to the music staff of the school, so Jane and I had to be there.

The Mummers' play was always a favorite with me. The papier-mâché Giant, Dragon with light-up eyes, Turkish Knight, Fair Saba, and of course tiny St. George, complete with coat of mail...all props made there with in-house innocence which cast its own spell.

Then, after St. George's run-him-through victory, the whole room would sing out, "St. George he was for England, St. Denis was for France!" The rest of that phrase, on which I'd like to comment...sing "*Honi soit qui mal y pense.*"

Though I didn't understand its meaning then as a student, nor at later times as a visiting alum,

this verse has somehow remained chiselled in my memory.

Then one day, several years ago, Jane and I were in North Wales as part of a long-planned trip to the UK. While we were touring an old house restoration in the ultra-quiet town of Conwy, I was admiring the detailed workmanship of the main fireplace when I saw carved into the mantelpiece, in large old English lettering, the words, "*HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE*"!

Sure enough, the very same words that I sang each year as a card-carrying Antonian when St. George slayed that ferocious Dragon.

What was this slogan doing in Wales? And, what does this phrase really mean? I had to know. And then, also, what does this have to do with St. George and St. Denis?

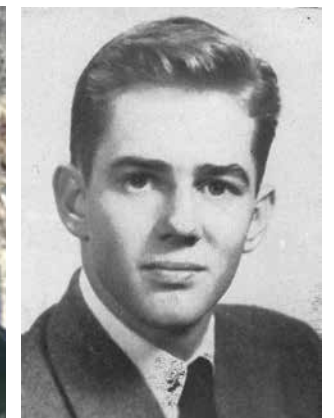
The mystery unfolds...translation of an idiomatic phrase can be taken many ways, but it says roughly, "shame to one (those) who think evil". And the Prince of Wales was a knight who adapted it, hence the appearance in the little town of North Conwy. (There's a lot of ugly history dealing with the Brits and the Welsh... but some other time.) Then Saints George and Denis, I discovered, were third century martyrs because they refused to renounce their faith to support the local King, and as a result got their heads cut off. The "Honi Soit---" phrase could well have been attributed to Saints George and Denis, though I am not seeing much evidence to support this. Still, it continues in use today in the Mummers' Play to celebrate those two saints who spoke out against evil.

One further thought: "*Honi soit---*" could also have been used by any wannabe sovereign as a battle cry to shame those who didn't see things his way; its

construction lent itself to variable interpretations. I like to think our Mummers got it right.

*Deus Regit*

PS: It really was the best performance ever!



John Pattison '48 has been active at Hoosac though the years, visiting often, attending The Boar's Head & Yule Log celebrations and reunions, and recently helping students with our garden program.

# BLEEZE

## CELEBRATING THE BEGINNING



**Above:** This year's Jester, Jayde Dukette '18 with Headmaster Foster as he gets ready to "toss the jester into the fire", ending her reign as the Lord of Misrule.  
**Right:** Jayde is up to mischief as the Jester in a Yule Log performance.



by John Harniman,  
 Director of Advancement

Smoke began to rise as the senior secret was whispered by Headmaster Dean Foster to the members of the VIth Form during the burning of the greens, signaling the end of the Jester's misrule and a first step toward commencement. "This is the beginning of the end for our Sixth Form," Foster said. "It is certainly a bittersweet moment."

The 82nd Bleeze Banquet festivities started earlier in the evening at All Saints Church, as the Hoosac community filed into Hoosac's founding location for the Celebration of the Blessing of the Candles and the Holy Eucharist. The Celebration service is a long-standing tradition at Hoosac, and many students took part by being altar servers and singing in the choir. Once the service had ended, honored guests and friends enjoyed a brief reception in Tibbits Mansion before heading to Memorial Hall for an evening of great food and entertainment.

Students and faculty sat at tables arranged in the shape of a cross, another time-honored Bleeze tradition. In addition to the great food and fellowship, many students also took advantage of the photo booth before giving their attention to our alumni keynote speaker, Tim Norton '89. Timothy Norton reflected on the great times he shared with his classmates at Hoosac, as well as some of the not-so-well-known anecdotes from his time here on campus.

All eyes then turned to our student

# BANQUET

## OF THE END FOR THE VITH FORM

performers, as Jayne Dolinsky '21 and Rifat Nassyrov '21 paid homage to The Beatles with their acoustic rendition of *Yesterday*. Fifth Formers Ireland Ward and Andrew Crawford performed their cover of Jeremy Loops' *Lonesome and Blue*, before Jana Apostolakis '19 joined

Ireland and Jayne back on stage for a trio performance of the Amy Winehouse hit *Valerie*.

Students then closed out the evening with a candle toast to the VIth Form, the faculty, and alumni before joining in the School Ode.



**Clockwise from top left:**

Sixth Formers at the end of the Bleeze Banquet (left to right): Makenna Murphy, Nicole Longboat, and Kiersten Konrardy.

Timothy Norton, Hoosac class of 1989, and our Bleeze Banquet speaker.

A prayer before the Banquet begins in Memorial Hall.



# Out & About

## Making Connections, Strengthening Ties

Keeping pace with the times, Hoosac's outreach team travels far and wide to take Hoosac to potential future students from here in the U.S. and abroad. Full enrollment equals a vibrant school with greater educational resources.

Connecting with Hoosac Alumni is vital, as it is our alumni and friends who support the school's Annual Fund and special projects, thus allowing the school to reach higher ground each year.

Headmaster Dean Foster, Director of Advancement John Harniman, Director of Admission Ryan Grant, and faculty members/coaches Bill Ward, Taylor (Mac) Purvis, Brett Heigl '09, and Zach Cappelli '10, put in many miles to meet with prospective students and families, recruit students for sports, and get together with Hoosac alumni.

Collectively, they visited nine of the States: CA, CT, FL, NH, NJ, NY, MA, VA, and VT, and eight countries: China, Czech Republic, Ghana, Hungary, Korea, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, and Serbia.



**PHOTOS:**

**Top row (l to r):**

Broadway legend Kevin McGuire '76 talked with Hoosac music student Jayne Dolinsky '21 in New York City at our regional reception.

Alums are our best fans. Dean Foster met with Dave Harris '71 and Nip Smith '74 at a Hoosac hockey game.

**Middle row (l to r):**

Director of Advancement John Harniman met with a family in Abuja, Nigeria whose son is interested in Hoosac.

Blair Lazar '88 got together with Dean Foster in New Jersey.

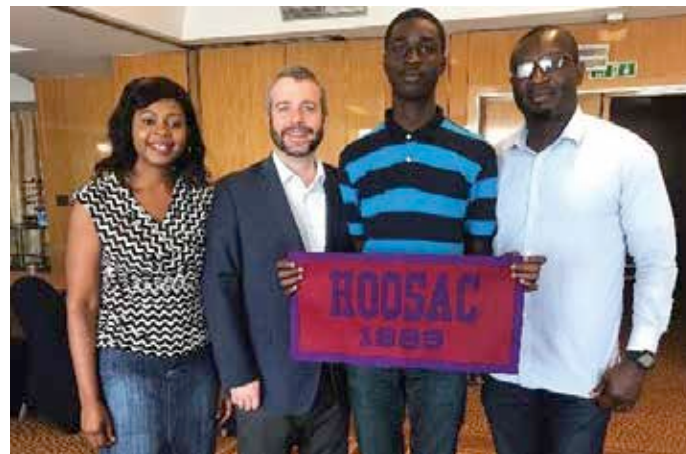
Alums Charlie Barnes '65 and Don Coletti '71 attended a Hoosac hockey game at the home rink.

While coaching at the USJDP Summer Development Camp out of Denver, CO, this summer, Girls Hockey Assistant Coach Taylor (Mac) Purvis was also recruiting for Hoosac's team.

**Bottom row (l to r):** (This page only)

Admission Director Ryan Grant recruiting in Guangzhou, China.

Alumna Kristina Johnson '91 spent time with Hoosac's vocal quartet in New York City at our regional reception in February. Kristina thoughtfully gave them each a gift.



### What Hoosac Taught Me!

My name is Attila Pavuk (class of 2010), I am now 26 years old and a professional hockey player living in Hungary. Besides hockey I am working on my master's degree in corporate finance. Also I am one of the founders and current president of the Hungarian Ice Hockey Players' Association. I was 16 when I was approved to receive the opportunity to study at Hoosac School. Ever since then I have been very thankful for that opportunity. During my period at Hoosac I learned a lot, made lots of friends, and had great times there.

One thing that the three years at Hoosac made me realize is that my parents - and the school - gave me the opportunity to become the person who I really wanted to be, and probably that's the most you should expect from life. And since you are reading this, that means you too already got that chance from life, so make the most of it!



# Always Focused on Success In the Hoosac Classroom



Mr. Ayes helps Daniel Miller '18 solve a geometry problem.



An inspiring lecture in British Literature class with Mr. Uhl.



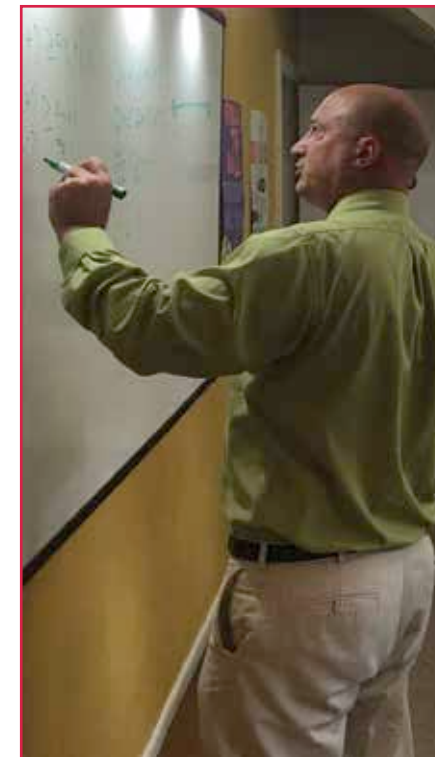
Dr. Fisher-Lochhead's American Literature class took advantage of the one warm day in early spring to take their learning experience outside.



Mr. Daft's Advanced Placement Literature class upstairs in Blake.



Ms. Beaudette's Advanced Placement Chemistry class.  
Above: Gabriel Pigeon '19.  
Right: Elyssa Miranda-Lavertu '19 and Jana Apostolakis '19



Mr. Ward instructs his Algebra class upstairs in the library.



Ms. Lindsay's Human Systems students made review games designed to test each other on the flow of blood through the heart. **Left to right:** Ciara Tonic '19, Samantha Rodriguez '19, Daisy Perez '18, and Selin Oncül '19.

## Two Big Firsts: Music Students Record at a

In an exciting first for Hoosac, twenty music students had an opportunity to be recorded at a professional recording studio, Akin Studios, located in the Hoosick Falls Armory.

Dr. Chris Fisher-Lochhead, Hoosac teacher and Director of Music, arranged for the students to have this amazing two-day experience.

Participating young musicians said that what made the recording experience unique included using the equipment (microphones, pre-amps, mixing board), the facilities, and the expertise of the engineers that professional musicians use. It was a real-life experience.

During the sessions, the recording engineers, Alex Kelly and Adam Turner, provided expert assistance to our students to record solo and group vocal pieces with instrumental accompaniment, including guitar, piano, and percussion.

Selections of the finished recordings were enjoyed by the whole school community, inspiring others to try it in the future.



Ireland Ward '19



Andrew Crawford '19

### WHAT THE PARTICIPANTS SAID:

"It gave me the opportunity to find my voice, and find out more about who I am." - Jana Apostolakis '19

"Being at the studio for two days was a truly amazing experience. Learning about the different types of microphones, guitars, and instruments was just so cool and exciting. I sang about five songs." - Ireland Ward '19



Jayne Dolinsky '21 and Rifat Nassyrov '19 recording the Beatles' classic Yesterday.

"The studio was a really cool place. It was a lot of fun to work with the equipment and people there and I'm thankful for the opportunity." - Andrew Crawford '19

"Working in the recording studio was something I'd never done. I liked how it looked and liked the sound that I got out of it. The final product sounded great; other people thought so also. I look forward to doing it again!" - Leah Magee '19

## Pro Studio, Artists Display Work at Museum



Fifteen Hoosac student artists participated for the first time in the Annual Regional Student Art Exhibition held at The Bennington Museum in Bennington, VT. The exhibition ran from February 1st through March 13th, with an Opening Day reception on February 3rd.

More than a thousand community members throughout the Hoosick-Bennington region visited the Museum to view students' art from local area high schools. Works from Hoosac students included paintings, sculptures, drawings, and linoleum block prints.

All participating students received certificates from the Museum. (l to r): Back Row: Gabriel Pigeon '19, Yoan Ferland '18, Maren Lancaster '18; Middle Row: Mya Bjorkstrand-Luna '21, Kasia Burns '20, Kiersten Konrardy '18, Barbora Machalova '20; Front Row: Selin Oncul '19, Zenan Xue '19, Eleftheria Siolas '20, Daisy Perez '18, Emma Robinson '22. Not pictured: Maya Cummings '21.



Above: Macquire Ward '22 attended the Opening Day reception with his family. Here he examines a mixed-media painting by Maya Cummings titled "The Meaning of Life". On the far wall near the corner is an abstract acrylic painting called "Homage to Piet Mondrian" by Gabriel Pigeon. Left: Emma Robinson admires "Floyd", a plaster cast sculpture by Kiersten Konrardy.

# Taking Part in Leadership

by Daisy Perez DeSantiago '18

It doesn't feel that my time at Hoosac is close to the finish line, especially since my senior year has been filled with non-stop work. The beauty of all this effort is the outcome. During my time of being a Senior Prefect, I've proudly worked on special projects alongside my fellow Senior Prefect, Maxim Georgievsky, whom I can honestly call my best friend.

I've been at Hoosac for four years now, and in each I've had opportunity to know several female senior prefects and have the honor to call them my friends. Watching Miranda, Julia, and Jocelyn giving so much of their time to make a difference has driven me to be like them as I put my work into Hoosac too. This year, Max and I have worked on charity projects such as lymphoma awareness, mental health awareness, and food drives.

Throughout my time here I've seen dramatic changes take place on campus, such as the first girls hockey team, which also increased our girl population. The change was very good for the school; it brought more opportunities for social activities, such as the prom.

To be a leader in this change I made sure I was there for the girls, there to help them understand the Hoosac life, because when you're away from home and everything is new, it's kind of scary.

Another drastic change, I believe, would be the addition of new classes like Human Systems and Neurobiology that help our students figure out what they want to do when they go to college. I'm currently in both those classes, and I can say that they have pushed me further into wanting to learn more about health science and actually become a nurse.



# A Golden Opportunity

by Selin Oncul '19

When I first told my parents that I wanted to go to the United States for my studies, that was no more than a dream for me. Years passed, my family's opportunities changed, and most importantly, I changed. The only thing that stayed the same about me was my desire to be where I am right now. Coming to Hoosac was merely a one-year plan for me. I did not know what to expect from this journey, but I can tell you that I definitely did not expect it to be my second home.

I will never forget the first bonfire I experienced at Hoosac. I could not shake off the amazement of being in the same place with people from distant lands around the world, people who I otherwise could never have crossed paths with. That day was the beginning of a change. Laughing for such a long time, singing with people I had never talked to before, sharing random memories without knowing that there was yet so much more to come; I was not used to any of these feelings.

After that one year, I became a completely different person. Hearing distinct viewpoints, which could only be experienced by living in a such culturally diverse environment like Hoosac, shaped my current perspective. Adjusting to a different lifestyle gave me self-assurance and independence. Besides all these, Hoosac taught me to create gold out of the unlimited opportunities that were given to me.

# Keeping You Up to Date

## On a Medical Mission

In January, faculty member Meryl Lindsay and Hoosac students Yuyan Wei '18 and Maxim Georgievsky '18 flew across the globe to volunteer at the 2018 Cambodia Medical Mission. Working long hours with a team of medical and dental professionals, Hoosac's team saw 200 patients each day.

Max described the experience: "I worked as a dental assistant and had the tremendous opportunity of providing free dental care to any Cambodian citizen who arrived at our clinic. I helped patients from the age range of 5 to 75, and each of them equally made me feel grateful to provide them with any care necessary. As a dental assistant, I prepared the tools for the dentist, interacted with patients, and pulled teeth that were causing pain. What Cambodia taught me was to appreciate everything you have in life and share these great gifts that you possess with everyone around you."



Maxim Georgievsky '18 served as a dental assistant.

## The Plunge for the Pond

In February, Headmaster Dean Foster reprised his annual Polar Plunge into Tibbits Pond. Well, sort of! With a twist on the Plunge, (as seen on Facebook, Dean actually "plunged" into our school swimming pool). Tibbits Pond is not yet restored to its former glory and is still quite shallow. Traditional Hoosac pond hockey was not possible this year. According to Dean, "The response to my Polar Plunge Challenge has been amazing! So far we have raised over \$37,000 toward the Tibbits Pond Restoration Fund, and that is from only a small percentage of the givers I challenged!"

"Let's boost that number up!" he said, "we need your name so that when we ask for very large gifts we can show that we are all in this together. Make your gift today, small or large, and add your name to the list of those who want to see Tibbits Pond the way it was. If nothing else, you get to see me do this again!"

While the road onto campus has been repaired, donations to the Tibbits Pond Restoration Fund are still coming in, both via postal mail and online. Online donations can be made by accessing our website at [www.hoosac.org](http://www.hoosac.org). Just click on "Tibbits Pond Restoration" in the "Giving" menu.



Headmaster Foster's "Polar Plunge" at the pond.

## Going Green, Saving Green

Hoosac is going green! The installation and interconnection of over 1,500 photovoltaic panels is complete and is now functioning, offsetting our electric energy consumption and costs by using the power of the sun.

If you have interest in sponsoring a panel in the array to show your support for sustainability and a greener tomorrow, contact Kathryn Weaver at 518-686-7331 or go to the Hoosac website online at [www.hoosac.org/giving/hoosac-a-brighter-tomorrow](http://www.hoosac.org/giving/hoosac-a-brighter-tomorrow) and make a donation at the level (see far right) that works best for you.



The solar array is located near the edge of the athletic fields on the south end of the campus.

DIAMOND
\$10,000.00
PLATINUM
\$500.00
GOLD
\$100.00
SILVER
\$50.00
BRONZE
\$25.00 for 25*

# Hoosac Athletics: The Strength of the

# Teams is in the Strength of Its Players

## Jayde Dukette '18

exemplifies leadership both on and off the ice. As the team captain, she was an inspiration with her dedication in the weight-room and her work ethic in the classroom, as a prefect, and on the ice. She always played with a lot of heart and passion. Jayde also grew into a much more vocal leader during her senior season.

- Coach Bill Ward, Girls Ice Hockey



## Elizabeth Gaudreau '18

grew into a strong leader during her senior year. She is an exceptional student-athlete whose words inspired the girls hockey team. She led by example and was rewarded with being named assistant captain during the season.

- Coach Bill Ward, Girls Ice Hockey

Elizabeth is one of a kind. She always gives 100% and is always willing to help out in any way she can. She is part of her teammates' cheering section. Elizabeth is a true leader and a wonderful young lady on and off the field, including in her role as prefect.

- Coach Molly Smith, Girls Soccer & Lacrosse

## Austan Bellefeuille '18

was a pleasure to have this season. His start as assistant captain helped lead him to an outstanding season. He led the team in scoring with 21 goals and 21 assists. He placed in the top 15 in NEPSAC scoring and was named to the Holt Conference All-Star Team.

Austan sees the ice very well, is strong in all three zones, and applies the physical factor when asked. Austan took on many roles this season; being used at forward and defense is a difficult task at the prep level.

Off-ice, he was a tremendous leader, making sure his teammates were on the same page, helping younger players get better by shooting pucks late at night, or simply going over the play book. His outgoing personality made it easy for him to get along with everyone on the team and the Hoosac community.

Austan will be attending Omaha Lancers (USHL), and Carleton Place (CCHL) main camps. He has many colleges interested in him for the upcoming season.

- Coach Zach Capelli, Boys Ice Hockey



## John Conway '18

is a first-year, high-honors, three-sport athlete. John put together a solid season on the front line as he was a leading scorer for the soccer team in the fall. In the winter John played hockey where he was a consistent, hard-working force just like he was in soccer. John will be playing baseball in the spring and is projected to be the ace of the pitching staff. We expect he will continue to be a reliable, steady influence for his team.

- Mike Ryan, Athletic Director,  
Boys Soccer & Baseball Coach

John Conway added a depth of personality and character to the Owls' lineup this past season. Conway always brought an uplifting presence and attitude to the table during training sessions, practices, and games, seemingly making the atmosphere more enjoyable for players and coaches alike. Dirty John notched his first Hoosac goal in a pivotal moment during the Cheshire Academy game, ultimately propelling the Owls to an overtime victory.

- Coach Brett Heigl, Boys Ice Hockey

## Athletics (continued)



### Kiersten Konrardy '18

was a force to be reckoned with on the blue line. She quarterbacked the top power-play unit and was one of the most effective players on our penalty-killing unit. Kiersten was a dedicated player and an assistant captain for the girls hockey team.”

- Coach Bill Ward, Girls Ice Hockey



### Hunter Ewing '18

is a Sixth Former starring in three sports: soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. Hunter was an instant contributor to the soccer team, even after suffering a broken ankle in September. He was the captain of an 11-5 playoff selection team in basketball this winter, being selected as a Class D all-league player for his efforts on the court. He is looking to be a second-year starter on Hoosac's defending Division III championship team.

Hunter will be attending Sage College in Albany, NY where they have recruited him to play lacrosse.

- Mike Ryan, Athletic Director,  
Boys Basketball Coach

## Professional Development: Expanding Horizons

### A Degree in the Science of Reading

Faculty member Anita Wilson is well known to love world languages. She has studied several, both formally in school, and informally as an adult in order to have greater experiences while traveling to many countries. She became fluent in Spanish, French, and German. A year of studying Latin was invaluable for understanding those other languages, as well as her first language, English. Mrs. Wilson is currently in charge of the Mango language program, guiding students to learn a language of their choosing from an offering of more than 70, using independent-study software. Additionally, with many years experience as a professional proofreader, she helps us with this very publication, and hopefully, we heed her detailed advice.

Mrs. Wilson has been studying on her own as well, and has just completed a Master of Science in Education (M.S. Ed.) through Simmons College Language & Literacy degree program, with an emphasis on literacy. Coincidentally, prior to beginning this degree program she trained to be a tutor for the LVORC (Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County).

She is currently certified as a Level 1 Wilson Reading System teacher. (Mrs. Wilson is not related to the creator of the WRS.) “I am a better and more confident teacher because of this coursework.

### Exploring Questions of Art and Truth

In January, art teacher Deb Alter and nurse Sherri Klein attended a professional development workshop at nearby MASS MoCA. It was co-sponsored by Art21 and was facilitated by its Senior Education Advisor, Joe Fusaro. Inspired by Art21 films (check them out online or on PBS), teachers learned about how the art and ideas of contemporary visual artists can be powerful models for creative and critical thinking across subject areas and disciplines.

In the films, contemporary artists talk about their motivations and methods, and the workshop encouraged educators to encourage their students to think and work like artists, using thematic, inquiry-driven processes and strategies that reflect how and why artists think and make work today.

The Art21 documentary series on an Art and Social Change teacher workshop centered around the work of Jenny Holzer (who just happens to live in Hoosick Falls), particularly the Redaction Paintings on view in MASS MoCA's Building 6, which feature declassified documents around the Iraq War and enhanced interrogation techniques at Guantanamo Bay.

The workshop encouraged teachers to consider how they can use the arts to develop learning opportunities for students to consider such questions as the nature of truth, dissemination of information, authority, and narrative. These are timeless questions, of course, but seem particularly applicable to the world today.

The advances and research in this field have been tremendous in the last several decades.”

“The Simmons College Language & Literacy degree program links the science of reading with educational practice. Teachers learn evidence-based instructional practices using explicit, sequential, structured language approaches, with a multi-sensory methodology. It has received national recognition as one of nine colleges in the country providing an exemplary program that sets the bar for teacher training in literacy.”

Thank you Mrs. Wilson, for investing your time and energy to reach higher and therefore give more to Hoosac students!



Holzer took documents obtained through the Freedom of Information Act and reproduced them on 10-foot-high canvases. Are these huge silk screened copies of selected redacted government documents and handprints simply stating truth, or is the display an outcry against torture and war? Standing before the huge canvases absorbing the visual images, bit by bit one realizes – the exhibit delivers a look at our world in a powerful, non-traditional way. As a workshop exercise, participants used art to express a redacted document and ended up with a greater understanding of the text-art exhibit they had just experienced.

The art teachers who registered with a non-visual arts colleague received a fully-funded (bus included) field trip to MASS MoCA to participate in an “Examining Truth” tour, featuring the Jenny Holzer exhibition. Our students look forward to the opportunity to visit the exhibition, and we will start this important conversation with them.



## '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

**Frank** wrote in February, "I haven't talked to **Kerry Payne** for this report. Rumor has it that he is about to sign a VERY BIG contract with Manchester City Football Club in the English Premier League. They are already in first place but think that they need more scoring from the center forward position.

**Hank Coolidge '53** is perhaps the most productive of all of us. He's using his significant Lockheed skills to teach "urchins" wonderful things. He also reminded me of a time (long ago) when in church at the "Old School," he began singing soprano and ended the service singing BASS, much to the surprise of all of us including Mr. Butcher!

**Frank '53** and **Sal Bulkley** have seen the winter of darn near no snow. Not good at all for nearby ski areas, although warmer than the East by far. Still, they are going to Desert Hot Springs for a couple of weeks in their motor home. A warm winter in Reno ain't all THAT warm.

Shortly after **Andy Olmsted '52** and **Carol** became divorced, **Andy** began wishing that they had not. Lots of years passed. Now they are back together. He is a very happy guy. **Andy** is undergoing therapy for his back along with other ailments that are slowing him down, but only slightly."

## '55-'56

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

## '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

## '60

Class Agent, **The Rev. Dr. Timothy Parsons**, 12 Oak Ave., Norway, ME 04268. Email: timothyprsns@yahoo.com

## '61

Class Agent, **Arthur Rodia**, 207 Grassy Hill Rd., Woodbury, CT 06799. Email: ac23rodia@charter.net

**Robert A. Fallon** of Schenectady, NY passed away on January 18, 2018. He is survived by his wife, **Helen Bouloukos Fallon**, whom he met 59 years ago and together were blessed to have recently celebrated their 50th anniversary. **Robert** is further survived by his siblings, who include **Arnie Fallon**, **Hoosac class of 1973**. **Bob** was a man who enjoyed the simplicities of life, a wooded glen, a quiet stream, old movies, a good book, or a fishing trip to Lake Champlain where his family spent many a joke-filled time. His career choice began as he helped in the family business, **Troy Drug Company**. Prior to getting on with his career, he served as a medic in U.S. Army during the Vietnam era. His knowledge gave rise to sales for pharmaceutical companies, but his greatest personal love was the company he formed, **Fallon Medical Supply, dba Mr. First Aid** in 1986. To the greater Capital Region his honesty and good cheer as a businessman will be his legacy. Whoever he met, in whatever situation, he left a joke behind, and a friend.

## '62

Class Agent, **The Rev. Malcolm Roberts III**, 520 Taberna Way, New Bern, NC 28562. Email: mroberts12@hotmail.com

## '63-'64

Class Agent, **Theodore Juraschek '64**, 100 Eastbury, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Email: theo\_juraschek@msn.com

## '65

Class Agent, **Charles T. Barnes**, 823 Waldens Pond Rd., Albany, NY 12203. Email: chasman823@gmail.com

**Marc Mattox** wrote to **Charlie** in January, "I remember those 'glory days' on the soccer pitch with you and **Duncan Perry** anchoring a stellar, impenetrable defense, **Billy Oshei** in the midfield, and **Chip Toulon**, **Arky**, and me up on the front line." I retired after 30 years working for the state of Colorado. My last job was as a parole officer. In furtherance of my duties, I achieved a black belt in Kenpo (my first knowledge of martial arts was you telling me you studied), and an NRA certification as a firearms instructor. Upon retirement 15 years ago, I obtained a building contractor license and continue to do so at a reduced rate. I have worked as a court interpreter and continue to use my Spanish leading a Seekers' Bible study at the state prison. I strive to do all things to the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." **Marc** lives in Canon City, OH.

## '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

**James A. Patterson** of Clearwater, FL passed away in 2016.



Barry, Wanda, Alexis, Kris, and Zela - the Williams family. Wanda Wrzenski Williams is a 1984 Hoosac graduate and class agent.



Eric Risch '83 and Andy Russell '85



Franklin W. Bulkley '53



Andrew L. Olmsted '52



Robert A. Fallon '61

## '69-'70

**Class Agents, Needed.**

## '71

**Class Agent, John T. Ober**, 30 Lake Meade Dr., East Berlin, PA 17316. Email: [jtwober@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:rmontgomery211@gmail.com)

## '74

**Class Agent, Philip Smith III**, P.O. Box 944, Far Hills, NJ 07931. Email: [phillarymgmt@aol.com](mailto:phillarymgmt@aol.com)

## '75

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## '76

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

## '77-'78

**Class Agent, Matthew McCormick '78**, Grace House, 5731 Monticello Ave., Portage, MI 49024. Email: [mattmcco@gmail.com](mailto:mattmcco@gmail.com)

Dr. and Mrs. Peter Smith, parents of the late **Christopher Smith '78**, wrote a tribute to their son. See page 33.

## '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](mailto:LHlights@aol.com)

## '84

**Class Agent, Wanda Wrzenski Williams**, 613 Cardella Dr., Greensboro, NC. [wandawka@gmail.com](mailto:wandawka@gmail.com)

**Wanda** writes, "Thirty-four years ago. Wow, hard to believe it has been that long since I graduated from Hoosac. Every time I see a Facebook post or open an e-mail, so many great memories flood my mind. It is so wonderful to see so many generations since getting to experience the wonders of Hoosac. Having moved away in 2007, I very much miss being able to attend the Yule Log, and alumni events. Thank goodness for technology and the ability to stay close even if you can't be there."

## '85

**Class Agent, Austin P. McGrath III**, 25B Harvest Way, Waterford, NY 12199. Email: [grandgablesiding@nycap.rr.com](mailto:grandgablesiding@nycap.rr.com)

**Andy Russell** and his wife, Tracy, visited classmate, **Eric Risch '83**, in St. Helena, CA. **Eric** is the General Manager and Director of Winemaking at Pellet Estate, a winery.

## '86

**Class Agent, Bryan T. Green**, 7909 Whitebridge Glen, University Park, FL 34201. Email: [bgreen@hhmin.org](mailto:bgreen@hhmin.org)

## '87

**Class Agent, Needed.**

## '88

**Class Agent, Marbie Parshall Tarburton**, 4493 Cedarwood Dr., York, PA 17402. 717-751-6861. Email: [marbis@aol.com](mailto:marbis@aol.com)

## '89

**Class Agent, Janet Stiegman**, 2360 Brace Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424. 716-394-7211. Email: [janetjfellows@yahoo.com](mailto:janetjfellows@yahoo.com)

## '90

**Class Agent, Kevin A. Backus**, 23323 Liberty St., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Email: [captkevin@mrmuskiecharters.com](mailto:captkevin@mrmuskiecharters.com)

## '91

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

## '92

**Class Agent, Kendell Klein Munzer**, 2204 Dewees Creek Dr. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

## '93

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

## '94

**Class Agent, Jaime Campbell Hudak**, 358 Broadway, Ste. 201, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Email - [jchudak@criteriuminc.com](mailto:jchudak@criteriuminc.com)

## '95

**Class Agent, Crystal Allen**, 4068 South Washington, Englewood, CO 80113. Email: [all4cailin2000@gmail.com](mailto: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, Wolfboro Falls, NH 03896. Email: [yugecin79@gmail.com](mailto:yugecin79@gmail.com)



Bryan Green and his wife, Cheryl. Bryan is class agent for the class of '86.



Seth '99 and Danielle Dowling '99 with their baby, Levi.



Stella Ann, daughter of Laurel Del Rosario, class of '05, was born last December.

## '99

**Class Agent, Kelly Price-Bayliffe**, 4092 Ashton Club Dr., Lake Wales, FL 33859. Email: [kellysrevival@gmail.com](mailto:kellysrevival@gmail.com)

**Seth Dowling** writes, "I'm currently living in Los Angeles, in a little canyon neighborhood called Kagel Canyon with my wife, Danielle. We met in '09, and married in the spring of 2014. I work in Post-Production as an Avid Technician with the On-Air Promotions Department at CBS. I supervise a small group of data handlers in a team that does technical planning and R&D for the Promo Department. My wife works as a costumer in TV and Film. Our first child, Levi Thorin Dowling was born on February 7th, 2018. He was 7 lbs, 3 oz.

## '00

**Class Agent, Christine Donovan Dobson**, Email: [ilovegroms@yahoo.com](mailto:ilovegroms@yahoo.com)

**David Brennan Callahan**, age 36, passed away unexpectedly at his home in Easthampton, Massachusetts on August 29, 2017. **David** was born in Amman, Jordan and grew up in various countries where his father was assigned by the Department of State. He attended the Williston Northampton School in Northampton and the Hoosac School in Hoosick, New York before completing an Associate's Degree at Holyoke Community College in Holyoke, Massachusetts. **David** loved working at the Green Street Café and the Spoleto Restaurant in Northampton.

## '01

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

## '02

**Class Agent, Lea Taubinger**, 416 Ocean Ave. #3 Melbourne Beach, FL 32901. Email: [lea\\_taubinger@hotmail.com](mailto:lea_taubinger@hotmail.com)

## '03





Class Agent, Needed.

## '04

**Class Agent, Whitney Kelly**, 11 Riverview Dr., Westport, MA 02790 Email: whitneynvk5985@aol.com

**Spencer Sussman** was married January 6. He and his wife, Emily, live in New York City where he is an admissions recruiter for Pratt Institute.

## '05

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

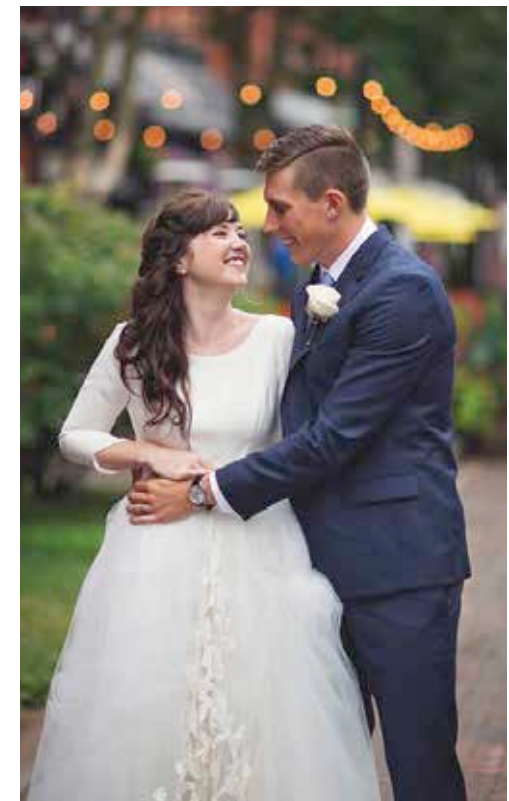
**Laurel** and her family welcomed a new addition to her family. Stella Ann was born December 12, 2017, weighing 7lbs 5oz and 19" long! **Laurel** is a nurse and lives in Hoosick Falls, NY.

## '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



Fraser Dylan Atkinson '12 and his wife, Grace

## '08-'09

Class Agents, Needed.

**Lorne Miller '09** and his wife, Megan, are expecting their first baby. It will be a girl! Congrats to them! The live in Montreal, Canada.

## '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 P0M 3E0. Email: pj\_ryde@hotmail.com

**Fraser Dylan Atkinson** was married to his wife, Grace, in August 2016.

## '13-'14

Class Agents, Needed.



Lorne and Megan Miller '09 at their baby shower

**Shen (Rocher) Guo '13** is pursuing a master's degree at LeHigh University.

**Seungbee (Sandy) Yang '14** is from Daegu, Korea and has been named to SUNY Geneseo's Dean's List for the fall semester 2017.

## '15

**Class Agent, Anthony Kelly**, 18-15 215th St., Apt. 15N, Bayside, NY 11360

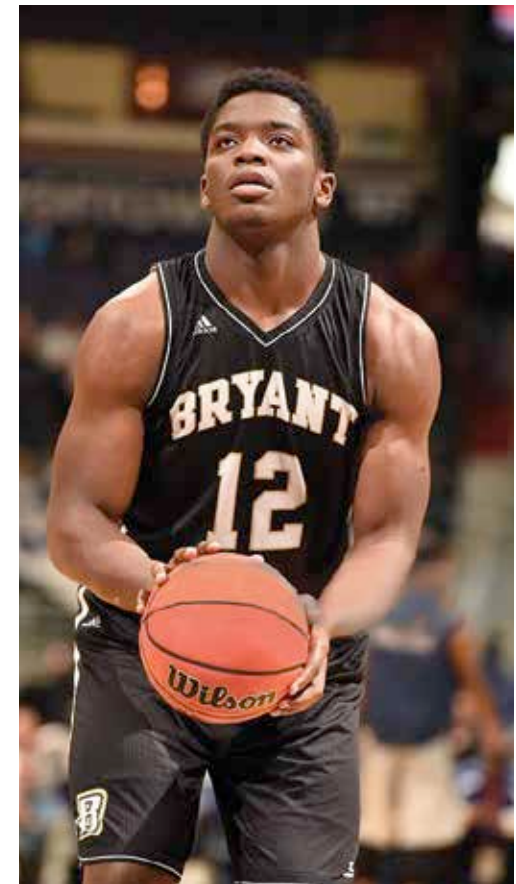
**Morgan McLenithan** is at Ithaca College, majoring in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, and was named to the Dean's List in the college's School of Health Sciences and Human Performance for the fall 2017 semester. **Morgan** is from Cambridge, NY.

**Atakan Akcam** from Lyndhurst, NJ has been named to the Fall 2017 UMass Dartmouth Dean's list in recognition of earning a semester grade point average of 3.2 or higher of a possible 4.0.

Making the Dean's List for the Summer 2017 semester at Holyoke Community College is basketball stand-out **Marcel Pettway**. **Marcel** is now at the University of Reno in Nevada.

## '16

**Class Agent, Julia Kopala**, 131 Putnam St., Bennington, VT 05201, Email: jkopala@fandm.org



Marcel Pettway '15

## '17

**Class Agent, Emily Levin**, 332 Rayelene Dr., Vestal, NY 13850, Email: eml227@cornell.edu

**Stephen Yetto** achieved Dean's List for the Fall 2017 Semester at Southern Vermont College. **Stephen** is from Pownal, VT.

**Elizabeth A. Brashich** of Penfield, NY is enrolled at Colby College in Waterville,

ME. Before classes began on September 6th, **Elizabeth** took part in a week-long orientation that included an introduction to academic and intellectual life at Colby, participation in an outdoor education trip (COOT), and an address by D. Whitney King, the Dr. Frank and Theodora Miselis Professor of Chemistry, at Colby College's 200th convocation.



Spencer '04 and Emily Sussman on their wedding day.

## Tyler Proctor '13

Tyler Keith Proctor passed away December 4, 2017. He was born February 4, 1994 in Red Deer, Alberta to Robert and Robin Proctor. His childhood years included living in Calgary, Houston, Dubai, Kazakhstan, Saskatchewan, and New York.

He graduated from Hoosac in 2013, and was a member of the hockey, lacrosse, soccer, and baseball teams. He graduated from the ESA Firefighting Academy, recently working as a Helitack forestry firefighter. He had a

passion for the outdoors, working as a ranch hand at Anchor D and Three Bars Ranch.

He will always be remembered for his uplifting spirit and playful demeanor, mischievous smirk, and constant quest for adventures. Tyler is survived by his parents, brother Brandon, and sisters Laura and Emma. He will also be remembered by grandparents Keith and Pat Cornelius, Doug Proctor, and Bev Proctor. He will always be loved and missed.



## A Tribute To A Son

Our son, Christopher David Smith, (Hoosac class of 1978) died suddenly on October 6, 2017. While that filled us with grief, thinking about Christopher, especially his days at Hoosac, has brought us memories of laughter and his loving stories of his days at school.

The first few days Christopher was at Hoosac, he was very angry. We had torn him from his public school where familiar surroundings and friends had filled his days and thrust him into a strange and, in those days, tiny school. Ever a friendly kid, Christopher soon forgot to be angry and began to enjoy his small classes, and the need in sports to have every student participate. Christopher, who liked sports, soon learned he had a leg up on one sport in particular – soccer.

He had lived abroad, in 1970-71, in a suburb of Athens, Greece. There, he found himself in a neighborhood where all the kids loved soccer to the point of obsession. Christopher, as the new kid on the block, needed to use his feet and legs in this new marathon, on vacant lot soccer games. His lack of Greek was no obstacle; his new Greek friends soon taught him enough Greek words to make a sailor blush.

At Hoosac there was Coach Dickie, who coached soccer. Christopher soon became captain of the team. Ever enthusiastic, if never a David Beckham, he had found his niche. He loved the sport and had the advantage of his year playing with Greek neighborhood kids.

At Hoosac, being a local kid, Christopher was amused by “city kids” who were bewildered by all the trees around Hoosac School and who, on occasion, got lost a few feet from the science building. Leafy hills and woods were his home territory; he was an avid Boy Scout.

Christopher’s friendly nature enabled him to make friends with the new boys and girls he found himself among. Christopher



Christopher Smith '78 at Hoosac.

enjoyed baseball season. He had played in Little League and on middle school teams, being a goodall-around player. Decades later he became an excellent softball coach. Two summers ago, Chris brought his team to an International Tournament in Canada and they won that contest.

While at Hoosac, Christopher was never the greatest scholar, in spite of being an avid reader, always with a book in hand. We were always puzzled by his knowledge, which later enabled him to co-author a number of research papers for Roche Pharmaceutical Company, his ability to memorize shelves of sports books, and his very good knowledge of World War II history, versus his not making the Dean’s List.

One night at dinner, Christopher mentioned a classmate whom we all knew and recounted his latest scrapes with the rules. We asked Chris why this fellow was always in trouble. Christopher blurted out that the teenager’s parents “didn’t care,” and never checked where he was or had him call to report what he was doing. Christopher stopped short, suddenly realizing what he was admitting to. That is, he had accidentally admitted to the rightness



Christopher in a recent photo.

of parental rules, and Hoosac’s regulations.

Six years ago, Chris took his daughter, Arielle Swan-Smith, to tour eastern colleges. During that trip, he took her to Hoosac to share with her where he had spent some of his happy and meaningful high school years.

Talking about meaningful, Christopher had an interview at Cornell, the year before his graduation. When asked the question, what was his favorite course, he answered, “Ethics.” Truthfully, Christopher was not Cornell material, but he ended up on the waiting list because, we believe, of the answer he gave to that question. He had taken that course at Hoosac.

Years before Hoosac, his father happened upon Christopher giving a talk on a Picasso sculpture to some young students. So, Christopher was a happy mystery. Now he is a joyful memory, once we can get beyond the sorrow of his leaving us.

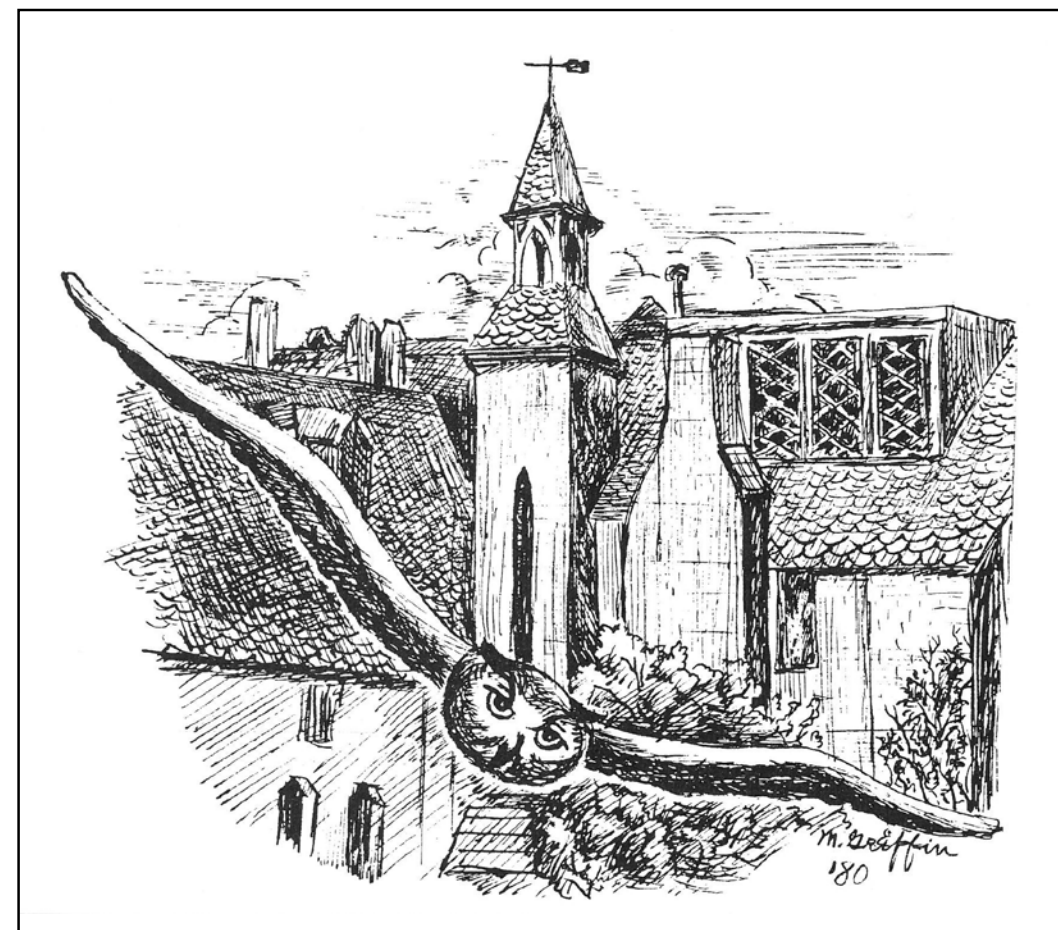
As we left his hospital bed from which we knew his organs would be donated, we said to ourselves, “Good night sweet prince, may flights of angels sing thee to thy rest.” Christopher had read those very words from Shakespeare’s *Hamlet* at Hoosac as part of his studies.

## THE OWL SOCIETY A Winning Team for Hoosac School

How did the Owl Society come to be? It was formed in 2011, looking forward to Hoosac’s 125th when then Advancement Director Glenn Boynton did his homework. With years of experience in the field, Glenn read every Hoosac Today ever published, poured over yearbooks, analyzed years of giving data, found and met with alumni, parents, friends, and volunteers. As a result of this research and interaction, naming “The Owl Society” and its associated annual gift of at least \$1,000 was established.

Crediting Headmaster Foster’s leadership in creating a stronger Annual Fund organization, Glenn wrote: “An idea which proved to be almost universal among schools and colleges was a leadership gift club which awarded special recognition and honor to donors who gave at the \$1,000 level and up. We learned that such clubs not only generated important sums of money, but also generated valuable advice and counsel.

The main organizational problem was selecting a name which would be appreciated by the members and would relate to traditions of the school. Luckily, Hoosac did not suffer this impediment! (2015 Winter-Spring Hoosac Today)” Go Owls!



Glenn Boynton

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