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What a difference 127 years make. As you should know from reading each issue of *Hoosac Today*, the school has grown and prospered over the past century. What was once called the "new campus" by some of you from the 50s and 60s has now been home to the school for over 75 years! As much as things have grown and improved at Hoosac, all of the great traditions that you remember as a student still remain. The work job program is alive and well, as is grace before our meals, which are still family style, and our dedication to each individual student remains.

This June we will be hosting our All School Reunion. We will be paying special attention to the milestone marker years. Those of you from '66 will be marking 50 years since your Prize Day Weekend, and so it goes on up through



The Bubo Cup is presented to the winning golf team by Dean Foster and Mike Ryan.

the decades. We have great interest from '06s, led by Nik Kaneb who is hoping to bring back his classmates as they celebrate 10 years, and '76 looks to challenge the last all school reunion's highest class attendance, which was won by the Class of '74.

The sleeper in all this may very well be the classes from the 80s; Ben Moss '85 and Bryan Green '86 have been reaching out via Facebook. I also expect that we will have quite a few younger alums coming back to share memories and good times past. Whatever year or decade you are from, you all share the same rich experiences and good feelings for Hoosac. Come join your fellow alums, and share the weekend with one another. Swap stories that you may have shared before and offer up new ones that perhaps no one has heard before. See teachers that made a difference and participate in the events that will let you be a Hoosac School student one more time.

So start planning now and get your plane tickets booked, time off from work scheduled, and call the Advancement Office to get your dorm room reserved. (You can also register online at our website - www.hoosac.org). It is going to be a great weekend! I look forward to seeing you back in the Valley of the Owl in June! It just won't be the same without you.



Scott Evans '07, Jamy Lapointe '06, and Matt David '07 enjoying the 125th Reunion.

Hoosac Gets Together

by Advancement Director, Susan Schoeninger '94

Hoosac has had an exciting, active winter complete with a festive Yule Log, sports successes, and our annual New York City cocktail party. On February 26th, Headmaster Dean Foster and I hosted Hoosac alums, parents, and friends of the school at the Princeton Club in New York City. Not only was it a great turnout and a fabulous, fun event but we were excited to have alumni from years that spanned from '58, '76, '88, '94 and up to '11! It made for a great night of reminiscing, and we appreciate all of those who were able to attend. See if you can spot some classmates in the pictures below.

Our All-School Reunion, June 10-12, is quickly approaching and we hope you are planning to attend the weekend of festivities or a portion of it! '56, '76, '86, '96, '06 are all milestone reunion years - reach out to your fellow classmates to get a group together - it promises to be a fun weekend with something to interest everyone. Our Saturday night event with cocktails, dinner, and dancing is not to be missed! If you are in need of classmate contact information, please contact Nancy LaPorte in the Development Office. We will be happy to assist. Be sure to log onto www.hoosac.org for full Reunion weekend details as well as list of the attendees which we will be updating as the date gets closer!



Nelson Aybar '94, Paul Diaz '95, and Susan Schoeninger '94



Kevin McGuire '76, Headmaster Dean Foster, and parent Selena Sun



Headmaster Foster, Kevin McGuire '76, Al Meyer '74, Mitch Toro '07, and trustee Jay Higl



L. to r.: Nick Johnson '96, Neal Irwin '96, Chris Cimarusti '09, Palmer Johnson '08, and Alexandria Halbin '08.



Nick Johnson '96 and his wife with Al Meyer '74 talk with Board Chairman Rich Lomuscio '90



Headmaster Foster and Dino Constantine '11

Memories Percolating from the Depths

By Richard Mount '70

As circumstances finally allowed since my only previous attendance in the late 1970s, I determined to go up to Hoosac and see the Boar's Head & Yule Log celebration. Preparations began. An old blazer's buttons held as I tried it on, and I retrieved the school tie I loaned to my son for graduation from public high school. The yearbooks from '68, '69 and '70 left their corner, and memories began percolating up from the depths.

I could go on forever about the kinds of experiences that create the bond between prep school alums and their schools. The relationships between fellow students and teachers are so much closer than what occur at public schools or at college. Memories such as going 100 miles an hour with Mr. Lomuscio in his Jag between Hoosac and Ma Wilcox's general store in Hoosick. Belting out "For All The Saints" in chapel. Assisting in the capture of a snapping turtle in Tibbits Pond. Riding logs down the Hoosick River. A stag clattering past during an Antonian-Graftonian mountain hike. And the wrestling pin that Coach Dickie taught me, the one that starts to squeeze all the air out of the person, that would one day come in handy when I had to control a rebellious teenage stepson. Then there was skiing in your buckle

moccasins from Pitt-Mason down to Chapel. I was a conscientious student, but most of my classroom memories consist of things like tilting back in the chairs or getting Mr. Smith to digress from his History lesson and rant about current politics.

Then came to mind the fears adolescents faced in those days. The nuclear threat, oil starting to run out, world population out of control, Vietnam, starvation in Biafra, and a host of other ills made the chances of earth's survival slim. With Halley's Comet and the Second Coming due in 1986, thoughts of career and family seemed futile to many of us. But Christ came to me in a new way during freshman year of college, and saw me through, even after 1986.

Getting involved in corporate America was not anybody's "bag" back then, so in college I majored in Anthropology, but learned enough to survive. This meant working at a ski area, joining the Navy, and subsequently making a living in satisfying work as a machinist, and later as a mechanic for high speed assembly machines. Many of them have box-packing robot systems made in Bennington. They're not making MY life any easier - Hey, why aren't you moving!

I secured my motel in Bennington early on Friday, and discovered a new highway on the way towards



Richard Mount '70

the school. Heading first towards Hoosick Falls I was reassured when I saw most of the farms still operational. Then it was off to the campus during daylight to make sure everything was still okay. A couple of "fly-overs" on Google Earth had prepared me for the convenience marts across Rte 7 so their sight was not overly traumatic.

The school looked great. Entering the hall for the performance that evening, I found a seat and looked with wonder at how thick the array of flags overhead had grown. The show did not disappoint. The students seemed

relatively relaxed, capable, happy. The costumes were more impressive than ever. I finally got to see a real boar's head, not the paper mache thing proudly borne down the aisle during my day. And lo and behold, females had been integrated, adding a dimension unknown in my time. There was a wholeness now. It was an evening that filled me with a sense of well being and pride. The Boar's Head and Yule Log of 2015 goes down as another one of my great Hoosac memories.

In Memory of Richard “Dick” Phair ‘43

Richard James (Dick) Phair, Hoosac class of 1943, died on Thursday, Jan. 21, in Canaan, CT. Dick was a special friend to Hoosac, always supporting The Meredith B. Wood Foundation Fund. He was also a major donor to the Fitness Center, which is named after him, in 2012. He visited the campus many times for reunions and Yule Log.

Dick was born on June 9, 1923, in Pittsfield, Mass. He moved to North Canaan at age six months and had lived there since.

A proud veteran of World War II, Dick served as a combat infantryman in northern France and the Rhineland. As a member of the United States Army’s 104th Infantry Regiment, 26th Division, he earned two Purple Heart medals, as well as the Good Conduct Medal and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal. He had been active in AMVETS and other veterans’ groups.

Before the war, Dick graduated from Canaan’s Central School and Hoosac School. He went on to earn a degree from Albany College of Pharmacy and ran the service pharmacy in Canaan until 1983. He continued to work at local apothecaries into his 80s.

An amateur radio aficionado and member of the American Radio Relay League, Dick conversed with acquaintances across the world on call signal WA1



Above (left) Dick Phair visiting Hoosac, proudly wearing his Hoosac School jacket while speaking with students, and (right) Dick as a V1th Former.

Below is our Fitness Center, part of the Harry H. Dickie Sports Complex, bearing the name “Richard J. Phair ‘43.”

BAM. He was also a devoted golfer and rarely missed a chance to play. His warm friendliness and cheerful nature will be missed by friends and family alike.

Dick was predeceased by his beloved wife of 62 years, Mary Phair, and his son, John Phair.

A Mass was held Friday, Jan. 29, at St. John’s Church in Salisbury. Burial was at the Mountain View Cemetery in North Canaan with full military honors. Headmaster, Dean Foster was among those giving a eulogy for Dick.



Alumni News

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

Alice Wend, wife of **David V.V. Wend '41,** wrote, "My husband remembers his days at Hoosac with special feelings of happiness. He is almost blind and can no longer play piano. He sends his best wishes." The **Wends** live in Bozeman, MT.

'43 Class Agents, Needed.

Richard J. "Dick" Phair '43 passed away in Canaan, CT on January 21, 2016. A write-up on him can be seen on the previous page.

Edward Prescott Hooper '43, of Mendham, NJ, died quietly at home on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015. Also known as "Ned," he served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World II, ferrying troops across the North Atlantic while dodging German submarines. He used to say he'd also had a lovely cruise to China, with Uncle Sam as cruise director. After the war, **Mr. Hooper** studied corporate accounting, attending Columbia University and graduating from New York University in 1950. He earned his CPA certification and embarked on an international business career, becoming an auditor and partner in various firms including Peat Marwick, now KPMG, where he handled the Mercedes-Benz account in Germany. An avid golfer, **Mr. Hooper** was at one

time a member of three golf clubs, including the Upper Montclair Country Club. He belonged to the Morristown Club, the Morristown Shakespeare Club, and for many years took a great interest in the New Jersey Symphony. He was also a longtime board member and former board president at the House of the Good Shepherd, an Episcopal-run retirement community in Hackettstown.

A memorial service was held on Friday Jan. 15.

'47-'49 Class Agents, Needed.

John Martin Hudson '49 passed away February 26 in Hayward, CA.

'50-'51 Class Agent, The Very Rev.

Raymond D. Brown '51, 6162 Lazy Man Gulch, Helena, MT 59601. Email: ray003@aol.com

Sherri Klein located **Robert Webb '51** in November. **Bob** writes, "Good work! You found me indeed. I was a student at Hoosac for less than a full year. There were four of us in the "Squealery," two of us in the sixth grade, and two more in the fifth, with Doris Greene as teacher. My father was the minister at St. Peter's in Bennington, VT, and I commuted over every day, starting after Christmas of 1942, that is, Jan. of '43, if I remember right. I do remember vividly getting the bus every day at 5:45 AM! We moved to Kenosha, Wisconsin the following summer, and I attended Junior High there. In '46 I started

at Kent School, in CT, and graduated from there in '51.

There was one contact I did have with Hoosac since leaving - shortly after getting my Master's from Brown in 1962, my wife and I moved to Mansfield, MA and I began teaching at Wheaton College in the adjacent town of Norton. The local Episcopal minister in Mansfield turned out to be none other than **Jack Williams '49,** my sixth grade classmate from Hoosac. (*Editor's note: The Rev. John R. "Jack" Williams passed away in 1996.*)

I retired from Suffolk University (Boston) in 2012 after 50 years of college and university teaching, as Professor and Chair of the Psychology Department, and now as Professor Emeritas.

It was nice to hear from Hoosac after all these years."

'52 Class Agent, Needed.

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

Frank reported in March, "Sal and I just returned from a month in Indio, CA ("Palm Springs East"). To add to the pleasure of our trailer trip, we had a dead battery on departure, blew a tire enroute, had to buy two new trailer tires and a new car tire (\$500+). AND we had to replace almost the entire water system because I elected to not winterize it! Sal describes the trip as "THE trip from hell!"

Frank spoke to **Andy Olmsted** from Ballston Lake, NY. Not much to report. He's in pretty good health and his broken foot has healed with an added bonus. His foot now enables him to predict weather changes.

He also talked to **Martin (aka Kerry) Payne.** An unusual treatment has helped **Kerry** to reduce his psa from over 200! to 7! Now he can focus on other issues like the rest of us. His father lived to 96. A mark for all of us to aspire to and/or exceed! His daughter is about to be (or has already been) named the CFO of Shell Oil. When asked, he admitted that it does not mean that he has any leverage at the pump!

Hank Coolidge: Hank and Camilla are recovering from two weeks of discomfort after consorting with elementary school children (grandchildren with assorted cousins). **Hank** went to his local ER to express his pleasure. To make a further point, he put off hip replacement surgery. **Hank** is not to be disturbed on Thursday evenings as he is the ENTIRE bass section of his church's choir. **Hank** wrote in March, "I continue to dredge the resources of my 65+/- year-old Hoosac memories for interesting anecdotes. Though nothing is forthcoming that would not undermine the discipline of those students who, like thee-n-me, are independent thinkers and skirt outside of, though sort of close to, what Fr. Wood might have con-

sidered acceptable behavior.

Do you remember Mr. Howard's Model-A? One day a group raised its back end sufficiently to place some bricks under the rear axle, leaving the tires about an inch off the ground. Uncle Art got into his car shortly after, though was curious as to why so many students appeared to be milling about nearby. A moment later he put the car in gear and was panicked when nothing happened while the speedometer was showing 10-15 mph, that is until a few of us shoved the car off the bricks and he lurched forward. Model-As were sturdy machines, in spite of abuse from innovative teenage males.

Mr. Howard was my second or third cousin, so I coined the nickname Uncle Art, which stuck with the rest of the student body. He gave me a ride home one Christmas, resulting in one of the coldest 4-5 hours I hope never to experience again. The 'heater' was a casting that rammed ducted air from the radiator fan across the exhaust manifold, and into the passenger compartment near the feet. It was useless under 20 mph because insufficient air was moving, and equally useless above 40 mph because the air had insufficient time to be warmed. Besides, As had no insulation and leaked like sieves."

John F. Austin, Jr. '53 died in October 2012 at age 79. He lived in West Falmouth, MA, and Honolulu, Hawaii. Upon graduation, he entered the U.S. Air Force and served four years of active duty during the Korean War. He



Hank Coolidge '53 in his church choir

was stationed in Keflavik, Iceland and in Prestwick, Scotland, where he received a commendation for being the first responder to a bad civilian air crash. When **Mr. Austin** left the service, he graduated from Leister College with a degree in business administration. He then moved to Honolulu where he worked as an agent for the John Hancock Insurance Agency until Hawaii became a state in 1959. After Hawaii became a state, **Mr. Austin** joined a family real estate business. The family real estate business was involved in rezoning, from agricultural to urban usage, land that had been leased to the Oahu sugar company. This rezoning was included in the Master Plan for the island of Oahu and as a result of the rezoning, a community called New Town was built. In the late 1960s, **Mr. Austin** often returned to his home in West Falmouth, MA. He loved to travel and for three decades traveled frequently throughout Europe and Asia. He made several trips to China, Japan, and Thailand. In recent years, **Mr. Austin** commuted between his homes in

West Falmouth and Honolulu where he was very involved in community activities.

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

Charlie has spoken to many of his Hoosac friends over the winter, including **Dave Bliss '54, Mal Bliss '57, Skip Clayton '59, Bill Parrshall '59, John Highland '55, Gerry Guild '55**, and his cousin, **Dutson Brown '51**.

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

Geoffrey Ball '58, of Flower Mound, TX, passed away of cancer in January 2014.

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

George (Skip) Clayton II wrote in January, "A new book of mine came out. It is a college basketball book on the 60th anniversary of the Big 5 coming out in February." **Skip** lives in Sellersville, PA and has written several books. His email is skipjoanne@comcast.net.

'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: ac23ro-dia@charter.net

'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_juracheck@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

Carter L. Kirk passed away on August 8, 2013 from cancer. **Carter** was a graduate of Hoosac and the Citadel, and served with the United State Marine Corps in Vietnam, for which service he was awarded the Purple Heart. **Carter** was an avid and gifted professional photographer. He was the organizer and cheerful volunteer for the Church of the Holy Communion Meals on Wheels program. He lived in Charleston, SC.

'69-'70 Class Agents, Needed.

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

Paul Tuohy contacted Hoosac in November. He is retired, and living in Texas.



'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

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

'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

Kevin McGuire was the guest speaker at the Bleeze Banquet in January. **Kevin** has played lead roles on Broadway, National and International tours of Les Miserables, The Phantom of the Opera, Jane Eyre, and starred as Uncle Archie in The National Company of The Secret Garden.

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

'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

Sean Peoples lives in Louisville, KY with his wife, Julia Pavlova Peoples. He works at Alliance Capital Management Holdings. **Sean** is active in Louisville Ju Jitsu.

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

Sad news was reported by **Andy Russell '85** on Facebook that **Charles King '84** passed away in February from a stroke. **Charlie** was a writer who lived in Oakland, CA. He was fondly known as "the phantom of Hoosac!"

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

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

Chris Brown and his wife, **Karen**, live in Tarpon Springs, FL with their children, **Kaden** and **Caleigh**. **Chris** owns West Coast Fishing Adventures (<http://west-coastfishingadventures.com>).



Sean Peoples '83 and his wife Julia



Remembering Charles King '84



Chris Brown '88, his wife, Karen, and their children, Caleigh and Kaden

'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

'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

Yu Shimura resides in Toshima, Tokyo, Japan. He was married in November 2015.

'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

Patrick Jones lives in Atlanta, GA. He is a driver/crew member for ATD Audio Visual.

Hye-Jin (Caren) Kim writes, "I am living in Toronto, Canada since 2014! I started working as a Research Technologist for a Hospital for Sick Children. My job entails finding causes of Pediatric cancers such as leukemia and brain tumours. Also developing new

therapies to fight cancer. Before my life in Toronto, I went back to Korea in 2009 and worked for three years at Samsung Biomedical Research Institute where I earned my Master's degree in Molecular Medicine in 2012. I am still single and living with my companion dog, Soda! On my time off from my work, I go camping! I love winter camping especially! Camping here in Ontario, Canada in winter-time is amazing!" **Caren's** email is carenkim@naver.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

Jeff Urquhart lives in Wolfeboro, and manages a parts department for a local marina on Lake Winnepesaukee. **Jeff** has four children. He recently reminisced about his time as a Jester at Hoosac.

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

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

Ji-Hong Kim lives in Seoul, Korea and is engaged to Hannah Lee.



Mr. and Mrs. Yu Shimura '93



Caren Kim '95 and Soda



Ji-Hong Kim '00 and fiancée, Hannah Lee



'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

'03 Class Agent, Needed. Molly Brady-Searby Smith lives near Hoosac's campus in Petersburg, NY. She helps coach girls sports - soccer and basketball mainly. **Molly** and her husband, **Jamie**, and sons **Zach** and **Colin**, run Fox Hollow Dairy Goats. Their prize-winning animals have won many ribbons.

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

Kent Allen married **Dianna Stilwell** in December. They honeymooned in Cuba, and live in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

'05 Class Agent, Laurel Weeden, 193 Church St., Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Email: laureldel-ro2@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

Keaton Smith and his wife, **Rebecca**, welcomed baby girl, **Eden**, in January. They live in Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada.

Kristen Del Rosario earned her CPA in December. She works in Halfmoon, NY

'08-'09 Class Agents, Needed.

Niko Langlois lives in Hatfield, MA. He is recently engaged to **Alyse Mokrzycki**.

'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

'13-'14 Class Agents, Needed.

'15 Class Agent, Anthony Kelly, 207-18 Melissa Court, Bayside, NY 11360

Atakan Akcam is playing basketball for UMass Dartmouth Corsairs.

Marcel Pettway plays basketball for Bryant University out of Smithfield, RI, and has been named Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week twice during his freshman season.



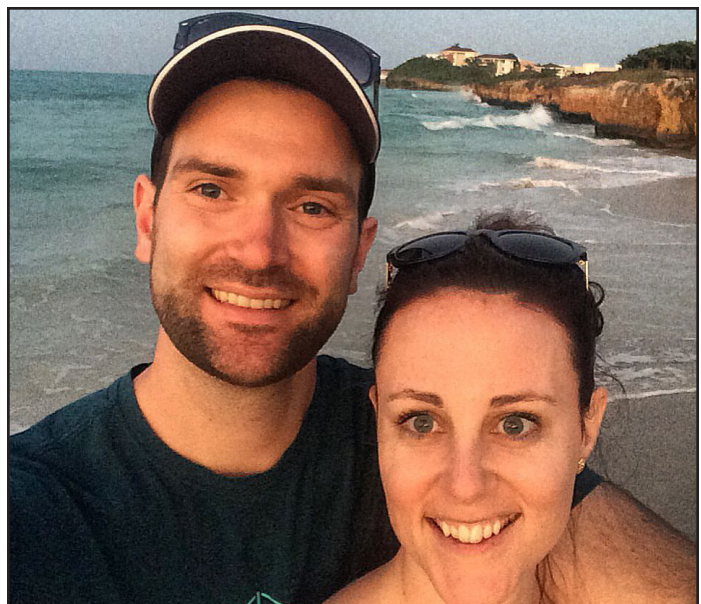
Atakan Akcam '15



Marcel Pettway '15



Molly Brady-Searby Smith '03 with her husband, Jamie, and sons Colin and Zach.



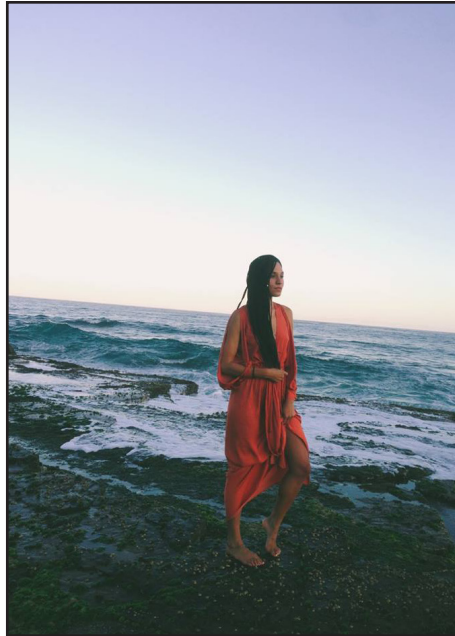
Kent Allen '04 and his wife, Dianna



Niko Langlois '08 and his fiancée, Alyse

World Traveler

Akeesha Simmons, class of 2008, left New York City in 2015 to live in New South Wales, Australia. She loves her job, and is currently working with a Sydney-based University in psychological research to assess a Mindfulness- Integrated Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Program, and to generally assess the ways in which mindfulness affects anxiety, stress, and a range of human behaviors and emotions. In her spare time she has been enjoying Vinyasa yoga, teaching art and crafting classes to the local community in her town, exploring the many coastal towns and cities in Australia, and traveling throughout southeast Asia.



Akeesha at Austinmer Beach, New South Wales, Australia, in November 2015



Akeesha and friends, Sydney, Australia, January 2016



Pictured above: On the left, Akeesha makes friends at the Monkey Sanctuary in Ubud, Indonesia, December 2015.

On the right, she visits the Thai Elephant Conservation Center, Lampang, Thailand, February 2016.



On the left, Akeesha greeted kangaroos at Cave Beach, Australia.

Into a Blaze Go the Jester's Pranks

The Bleeze Banquet has been a tradition for 83 years. It signifies the end of the Jester's reign, the Jester having held that position since The Boar's Head & Yule Log pageant in December. It is also the ending to the VIth Formers' last part of high school.

"We filed into Memorial Hall for lunch and stood at our places. What - no spoons? We filled our plates and soup bowls anyway, sure that spoons would arrive. But alas - there would be no spoons! It was a Jester's Prank! Some used coffee stirrs as chopsticks, some found little paper cups to dip soup, some discovered that thick pea soup could be eaten with a butter knife!

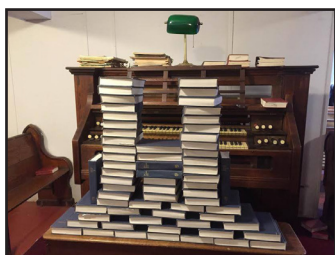
And at breakfast? Oh no! Dining hall chairs were piled high - spilling into the hallway, completely blocking the dining entry. To the rescue was Ms. Beaudette who climbed atop the stack of chairs and handed them down to hungry students and faculty. Needless to say, morning meeting was a bit delayed. And lunch that day seemed to last forever. The chimes to dismiss were not heard. They were. . . gone!

On January 15th, the last morn of the Jester's reign, hymnals were piled high on the organ so we did not sing. And what's this knight of the Chapel boasting "one man's opinion"? Is the Jester saying that the Headmaster is a knight or that the knight

too has an opinion? Soon students, faculty, and guests will arrive for the banquet, the greens gathered awaiting fire, and the Jester's jokes will be no more. . . his power consumed by the Bleeze blaze.

Kevin McGuire '76 rises to speak. We know of him as a Broadway actor, as a lover of the theater and its art. A few years ago, he was kind enough to offer students a seminar on stage presence. Whether serious or jovial, his voice and diction - his presence - gains undivided attention. He spoke of the late Ashton Crosby: "He believed in me, encouraged me. He told me I was going to be actor - hard for me to imagine at the time." As Kevin's story unfolded, he revealed that even though his "shenanigans" precluded his graduating on stage, he learned much at Hoosac where he met students from all over the world, including David Thomas from England who insisted Kevin learn a proper English accent. Real life lessons and major learning experiences - "I came to Hoosac and a whole world opened up to me."

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Jester Yan Bouchard '16 with Headmaster Foster



Bleeze Banquet Speaker Kevin McGuire '76



International Food Week

February 15 - 19

On Day One of International Food Week in February, we enjoyed some Canadian poutine - French fries with cheese curds covered in gravy (not pictured here). As a finale, we finished off the week with a Friday night feast of traditional Chinese dishes.



Hoosac's International Food Week was a big success! Chef Steve Bohrer and his staff worked hard on various international meals. Shown here with Chef Bohrer is Anna Keane '17 from Norway. This day featured a vaffel (waffle) bar, with rømme (sour cream), bær (berries), and brunost, a whey-based, caramelized brown cheese.



Courtesy of students Ege Sekmen '16, Deniz Demiryol '17, Kutay Calik '19, and Mert Sert '16 from Turkey, we had kebabs in pita, with rice and yogurt--delicious!



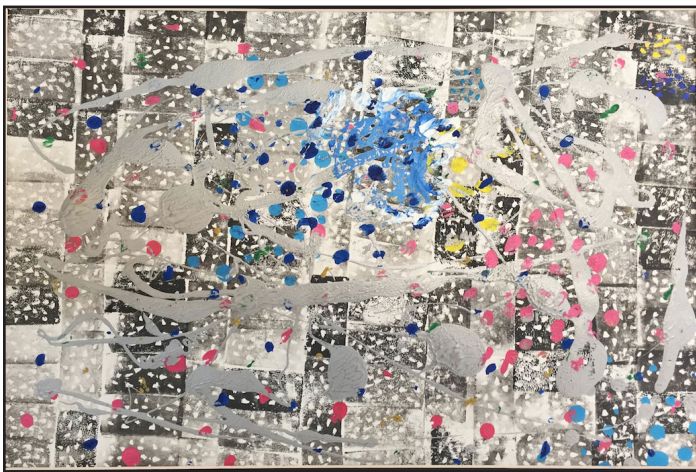
We enjoyed a Dutch comfort food dish called stamppot, suggested by current student Yalena Akkus '19. Stamppot consists of savory sausage, mashed potatoes, and creamy kale.



A dish brought to us by our Serbian students called sarma was on the menu: cabbage rolls stuffed with beef and rice, served with potatoes. Very tasty!

Reach for the Stars

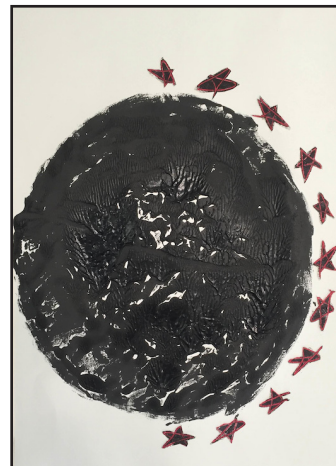
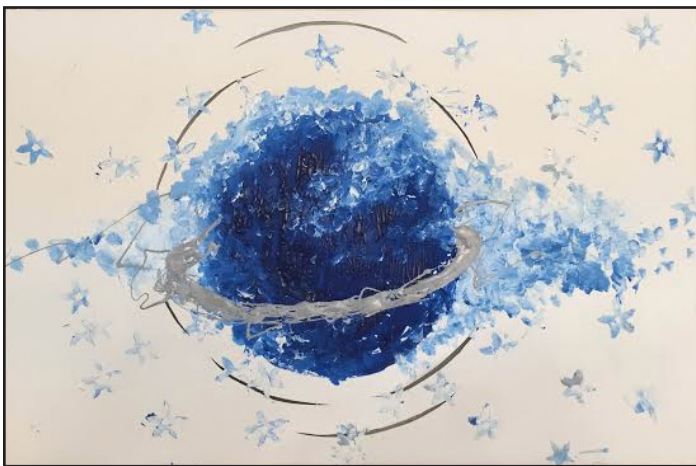
All the pieces created by students in Mr. Jansen's Printmaking class were accepted into the Reach for the Stars Blue Sky Boys Art Show, and exhibited at Capital Repertory Theatre in March. This was a competition which these students won. The art was to reflect advances in the arts and sciences throughout history, a concept that comes across in the students' titles of their work, such as "Darkness of the Galaxy," "Universe," "Nova," and "Galileo." Hoosac's Art teacher, Jason Jansen, described the project: "The students have worked hard to understand the nature of ink, its printing abilities, and the various techniques one can use in its application. They have been thinking abstractly and most of them have been focusing on shape and texture, but they have also become very interested in various types of spacing in their work." One of the students, Noah Lane, said about his printmaking experience: "As someone who has played sports competitively all his life, hockey was my form of personal expression. However, my printmaking and mixed-media class has allowed me to explore new forms of personal expression. Printmaking has allowed me to appreciate a new form of expression that is not on the ice."



"Universe" by Yalena Akkus '19

"Darkness of the Galaxy" by Jack Becker '19

"One Red" by Noah Lane '16



"Galileo" by Joyce Zhu

"Nova" by Nikoloz Bulashvili '17

"Mars" by William Belec '17

Into the Classroom



Mr. Horne with Miho Suzuki '18



Daisy Perez '18 in wood working class



Pottery for the Empty Bowls project

In Early American Joinery class with Mr. Jon Horne '68, students continue to create beautifully handcrafted dovetailed boxes.

In Ceramic Arts, students learned about the pottery process from start to finish. Mr. Jason Jansen's ceramics class made use of their art to make a difference. Joining with local schools, Hoosick Falls High School and St. Mary's Academy, they turned out handcrafted clay bowls for the Empty Bowls fundraiser event "Raising Hunger Awareness Through Art". Each "empty bowl" purchased for \$10.00 could be filled with soup made by our own Sage kitchen. All proceeds from this April 16th event are donated to the local HACA Food Pantry.

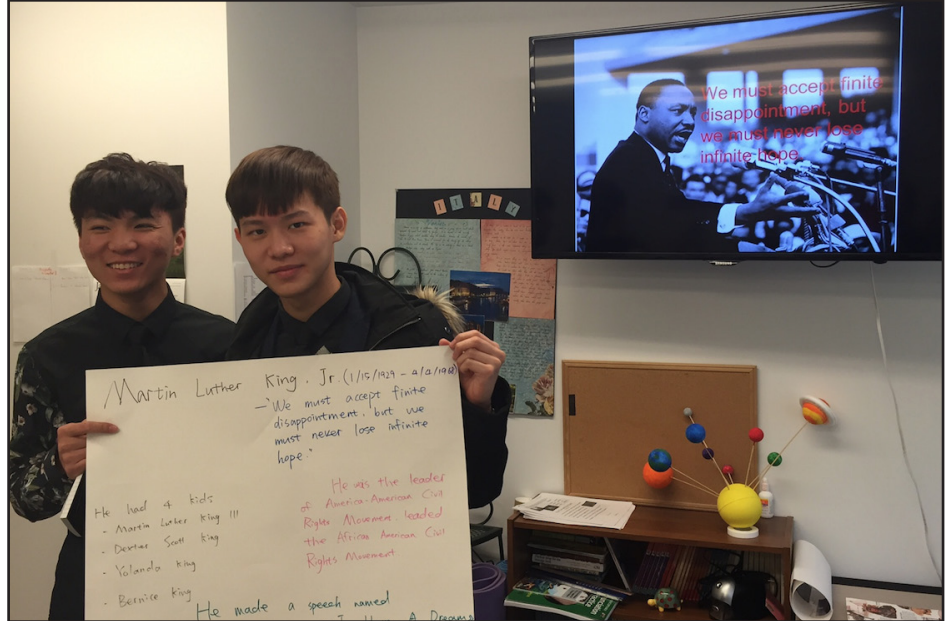


Li Xu '17, Jocelyn Li '17, and Bella Pei '18 in pottery class



Hannah Buzinsky '17, Andrew Lusignan '17, and Riley Burns '19 work on their bowls.

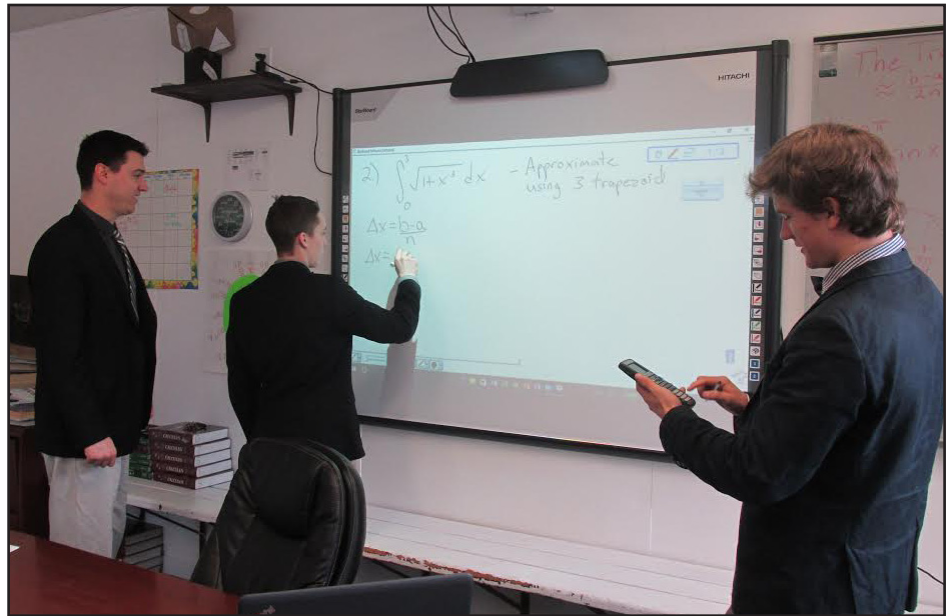
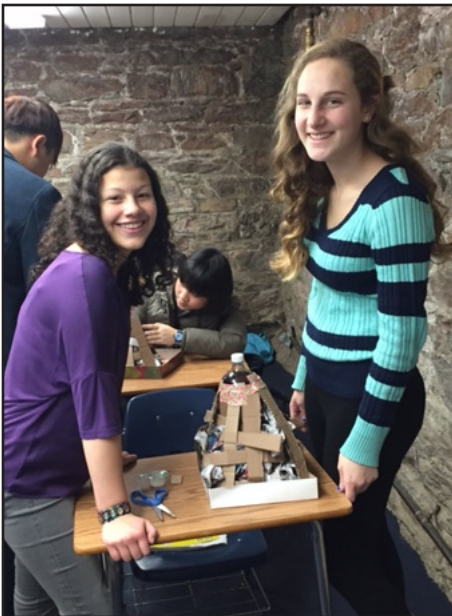
Into the Classroom (continued!)



Pictured above are Mark Li and Bin Kuang, both Vth Formers, working on a special project in ESL class.

To the left: Andrew Crawford '19, and Felicia Harris '20 and Cameron Ewing '19 work on their volcano projects in Miss Kelly's Earth Science class.

Below: Mr. Robichaud's AP Calculus class and Definite Integration: the goal was to analyze methods for evaluating the area under a curve and prove how the area under a curve can be approximated using trapezoids. They then used The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus to compare their results to the exact area under the curve. This topic served as a segue for the class to begin studying numerous real-world physics problems.



Hoosac Fit

by Michael Ryan, Athletic Director

Fitness has become very popular with the students as they tone up and stay fit, making good use of our sports complex facilities and joining competitive teams. Students taking Yoga, Fitness, Swimming and Skiing enjoyed the winter season. Mr. Gallo's swim class has grown, as the pool has been great therapy for the students and the conditions have been great too – 80 degrees in the pool, 80 in the air. The Ski Club went to Bromley Mt. in Vermont, and the weather conditions picked up with just enough snowfall to enjoy the slopes. Antonian/Graftonian competitions are underway with the Antonians winning 3 of the 4 basketball games, tightening the gap between the teams since the Graftonians dominated soccer in the fall.

Our four competitive teams finished their seasons with a flurry of very wild, competitive games. As their coach had said, "The hockey team set out to win the Holt Conference and tournament - and they did"! They extended their season to finish on top of the Holt

Conference with a 6-1-1 record, giving them a number-one seed for the end of the season Holt Tournament. The tournament took the top 6 finishing teams out of 9. Hoosac as number-one seed received a bye in the first round and played host to Moses Brown School in the 2nd round, which they beat 2-1 in exciting fashion. They scored with just 1:49 to go in the game with a tip-in from Owen Allan on a blast from William Stewart from the blue line. The win would send them to the finals to host the number-two seed, North Yarmouth Academy, on the weekend. The final game was fun and exciting as both teams took leads as the score went back and forth for 2½ periods, until the Owls capitalized on a couple of men-up situations – scoring power-play goals midway through the 3rd period to ice the game away and win the Holt Conference Championship 6-3.

The boys Varsity basketball team played top AA teams, and hosted a playoff bound for St. Andrews School in their final game of the season, falling

short 93-61, and finishing the season with a 9-12 record. High moments of the season were wins over MacDuffie School, Master's School, CT, and Loomis Chaffee School. With great fan-pleasing style, Unique McLean scored 2,000 points in his four years of prep school play. Unique has received a full athletic scholarship at UMass. He will play basketball at UMass next season, pending his qualifying with the NCAA clearing house.

The girls Varsity finished the season winning 3 of their last 4 games, showing the great improvement that they made over the course of the season. The Lady Owls battled every game, their hard work turning the corner to finish with a 5-6 record. The boys JV posted a winning record finishing at 7-6 and had many exciting games that pleased the crowds. Coach Thomson said, "This team plays well in spurts -when they hit full stride - they will be deadly!" All in all, students are staying busy, having fun, and staying fit.



Athletic Director Mike Ryan



Shadaysia Walton '16 goes up with the ball



The hockey team celebrates winning the Holt Conference Championship

Building a Girls Ice Hockey Program

Hoosac welcomes aboard Bill Ward, one of the most respected coaches in the history of girls prep school hockey. Bill began recruiting for Hoosac Girls Hockey back in November. “From the moment I met Bill I knew he was the right person for Hoosac. He displays the same ideals, a dedication and enthusiasm for each individual student, that Hoosac was founded on,” says Headmaster Dean Foster.

Excited about an opportunity to build the Girls Hockey Program at Hoosac, Bill said, “I look forward to recruiting female student-athletes from around the world to enhance an already well-established, diverse student body, and then developing those student-athletes aspiring to a college hockey career. Hoosac prides itself on developing the whole person, which is the philosophy I have stressed in my nineteen years of coaching hockey at various levels. I will utilize my connections within the college hockey community to help our student-athletes find the best fit for their college education.”

Bill has built relationships with coaching staffs at every Division I and Division III women’s college hockey program in the United States. His expertise in women’s hockey is respected around the world. Over the course of 12 years, Bill has helped 40 student-athletes achieve their dream of playing Division I college hockey, and 43 players who moved on to Division III college hockey. Three of Bill’s players went on represent National Teams: Taylar Cianfarano and Kali Flanagan with the United States U18 & U22 Teams, and Denisa Krizova with the Czech Republic U18 and Senior National Team. Two players, Celeste Brown and Beth Hanrahan, are currently playing professional hockey for the New York Riveters of the National Women’s Hockey League (NWHL), and one player, Nicole Giannino, is playing for the Boston Blades of the Canadian Women’s Hockey League (CWHL). A parent wrote: “Coach Bill Ward’s knowledge and expertise in developing ice hockey players at the College Preparatory level is unparalleled.”

First Recruit Enrolled

by Coach Bill Ward

Tanner Stanton has an incredible passion for the game of hockey. After all, her hometown, Lake Placid, NY, hosted the 1932 Winter Olympics and is the site of the “Miracle on Ice,” where Team USA shocked the Soviets and went on to win the Gold Medal in Men’s Ice Hockey in the 1980 Winter Olympics. Tanner has a family tradition of Olympic Competition. Her grandfather, Jay Rand, competed in Ski Jumping for Team USA in the 1968 Olympics in Grenoble, France. Her uncle, Andrew Weibrecht, is on the US Ski Team and won a Bronze Medal at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, Canada and won a Silver Medal at the 2014 Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, both medals in Super-G events.

Tanner earned a starting role as an 8th grader and was a five-year starting goaltender for the Lake Placid High School Girls Hockey Team where she recorded 14 shutouts in her career, and had a career-save percentage above .900. She earned First-Team All-Section her senior year. Tanner stated, “I am very excited to go to Hoosac School next year. I’m happy to be playing for Coach Ward again and also excited for the boarding school life. It’ll be very different from my past years of high school but I’m glad to have this opportunity. I’m excited to see what next year brings.”



Coach Ward and Tanner Stanton

Winter Sports

by Nick Tomasula, Associate Director of Athletics, and editor of "Mr. T's Tidbits" on our website

At the close of the winter season, Hoosac Varsity Hockey and Basketball were incredibly competitive as both teams had been matched up with some really strong opponents. Varsity Hockey finished the season as Holt Conference Champions. The boys competed in every game going up against some of the highest-ranked teams in all of New England preparatory hockey. The team has a few seniors who played big roles in producing big minutes for their coaches. Yan Bouchard, Owen Allan, and Damian Figueira all produced consistent play throughout their senior seasons. William Stewart, the youngest of three brothers who have attended Hoosac, produced big minutes on the defensive end of the ice. The coaches relied on a nice three-man rotation in the net all season, starting with seniors Samuel Mix and Vincent Rousseau. Casim Shaikh, a junior, played significant minutes guarding the net to spell both senior boys. There also has been a solid youth movement with the varsity Hockey team. Juniors Felix Anctil, Benjamin Viens, and Andrew Lusignan have all been consistent, solid contributors. Sophomore William Daniel has been the leading scorer for the team all season. Some of the big wins were against North Yarmouth Academy, Berwick Academy, and Lawrenceville School. The boys did a great job and really came together at the tail end of the season, culminating in a conference championship!

Varsity Basketball finished with an overall record of 9-12. The team was comprised mostly of seniors who hoped for entrance into the NEPSAC playoffs. The team has been riding all season on the strength of a few of their seniors. Unique McLean, who has committed to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, has been the leading scorer throughout the season

and captured 2,000 points for his high school basketball career. Mert Sert, a senior from Istanbul, Turkey, has been strong on both ends of the floor and averaged a double-double with points and rebounds. Mohamed Hassan, Marcus Richardson, and Joshua Hyon, all seniors who have come to Hoosac from Long Island, New York, were consistent with scoring and defense in complementary roles to McLean and Sert. Paul Person, a sophomore from Bronx, NY, averaged double digits in points and was a solid contributor on defense as well. The team has had some big wins coming against MacDuffie School, Williams College Junior Varsity, Bradford Christian School, and The Master's School. We look forward to watching our seniors continue their basketball careers at the collegiate level.

Varsity 2 Basketball had a steady season playing strong opponents. The team has an overall record of 7-6. Hunter Ewing was the leading scorer of the team, averaging double digits. Scott Liu had a big impact on the game when he entered, he was a force when driving to the basket, and great when it came to grabbing rebounds. Yufu Wang and Eric Pai have been with the team for over three years and are consistent with

their play on the court. Hugh Li, a new addition to the team, played with great energy throughout the season and made great improvement as the season went on.

Varsity Girls Basketball ended the season with an overall record of 5-6. Most were close games, a pleasure to watch as the girls worked hard every game. The team is led by senior and captain Julia Kopala, who is also Senior Prefect at Hoosac. Throughout the season she displayed the leadership and consistency the team needed. Another senior, Shadaysia Walton, was the leading scorer for the season. Shadaysia, along with newcomer Hannah Buzinsky, a junior, were the driving force of the team and both had a great year for Hoosac.

Hoosac prides itself on hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship. All of the teams have been competitive and successful in their respective sports and all of the players have displayed this mantra. We are looking forward to our spring seasons! Go Hoosac!

Below: #14 William Daniel '18, #12 Benjamin Viens '17, #11 Noah Lane '16, #22 William Stewart '16, Goalie #30 Casim Shaikh '17



Winter Sports (cont'd)



Brandon Kloc '17 looks down the ice as the team watches over a game against Academie Saint-Louis.



Antonian girls wait for their chance to take the basketball floor.



Unique McLean '16 shoots in a game against MacDuffie.



Dean of Students, Kevin Robichaud, with fellow Graftonians.



Boys J.V.



Girls Varsity Basketball tip off in a game against Waldorf School.

My Three Sons - A Decade at Hoosac

An interview with Susan Stewart by Sherri C. Klein

“Did they sing ‘Happy Birthday’ to Will today?” asked Mom when we began the interview. “They did indeed,” I replied. “Schoolmate Dannick robustly led us all to sing to his pal ‘Stewie’ in French Canadian; a big ovation followed.” “Oh, I’m so glad,” she said, “Because this is the first time he hasn’t been home on his birthday.” And so it goes at Hoosac - a family away from home.

After a decade with sons at Hoosac since 2006, Susan describes the experience. “It was exciting. At first we didn’t know anything about Hoosac. The first time we drove up toward Tibbits Mansion, it was so beautiful. We tell everyone about it. Our eldest son, Andrew (2007), came for a PG year. Our middle son, Matthew (2009), attended Vth Form, VIth Form, and a PG year, and youngest son, William, will graduate this June. Will was only nine when he first visited Hoosac with his brother. He was running all around, up the Tibbits stairs and everywhere.” Now, as a senior, Will’s work job happens to be in Tibbits, right next to those same stairs, helping Mrs. Weaver in the business office.

“What made our decision to come to Hoosac? Gary. It all started with Gary. One day Andrew took me to meet Hoosac’s Hockey Coach, Gary Rabinowitz. Gary said, “I am very interested in having Andrew come and play hockey with our team. I didn’t know what to think. The coach had come to the hockey showcase to fill one position (forward). He chose Andrew. We were so pleased for him, and it turned out to be such a great year - they won the championship! Now, for Will’s last year - they won a

championship as well! It’s been a great hockey experience for all my sons.

These three boys know what it’s like to go to Hoosac. When they get together, they talk about it. They have a special camaraderie, and they all know the *School Ode*. One day we were out somewhere and Matthew started singing the *School Ode*! They love Hoosac. When we arrived for Andrew’s graduation, he loved it so much he wanted to repeat another PG year! They have made friends from all over the world, and they are still in contact with them. Some even came all the way to our home on Prince Edward Island for lobster dinner, and to see the hockey showcase. It is a 14-hour drive between Hoosac and PEI. During the years the Stewart boys attended Hoosac, we made close to 40 trips for drop offs, pick-ups, Yule Log performances, and tournaments. And yes, we were all there together at the 2015 hockey game that brought home another trophy!

Academically the boys have done

very well. At Hoosac they worked hard and really tried to do their best - a great compliment to the school. Andrew finished an MBA at Plymouth State in NH, and now works full-time in Boston at WB Mason. Matthew is at SUNY Canton, NY, working on finishing a business degree. Will hopes to play junior hockey and attend university. He has been accepted into Dalhousie and St. Francis Xavier Universities in Canada.”

Susan Stewart remarked that her only regret is that Will didn’t experience Mrs. Towne as his brothers had.

“When thinking of the Stewarts,” Coach Gary Rabinowitz sums it up, “All I have to say is that they are the best family ever. When the term ‘salt of the earth’ is referenced, the Stewarts are the epitome. We hope to see the Stewart family at Hoosac reunions for years to come!”



At right: Andrew Stewart '07, Coach Gary Rabinowitz, William Stewart '16, and Matthew Stewart '07.

2016 Senior Service Trip

by Julia Kopala, Senior Prefect

Set for May 27 through June 2, Hoosac's class of 2016 will embark on their final community service project before Prize Day & Commencement. It will be our last time to embrace this defining aspect of life at Hoosac. There were endless opportunities for us to consider as a way to give back to communities - educationally, environmentally, or developmentally. Our whole class of 45 Seniors and Postgraduates will be traveling together to complete our community service with the Ocean City, MD Department of Tourism. There we will volunteer 16 hours each, and serve by assisting with tourist surveys, cleaning buses, and cleaning up parks, seashores, and beaches.

In preparation, the seniors have been hosting fundraisers to cover the expenses of the trip. The initial announcement of the Senior Service Trip was at The Boar's Head & Yule Log, where we offered a fundraising raffle each night to win a themed basket. Next, knowing that casual dress-down days are a favorite of Hoosac students, Jal Chen and Chee Chee Qi, with great participation by students and faculty, successfully raised a total of \$280. In February, the Hoosac Auction (a popular new annual fundraiser) was organized. Students and faculty bid on various Hoosac "coupons" that granted special privileges on and off campus. The highest bid was on the "Headmaster for a Day" coupon, won by Senior Prefect Yufu Wang for a remarkable, and greatly appreciated, bid of \$1,200. Other popular ticket items that sold steadily were casual dress weeks, off-campus dinners, and pie in teachers' faces! By the book, a grand total of \$4,740 was raised that night. Bravo to Yan Bouchard as our head auctioneer and Fitz Luo as our



Senior Prefects Yufu Wang and Julia Kopala

Chinese translator for assisting in such great success!

The Class of 2016 will continue to raise funds and awareness together until the day we graduate, and we are thankful for all the support from the local community, alumni, trustees, friends, and families of Hoosac.

Julia representing Hoosac in the local Hoosick Falls parade



College Counseling News

by Tom Kurland '94

The 2015/2016 application year has been one galvanized by a renewed focus on adapting to current admissions trends, while staying true to our college counseling mission to provide a student-centered and match-driven college counseling experience for every Hoosac student.

With over 380 applications to over 210 schools, our V1th Form class has had a busy and robust college application season, and many are now reaping the rewards of their hard work, celebrating acceptances now coming in with many more anticipated in the following weeks. Some notable acceptances thus far include American University, Union College, Lehigh University, Bard College, St. Lawrence University, Franklin & Marshall College, Connecticut College, and U.C. Davis and Irvine to name a few! Congratulations to our V1th formers as they approach the next chapter of their educational careers!



Xiang (Tan) Lu '16 will be heading to Penn State in September. Congrats Xiang, you will make a wonderful Nittany Lion!

Credits

Front Cover: Hoosac Hockey - #3 Felix Anttil '17, and #16 Yan Bouchard '16 – taken by Audra Foster

Back Cover: The gate to the courtyard in front of the chapel, looking out upon lilacs.

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Tom Kurland counsels a student.

Parents Host Headmaster's visit to China



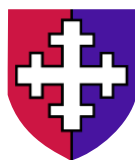
Each January for the past five years, Headmaster Dean Foster has accepted an invitation from our international students' families to visit China, and sometimes other Asian countries. He prepares a "state of the school" presentation for those parents, and boards a plane for a 17-hour flight. He is always amazed at the hospitality extended to him, giving him the opportunity to stay in touch with these families, and at the same time gain cultural experience.

The 2016 trip encompassed visits to four cities: Beijing, Shanghai, Pudong, and Chengdu. Accompanied by Senior

Prefect, Yufu Wang '16, the Headmaster connected with Mr. Wang, and many parents of current and former students.

Having been "wowed" with grand hospitality which was expressed in fine wines, distinctive Chinese fare, transportation assistance, and thoughtful gifts, Dean returned to campus with many stories to share with us.

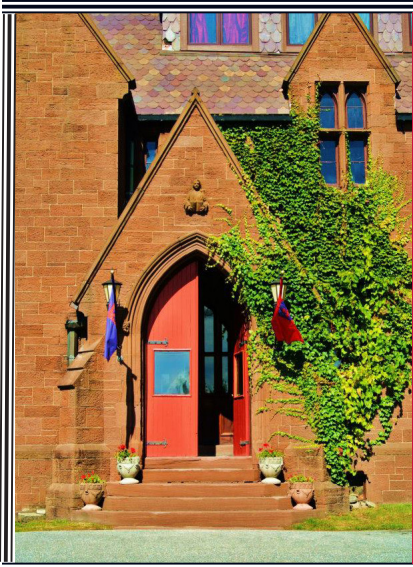
Our Headmaster is always open to traveling to help connect Hoosac with families of students from far away.



Maggie Mu '15 and her parents with Dean



Parents in Chengdu host a Hot Pot celebration with the Headmaster



Bequests - Hoosac Stands Thankful

Wotkyns Society

Following the bequest of Dana B. Wotkyns, class of 1919, in 1989, this society was established to forever recognize its members and honor those whose bequests and planned gifts ensure the continued excellence and future of Hoosac School.

Every afternoon all the Hoosac boys and girls walk to the gym for games or practices. Some return there for an evening workout in our Fitness Center. Most may be unaware of how Hoosac was able to build a gym, but they know that having a gymnasium, a pool, and fitness center is a great thing, especially in winter months. For those of us who know how it came to be, we subconsciously say “thank you” every time we use the facility.

Regarded as part of the history of the school, the bequest of an alumnus named Dana B. Wotkyns ‘19 made it possible to consider building a gymnasium. Aided by other givers who were inspired by that gift, the Harry Dickie Sports Complex became a reality. A history of the founding of the school tells us that Hoosac could not be here at all but for the bequests of the Tibbits family.

Making Hoosac history today is Richard Phair ‘43, a member of the Wotkyns Society. Dick’s story as a Hoosac Boy was featured in Hoosac Today Summer 2012. There he credited Fr. Whitcomb for turning his life around, by caring in such a manner that his path in life followed a better trajectory. Dick never forgot it. Years later he would become the largest donor for the Fitness Center, thus it bears his name. But Dick Phair ‘43 planned to give again. As you have read in this issue, Dick Phair died on January 21st. In his will, he left a bequest of \$50,000 to his beloved Hoosac School. We stand thankful not only to Dick Phair, but also to his family who honored his wishes.



Hoosac Owl Society

Make Hoosac Possible

A gift annually of \$1,000 or more qualifies you as a member!

Leaving such a legacy at Hoosac School is deeply appreciated across time and generations. Thoughts about planned giving is a natural part of life’s journey, and a strong planned-giving program equals strong sustenance for any institution, as it is for Hoosac. There are other very important ways to support Hoosac. Every gift has high value, accumulating together to provide the best educational experience for our students.

Other Ways To Give

Annual Fund

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Capital Projects



Will you see these alums at Reunion? Come and find out!



David McGraw '75 and Philip "Nip" Smith '74



Christine Brown '07



Tom Wright '70, Jim Millar '68, Richard Lomuscio, Steve Kohn '69, Jon Horne '68, and Jeff Bolza '70



Liz and Ben Moss '85 (both also former faculty) "feel the Bern" at a Bernie Sanders conference



Whitney Kelly '04, Matt LaPorte '03, & Molly Smith '03

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