

# THE OWLET

YOUR HOOSAC NEWS



Hello Hoosac Family, Editor in Chief here! Welcome to another successful edition of our very own Owlet. This month's edition will feature a Hoosac senior spotlight, a fitness challenge, and an opinion piece. I hope you enjoy reading this edition and the Spring season stretching to Graduation!

-Lehakoe Tserane

Welcome Back Owls! Our May Edition has arrived! I'm delighted to have you all read about two graduating seniors and a bit about them and their experience at Hoosac. We also have many other stories from our Winter Formal to Clubs. In honor of Spring, an important thing is spring cleaning and packing, as the end is near!

-Katie Jones

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## Get to Know Gaby

By Ryanne Rathburn

As the school year comes to a close, it is time to recognize a special senior prefect who is a three sport varsity athlete, who never fails to make me laugh. Here is a special one on one interview with the one and only Gabriella Nin!

Ryanne: If you could describe your experience at Hoosac in three words, what would it be?

Gaby: If I could describe my Hoosac experience in three words, it would be fun, happiness, and home.

Ryanne: Okay, next question, what will you miss most about the school after you graduate?

Gaby: I think what I'm going to miss most are the potatoes in the morning, that's definitely number one..

Also, I'll miss having all of these people around me and the teachers that always help us out.

Ryanne: Yeah, I agree, the potatoes are the best! Speaking of missing people here, who is your favorite teacher?

Gaby: Uhhh... I don't have a favorite teacher, all of my teachers are my favorite. I love them all. \*major bombastic side eye\*

Ryanne: Yeah, I bet. Anyway, Gaby, I'm going to miss you living across the hall from me. Especially when you come into my room crying over graduating. How many times do you think you've cried this year over graduating?

Gaby: This year I've cried like fifty times over graduation. People have only seen not even half of how much I cry over graduation. I cry so much.

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Ryanne: Yeah, only the people in Wood Hall really know how much you cry, especially the people in my room.

Gaby: Yeah, \*laughs\* sorry about that.

Ryanne: It's okay, I got some really good videos out of it.

Gaby: \*Another bombastic side eye\*

Ryanne: Sorry, I love you. But, what are your plans after graduation?

Gaby: I am planning on going to Umass Boston and that's all I have for now, going to college and I guess working and eventually having a family.

Ryanne: Hey, that's a good plan. How many kids do you want?

Gaby: I want four kids, three boys and one girl.

Ryanne: That's quite ambitious! Okay, last question, what is a core memory you will always remember from Hoosac?

Gaby: That's a hard question, but I would say one thing I will never forget is during my first year, when I was with Valeria and we were riding in the canoe and the canoe flipped over. We had to swim in the dirty pond and it was so disgusting, it was just crazy!

Ryanne: I wish I was there to see that.

Gaby: Oh, it was so bad!

Ryanne: Well, that's all the questions I have, Gaby. Thank you for doing this interview with me.

Gaby: Of course, Ryanne, thank you for interviewing me.

Ryanne: Good luck with your future, I'm going to miss you so much next year!

Gaby: Thank you, Ryanne, I will miss you so much more!

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## **Will Tennis Win?**

By: Alissa Ushiro

With the coming of spring, also came the spring sports so many of us were looking forward to. The tennis team was training very hard the whole year to play for our school, the whole team was very excited and ready for our season to begin. Following the trip to Florida, where they played tournaments and trained, the tennis season was set to bring great achievements.

To start with the girls team, they follow undefeated by in fact, not having lost a single official match so far. Having our first game against Thayer academy, a new school we hadn't played before, made a great start to the season. Next going to Hotchkiss, also a school we hadn't played but promised to bring a stronger team than the one before. This was where all the girls went through good matches where each one was able to fight through and win their match. Martha Wojciechowski had a tough match but made the difference when it was important. The next school's were Storm King and Vermont Academy, who were defeated with ease.

For the boys, they started their season as strong as the girls. Traveling not far to NMH, they brought the win of 7/0 bearing the wind and cold. A highlight would for certain be Rafael Piotto's and Eduardo Kokis's doubles match where they fought until the very end, and even with the tough weather and points they won with a score of 8/7. The next match however, was their most important one in the schedule. Being one of the only schools we lost to last year, with really great players on their rosters, the Brunswick boys were for sure not expecting what was to come. They were also one of our only chances of entering the playoffs for the A level, our boys were definitely ready to fight for that spot. All of them

came with hunger for victory bringing us a win of 5/2, with all the fans cheering for the owls! All had very important and tough matches, the highlights being Lucca Nesi's match, where his opponent took the game to the third set, previously determined to be a super tiebreak. Lucca gave the same intensity as he did the whole match and won 10/4 at a crucial point to give us the lead. Daniel Caballeros held most likely the toughest match bringing the crowd with him through the entirety of the game. Even with his loss, he held the highest level of tennis until the very end, making it very close to the finish line.

Hoosac Tennis has many matches most likely including the playoffs, and all the hard work and dedication from both the players and coach Virginia Gilroy, who gives all her efforts towards the students, has shown to be working out very well. Both the boys and the girls have very good expectations for the matches to come.

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## **Get Ready to Clean**

By Lucy Lovenduski

Spring dorm cleaning is an annual tradition in many universities and colleges where students take the time to declutter and clean their living space after the long winter months. This ritual is not only necessary for hygiene purposes but also serves as a way for students to renew their living space and create a welcoming environment.

The first step in spring dorm cleaning is decluttering. This involves getting rid of any items that are no longer needed or have outlived their usefulness. Students should start by going through their clothes, shoes, and accessories, separating what they want to keep from what they want to donate or discard. They should also assess their books, papers, and electronics, deciding what they can keep and what they can get rid of. By decluttering, students create more space and reduce the clutter that can lead to stress and anxiety.

Once the decluttering is complete, it's time to clean. Spring dorm cleaning involves deep cleaning every corner of the room, from the ceiling to the floor. Students should start by dusting their surfaces, wiping down their mirrors and windows, and vacuuming the floors. They should also wipe down any furniture, clean their bedding and wash any curtains or rugs. This deep cleaning helps to eliminate any accumulated dust, dirt, and allergens, making the dorm room a healthier and more pleasant place to live in.

Another important aspect of spring dorm cleaning is organizing. After decluttering and cleaning, students should assess the remaining items and arrange them in an organized manner. This can include sorting their clothes by type and color, grouping their books by topic or course, and arranging their electronics in a neat and accessible way. By organizing their belongings, students can create a more efficient and visually appealing living space.

Finally, spring dorm cleaning provides an opportunity for students to refresh their living space. This can include adding new decorative items such as pictures, posters, or plants, changing the arrangement of the furniture, or repurposing old items in a creative way. By making small changes, students can create a more personalized and inviting living space that reflects their personality and style.

In conclusion, spring dorm cleaning is an essential tradition for students to renew and refresh their living space. By decluttering, cleaning, organizing and refreshing their dorm rooms, students can create a healthier, more efficient, and more welcoming environment. Spring dorm cleaning is not only necessary for hygiene purposes but also helps students to feel more comfortable and at home in their living space.

## CARTOON

By: Finleigh Lewis



## Roy's Boomerang

By: Finleigh Lewis

Recently, I had the honor to interview THE Roy Bigeon. As I am sure you are all familiar with Roy, as he is a Hoosac staple, I knew that being able to interview him may be the greatest opportunity of my life.

Roy is the wisest guy I know. Here is the story of his life: Finleigh: "First of all Roy, how are you so gosh darn happy all of the time?"

Roy: "Uhhhhh I mean I'm just a happy guy bro, I don't know how to say. What is there not to be happy about? Like your life every day you wake up in the morning, it's amazing guys! Yeah yeah that's it."

F: "Roy, tell us the story of the boomerang"

R: "It's a sad story. It's a sad story and it all begins in Kenya. Five year old Roy was just- ahhhhh, living his dream. But what was missing was a boomerang at that time. And like I was not able to buy one, of course, because I had no money at the time. And my parents didn't want to buy me one because they thought it was stupid. But guess what

guys?!? Guess what?!?!?! I finally got one guys at nineteen years old ten years later-wait-fourteen years later!! I finally got one! And it was the best moment of my life, well, the best five minutes of my life. Cause good things don't last, guys. Ahhhhhh...man."

F: "What happened Roy?!"

R: "Ahhhhh it's like Romeo and Juliet bro. It's like, we found each other, I got it from the mail-room, I feel like it was just yesterday. I came all jolly and got it. Ohhhhhh my god. I was gonna go to my room and sleep, like I promised Lacy I'm gonna use it like the next day. But one of my friends was like "No bro let's just try it today". You know me. I've waited fifteen years of my life. Let's just try. Ahhhh, and I finally did, I threw it but it never came back. (Roy began getting emotional at this time) I was getting disappointed but you know what I tried again because guys, don't give up guys, you've gotta try, try, try, again- But that was the biggest mistake of my life. I tried again and it landed at the feet of the worst person it could ever land to. His name is Alvin, yes you Alvin, you know yourself. And that was when (pause) it all went down. He tossed it up. It never came back. It flew so high, it was just a thing of beauty, it was like a movie guys. It came down and hit the sidewalk (it shattered completely) and I was just heart-broken, guys. That was the worst day of my life. I couldn't believe it. After fourteen years of waiting for a damn boomerang-he broke it in five minutes. But it's all good guys, cause guess what? Guess what?!?!?"

F (and others): What?!?!?!?"

R: I got another onnnnnnnnee yeahhhhhhhhh!!!!!! You wouldn't believe it. After it broke I went back to my room, cried of course, because I was just so sad. I was down for a bit you know. Then two days later, in the library I'm just chilling there, thinking about the boomerang of course.

Then, a certain someone, someone on the hockey team, her name starts with an L!! She's a goalkeeper!! She just came, and she brought me back to life guys. She changed my life. As she handed me that boomerang, I finally got my smile back. I was happy again. Lacy, you saved me bro. And that's the story of the boomerang."

Wow, how inspirational. Here's what else I learned about Roy, and for those wondering, Lacy and I witnessed this whole boomerang story go down in real time. Its also currently on the roof of Wood Hall if anyone wants to help us out with that.

#### BONUS QUESTIONS:

F: "If you weren't at Hoosac right now, where do you think you'd be?"

R: "Id probably be in Spain illegally"

F: "If you could be any animal, what would you be?"

R: "That's a tough one. I mean...what would I be bro? That's a tough one. Damn. I mean I wouldn't want to be an ant or something like that. Bro you step on them like every day like, that's a horrific death. Uhhh-hhh, I'd be a gazelle. Just running every day, living my life on the edge. "

F: "What would you play as a sport if soccer died?"

R: "Definitely not lacrosse bro...let's just cancel them out. Definitely not hockey, sorry for my hockey guys out there, but uh, your sports are kind of rough. I don't think I could handle that, I'd be killed bro! I think I'd play...badminton."

F: "Badminton?!"

R: "Yeah bro! Just hit the thing on the wall-wait is it the wall?"

Mr.McDonough: "No, that's squash."

R: My bad, my bad, my bad, I always get those mixed up.Yeah I think I'd play badminton-no, squash! My bad, my bad. I'd play it because I don't see any interest in any other sports except soccer and squash."

F: "Would you consider yourself a fashion kind of guy?"

R: "I mean yeah, I mean my fashion is like, It's different. That's all I can say. No one understands it."

F: "How would you describe the Roy-style?"

R: "Well the Roy style, Its unique, Its um...how do you put this in french? De laquelle."

(I looked this up, according to google in english this means: "of/about whom and of/about which")

F: "If someone reading this wanted to replicate the Roy style, what would they do?"

R: "That'd be hard bro I can't lie. Um what i'd tell them is, to be the Roy style is just to be...how to put this in words? Just think out of the box. That's all I can say. When you think out of the box, you find things you've never seen before, when you have clothes in your closet that you would've never imagined would be.... (long pause) you know?"

F: "Roy, you got sent to prison, you murdered someone. So, you walk into the prison and they tell you're going to be killed, what is your last meal?"

R: "Of course I gotta have mac and cheese there. That's definite. mac and cheese right there bro. Gotta have some chicken nuggets too."

## The Super Epic Mega Fitness Challenge!!

By Finleigh Lewis & Avery Hilton

We have been through a lot here this last month at Hoosac, and we're almost done! But that doesn't mean being active won't help you through these final days until summer break. We will be holding a challenge for anyone here at the Hoosac School. This challenge will help ease your mind from any stress or anywhere else. During this challenge, all you have to do is one of the listed activities below once a day, or you could do all of them if you want to.

19 Pushups

37 sit ups

A brisk walk, or jog on the treadmill for 43 minutes

1 pull up

82 jumping jacks

Reach a goal of 6,000 steps each day

This fitness challenge will help us all to reach our goals of finishing this trimester in a good, positive way. It will help you ease your mind and help you get back on track with all of the big finals and tests coming up in the near future.

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### Keeping Up with History Club

By Miranda Lorenz

Three weeks ago in History Club, we did dendrochronology. (Dendro- "tree", Chron- "time", Ology "study of") Dendrochronology is the act of counting the rings of a tree to see how old it is and what the environment was like over the years that it has lived. We first did a worksheet to learn how to tell what each ring means and how to count them. We then ventured outside, into the woods, to put what we learned to use. We split up and chose a stump to count. We then met up and talked about the data we collected from the trees. This data included estimates on the environment around the trees and how old they are.

Two weeks ago, we went to the State Archives. We went to the top floor and entered a room with a very sweet lady waiting for us. We were given instructions and a packet. We went around the room to different stations and learned how to research using different methods and materials. Afterwards, we went to the archives and she showed us the room full of books and files, including the refrigerated room full of the things you have to make an appointment to look at. We talked about that for a while and left. It was very educational.

Last week, we talked about the legend of LeGrand Cannon Tibbits, Edward Tibbits' brother. There is a legend that he murdered a stable boy with his cane. We looked over old documents and pictures. They talked of how he had a good relationship with his brother and a not so good one with his wife. He was known to have a bad temper and would treat people he thought to be beneath him poorly. In the end, we all came to different conclusions and decided that it is best to be kept as a mysterious legend about the ghost of Wood Hall.

## **The Next Chapter**

By Lehakoe Tserane

We have made it! Well, not quite, seniors, we still have a month to go. Graduating in our Jordan year (23 for those who do not know, Michael Jordan's famous jersey number) is one of the reasons our class is so special. All of us reigning from more than thirty different countries, and our unique cultures have generated an impeccable class. As Mr. Foster and many faculty members have mentioned, we must spend as much time together because the sad truth is, we will never be in one place as one class again.

I must say we have all grown in one way or another, others literally by height and some with our character. All 102-ish of us have contributed in incredible ways to our school community. As you look into the future, deciding on majors, minors, and the college you want to attend, do not forget to congratulate yourself for how far you have come. From learning our ABCs to becoming responsible adults, there is so much to celebrate before we sign off on this over-a-decade educational journey.

When events like prom, Asado Day, and graduation are coming up, I hope you take full advantage of the celebratory atmosphere the events provide for us. For those of you who have not had the chance to speak with another student, do not wait for graduation because you will most likely never see them again. If you are hesitant to try a sport, go out there because this is your last chance at a high school sport. Whatever it may be that you have procrastinated, go for it because you are the writer of your last high school chapter. Spring has sprung, and the sky is mostly clear, so make every moment count.

Signing out.

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## **A Night to Remember**

By: Alissa Ushiro

It's an American high school characteristic to host dances for their students year-round, this has become popular and known to the entire world. Dances such as Prom and Winter Formal have formal dresses, fully decorated places, among many other details that make those nights memorable for the students when they look back to their high school years.

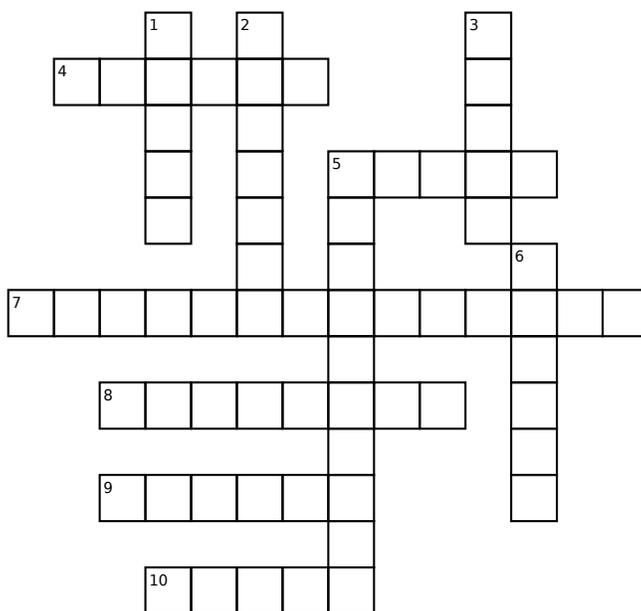
Hoosac hosted for the first time in years the Winter Formal, March 4th, a week before the Spring Break. Hoosick Falls Armory, who has hosted many events in town, was kind enough to let us use their night events space for our dance, where the dance's coordinator Mr. Harniman, with the help of a group of students, decorated and organized the place where they did an amazing job making the best space for our winter dance. Our student-led coffee shop, Aliro coffee, worked during the dance to provide different types of drinks for everyone. Our school's event photographer Ms. Mac also added so much to our nights recording the best of memories with beautiful pictures.

The night went on with students from all over the world bonding together dancing to music keeping the life of the party alive until the very end with a mix of songs from several different countries. All the details and collaborations came together for a very special event for all of us which will be remembered in the memories of all our students when recalling their

## CROSSWORD

A chance to win 5 points for your team. Whoever turns in the crossword puzzle to Ms. Jones first with all correct answers gets 5 points towards Antonion or Graftonion. (turn in before 5/12/23)

### Admin-What is Their Job? (only last names)

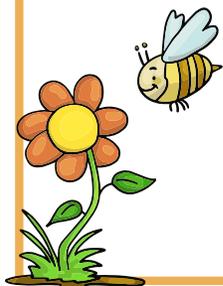


#### Down:

1. recruits new students, gives tours, and handles the admission process
2. manages student records
3. manages fundraising, annual giving, and school reunions
5. helps school management and evaluates academic records
6. oversees the financial activities of the school

#### Across:

4. is in charge of the curriculum, student schedules, and overseeing classes
5. handles school store, bus duties, and phone calls
7. manages birthdays, Alumni, the Alumni Owllet Newspaper, and Hoosac Magazine
8. handles mail room, attendance, and phone calls
9. oversees all aspects of Hoosac while maintaining rules and an appropriate learning environment
10. evaluates injuries, provides care and assistance to injured athletes



## Here's What I Recommend...

By Cassie Atete

### **Movies:**

Don't Look Up  
The Lost Daughter  
The 355  
Spider-Man: No Way Home  
The Matrix Resurrections  
The Power of the Dog  
The Tender Bar  
The King's Man  
Cocaine Bear  
Jesus Revolution

### **Series:**

Game of Thrones  
The Crown  
The Good Place  
Black Mirror  
The office  
Breaking Bad  
Friends  
The Handmaid's Tale  
Narcos  
The Witcher

### **Books:**

Educated by Tara Westover  
Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng  
The Testaments by Margaret Atwood  
Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens  
The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah  
The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho  
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson  
The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins  
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee  
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald