

# The Owl



## Dedication

The 1957 edition of the Owl is dedicated to our retiring Headmaster, Father Meredith B. Wood, who has led the school gently but firmly in the ways of the Right for these past sixteen years. He has faced, and overcome, obstacles too numerous to list.

His guidance has, of course, been oriented to a large measure by his wonderful Christian Spirit and Fortitude. He has taught many of our students, past and present, how to govern their lives in the ways of Christianity and truth. He has worked long hours aiding his students in grasping the concepts important to them in the furtherance of their education. He has done the school and its students immeasurable material as well as spiritual good. He overcame tremendous obstacles to move the school from its old buildings into its present establishment at Tibbits Hall. He has built up lasting friendships for the school. He has worked constantly to enlarge the school in scope as well as enrollment. He has, in brief, created the unique atmosphere of Hoosac—an atmosphere impossible to capture in words but which fills one with a sense of happiness and confidence.\*

Realizing that he will be with Hoosac in heart always to return only as a visitor, friend, and adviser, we say goodbye to Fr. Wood. At the same time, let us also extend a gracious welcome to Dr. Roger Cooley, our new headmaster. To lead the school onward to new advances is now his responsibility. That much is expected of him is true, but we are confident that he has the determination and will power equal to the challenge of Hoosac's future. As the Book of Job teaches us . . . . The Lord gives and the Lord takes away.





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## *Raymond Asplund*

Extra-curricular activities: Senior Prefect VI, "H" V, VI, Social Committee VI, Choir VI, Pantry Boy V, Graftonian V, Graftonian Captain VI, Sigma Omega Delta VI, Coup D'Etat V, VI, Bible Reader VI, Literary Club VI, President of Rifle Club VI, Head Bell-Ringer VI, Soccer V, VI, Baseball V.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Mummers' Play V, Jester VI.

Sobriquets: "Rebel", "Reb".

Ambition: To shoot a game warden.

Interests: Hunting, money, marriage.

School Memory: Parties in the woods.

Bequest: The "casino" to Hoby.

Pet Peeve: People who never wise-up in poker.

Ray, better known as "Rebel", came to Hoosac last year, and has emblazoned his name on the walls of Hoosac forever. Aside from his ever-present smile and genial personality, Ray has proven to be a stand-out in the sports that he has participated in. His favorite sport is soccer, and it is also the sport in which he excels to the greatest degree.

A great hunter also is our boy "Rebel". Many are the mornings he has spent with his "blood-brother", Hoby Schwartz, hunting for wild game. Ducks, geese, woodchucks, "tweety birds", all have fallen under the ready rifle of our illustrious senior prefect.

Ray has done a good job in preparing for his future also. The college of his choice is Franklin and Marshall. He plans to major in the business course offered there. In view of his past record, it should be no trouble for him to succeed there.



## *Malcolm Donald Bliss*

Extra-curricular Activities: Head Diningroom Sweeper III, Head Dishwasher IV, Head of the Dining Room Committee V, Council Representative II, III, Council Member IV, V, VI, Junior Prefect VI, Sigma Omega Delta IV, V, VI, Literary Society VI, Owl Board IV, V, VI, Rod and Gun Club IV, Antonian I, II, III, IV, V, VI, Social Committee VI, Choir IV, V, VI, Grasshopper Basketball I, II, J. V. Basketball III, Varsity Basketball V, VI, J. V. Soccer III, IV, Varsity V, VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: King's Page II, Eastern Torch Bearer III, Elizabethan IV, V, VI, St. George II, III, Doctor IV, V, VI.



Sobriquets: "Mal", "Malcolm".

Favorite Saying: "Ok, You Guys".

Always Found: Driving the truck.

Ambition: To be a doctor.

Interests: Playing bridge.

School Memory:

Bequests:

Pet Peeve:

Mal, our renowned Junior Prefect, has worked laboriously this year to keep the school in line. However, it is a hard task to get Mr. Howard to keep his room clean.

Mal reigns as king when it comes to the number of years at Hoosac. He has far outdistanced any other Hoosac boy in this category.

Mal can usually be seen with a contented expression on his "cherub"-like face, as he guides the school truck around the grounds. His willingness and devotion to the school has made Mal a popular figure in the eyes of his fellow students. He has labored continuously to keep the school grounds in top condition. Every afternoon Mal supervised the under-formers in their work on the roads, and fields about the school.

Mal, we are all certain that you will be a great success, and wish you the best of everything in college.



*James N. Boink*

Extra-curricular Activities: Field House Prefect VI, Dormitory Prefect VI, Owl Board VI, Dramatics V, VI, Kitchen Committee V, VI, "H" Club V, VI, Honor Roll V, VI, Public Speaking VI, Antonian V, VI, Soccer VI, Taconic League All-Star Team Honorable Mention VI, J. V. Basketball V, VI, Baseball V, VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Beefeater VI.

Sobriquets: "Gentleman Jim", "Jim".

Ambition: To become a pharmacist.

Interests: Spending money on clothes.

School Memory: Going home on weekends.

Bequests: Position as goalie on the soccer team to John Allen.

Pet Peeve: The lack of radios at Hoosac.

"Gentleman Jim" came to Hoosac in his fifth form year, to become a member of the Class of 1957. He immediately became connected with many of the school's activities.

Jim excels in baseball and soccer. His fine exhibition as goalie for the 1956-1957 soccer season, and his fine ability on the baseball mound have earned him a place among Hoosac's finest athletes.

Because of his fine study habits and easy mastery of problems which confront him, Jim's name is a steady one on the Honor Roll.

Jim's conscientious attitude has been respected by all of us, and we wish him the very best of luck at the Albany College of Pharmacy this Fall.

*James H. Keenan*

Extra-curricular Activities: Dormitory Prefect V, VI, Liturgical Choir IV, V, VI, Literary Club VI, Head Dishwasher V, Owl Board IV, V, VI, The Counts V, VI, Sigma Omega Delta V, VI, Aristocracy VI, Graftonian VI, Soccer IV, V (Captain), VI, Baseball V, VI, Manager Basketball V, VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Chorus IV, V, VI, King IV, V, VI, Sword Dance IV, V, VI.



Sobriquets: "Jim".

Favorite Saying: "Oh".

Always Found: Listening to Harry Belafonte.

Ambition: Visit the North Pole.

Interests: None?

School Memory: Last Thursday night of school.

Bequest: A wheelbarrow to go only with Mal's shovel.

Pet Peeve: "He's Basically good".

Jim, Mr. Howard's exceedingly efficient right hand man, entered Hoosac as a Sophomore in 1954. He claims to be a native of Albany, the home of Cal's, but his study hall costume suggests that he is from Greenwich Village. J. K.'s main attributes are that he knows the school roster by heart and that he always has a new joke for the boys at the "Butt Pit".

For the first half of his senior year Jim trapped, but after seeing the results of his mid-year exams, he sold his traps and moved to the field house where he could engage in more studying, and also try to reform the eighth graders, and Mr. Clark if that is at all possible.

Pious Jim, as he used to be called, has now, under the influence of Mr. Clark and against the will of Mr. Howard, become temporarily non-sectarian. However, after seeing the movie, "Saint Ann de Beaupre", Jim has the zealous desire to make a pilgrimage there in the future. Good luck to you at Rutgers, Jim.





## *Kent King*

Extra-curricular Activities: Dramatics VI, Public Speaking VI, Debating Team VI, Editor-in-Chief of the Owl Board VI, Bible Reader VI, Dorm Prefect VI, Senior Class Valedictorian VI, Publicity Committee VI, President of the Literary Club VI, Sigma Omega Delta VI, Kitchen Committee VI, Soccer VI, Basketball VI, Track VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Mummers' Play, Father Christmas.

Sobriquets: "Kent", "Tenty".

Favorite Sayings: "O. K.; Who's got one"?

Always Found: Sleeping.

Ambition: To be a psychiatrist.

Interests: Many.

School Memory: Owl work.

Bequests: The Owl Board to next year's editor.

Pet Peeve: Hoby Schwartz.

It's Mr. Kent King, the Monclair Flash, taking his bow and entering into the spotlight of college. Kent is probably the most active and aggressive member of the student body. His marks are far above average, and his I. Q. could melt a block of ice. At first glance you might say, "hey, who's that tall moron". At second glance you would be convinced that it was the Montclair Flash (That's if you had enough time for a second glance). Being accepted to Columbia would make the average scholar feel quite proud. But not Kent. He passes it off as his third choice. Kent also applied to Rutgers, and was good enough to be accepted. Rutgers is good enough to be rated as a second choice in Kent's list. Now our hero has decided to apply for a scholarship to another of the top schools in the country, Johns Hopkins University. Things look good at Hopkins for Kent.

We will say good-bye now to the man with two personalities in one: Kent King, the Intellectual, and Kent King, the Montclair Flash.

## *Scott Maddux*

Extra-curricular Activities: Pantry Boy V, Graftonian V, VI, Glee Club V, Counts V, VI, Owl Board VI, Liturgical Choir V, Soccer V, Baseball V.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Elizabethan V, VI, Sword Dance VI, King of Africa V, VI, Boar's Head Minstrel VI, Waits and Troubadors V, VI.



Sobriquets: "Nick", "Scottie".

Favorite Saying: "Hey, Weber".

Always Found: With Derek Weber.

Ambition: To go to College.

Interests: The opposite sex.

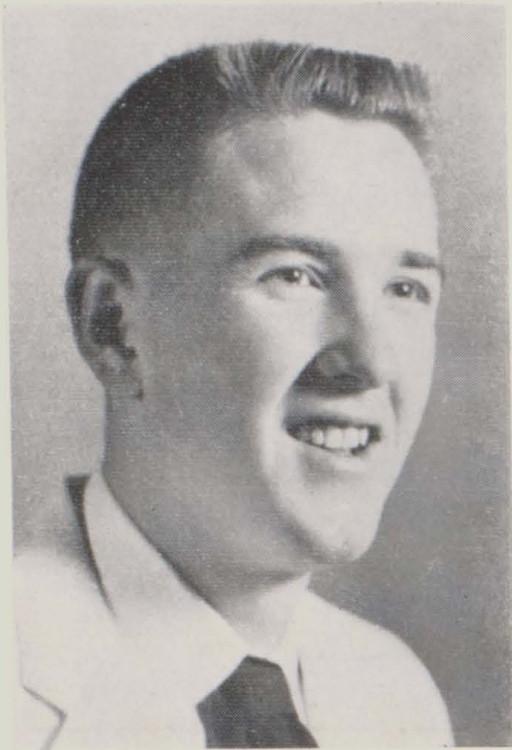
School Memory: The Counts on T. V.

Bequests: Church key to Derek Weber.

Pet Peeve: Rising Bell.

Where's Downingtown, Pa.? That's the home of Scott Maddux. Scott is a lad with ability, and he can shine shoes as well. (He even did Father Wood's). One thing that never fails to be heard twenty times a day is the booming voice of Scott, sounding the familiar call: "Hey, Weber!"

Scott has one weakness—girls. From what he tells me, there are plenty of them in Downingtown. We wish Scott all the luck in the world, and sincerely hope that he is successful in his future plans.



*Edward W. McBride*

Extra-curricular Activities: "H" Club VI, Waiter VI, Antonian VI, Sigma Omega Delta VI, Fearsome Four VI, Vice President of Rifle Club VI, Soccer VI, Baseball VI, Basketball VI, Captain of Soccer Team VI, Co-Captain of Basketball Team VI, Captain of Baseball Team VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Beefeater VI.

Sobriquets: "Ed".

Ambition: To get into college.

Interests: Anne.

School Memory: Camping parties with Reb and Hoby.

Bequests: Leave Hoby my church key.

Pet Peeve: Not enough hunting.

Ed, our most aggressive P. G. by far, can usually be found in bed. His favorite pastime, next to sleeping of course, is hunting. And if he is not sleeping or hunting, he's writing that cute little nurse from Kingston.

Soccer? What's that? Slightly exaggerated of course, this points out how familiar Ed was with soccer on the first day of practice. He learned fast and played a hard, fast, rough game straight through the season. His hard work and terrific spirit got him a well-earned letter. Ed followed suit in basketball as far as work and spirit go. With quite a lot of skill thrown in he earned a letter and the job of captain. In baseball he was again elected Captain. Ed pitched most of the time, and when he was not pitching, he did quite a good job of covering third base. He has a wicked curve. Ask anyone who has batted against him.

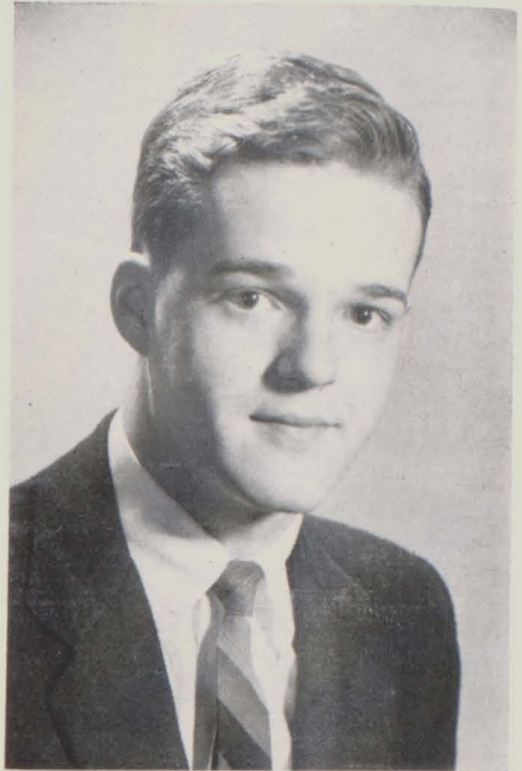
We wish all the luck in the world, to a guy who is tops in our book.



*Robert W. Mills, Jr.*

Extra-curricular Activities: Radio Club II, III, IV, Dining Room Sweeper I, II, III, Dramatics III, IV, School Tractor V, VI, Library Committee II, III, Owl Board II, III, IV, VI, School Record Player V, VI, Graftonian I, II, III, IV, V, VI, Grasshopper Soccer I, II, J. V. Soccer III, Grasshopper Basketball I, II, J. V. Basketball III.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Boy King David I, Herald Torchbearer II, Eastern Torchbearer III, Elizabethan IV, V, VI, Sword Dance IV, V, VI.



Sobriquets: "Millsy", "The Peeper".

Favorite Saying: "I guess there's a tube missing".

Always Found: Inside a radio or record player.

Ambition: To own a Hi Fi Shop.

Interests: Music and Records

School Memory: Town House.

Bequest: Soundproof room to Fr. Dunkerley.

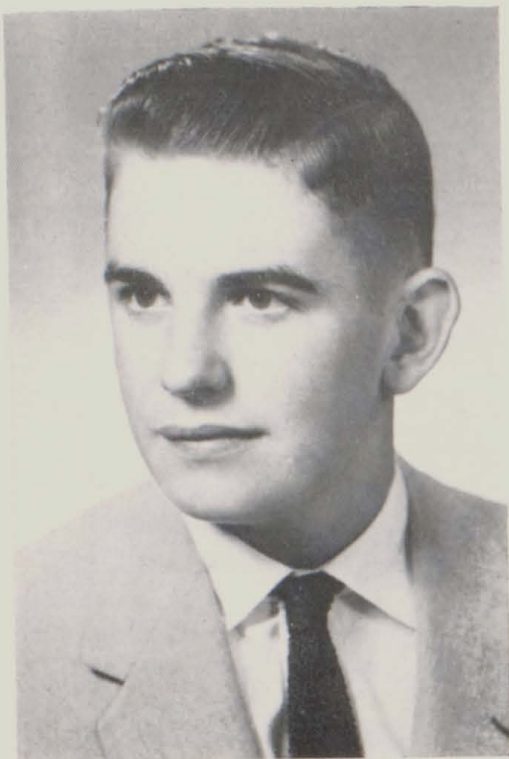
Pet Peeve: Broom stealers.

"Millsy" is Delhi, New York's gift to Hoosac. And he's doubtless one of the best gifts the school has ever received. With him, Bill has brought humor, inventiveness, and a decided affection for electronics.

Of the senior class, Bill is the second oldest surviving member of the VI Form in terms of years spent at Hoosac. All who know Bill realize that the school can never really be the same without him.

Bill will continue his studies at Hudson Valley Technical Institute. We are certain that he will make as many friends there as he has here, and that's a mighty big order for someone as popular as he.

Best of luck in the future Bill. We know you'll make good.



*Robert Bennie Taylor*

Extra-curricular Activities: Pantry Boy VI, Sigma Omega Delta VI, Graftonian VI, Owl Board VI, "H" Club VI, Varsity Soccer VI, Varsity Basketball, All-Star Taconic League, Honorable Mention VI, Varsity Baseball VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Beefeater VI.

Sobriquets: "Moose", Bob.

Favorite Saying: "That's what I was telling my wife in the shower this morning".

Ambition: To marry blonds?

Interest: Girls, one in particular.

School Memory: April 7, 1957.

Bequest: Noon Pantry Boy duties to Geoffrey Ball.

Pet Peeve: Boys with big mouths.

"Moose" hails from Rochester, N. Y. If they are all as big as Bob, it would not be too safe around there. Bob came to Hoosac this year, and has achieved quite a lot. He earned letters in Soccer, Basketball, and did a fine job as catcher on our baseball team. Not only his size accounts for his success, but his determination and understanding both on the field and in the classroom make him well liked by us all.

When it comes to girls, no one around here can give a definite answer on Bob's views. We think he rates "Emma" at the top though. We all wish Bob all the success out of later life.

## *William Joseph Watkinson*

Extra-curricular Activities: Antonian III, IV, V, VI, Social Committee V, VI, Owl Board IV, V, VI, Dormitory Prefect III, "H" Club V, VI, Liturgical Choir III, IV, V, VI, Glee Club III, IV, V, VI, Counts Quintet, lead IV, V, VI, Pantry Boy III, VI, Head of Pantry IV, V, VI, Debating Team V, Dramatics Club V, Public Speaking V, Hoosac Rod and Gun Club V, VI, Literary Club VI, Shop Manager V, VI, Soccer J. V. III, Varsity IV, V, VI, Taconic Conference All-Star, at right halfback, V, Basketball, J. V. III, IV, V, Baseball, Varsity III, IV, V, VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Torch Bearer to the Herald III, Elizabethan III, IV, V, VI, Sword Dance V, VI, Waits and Troubadours IV, V, VI, Holly Bearer III, Chorus IV, V, VI, Soloist IV, V, VI.



Sobriquets: Bill.

Favorite Saying: "Get with it", or "It sounds white".

Always Found: Listening to "Little Richard".

Ambition: To go to Texas.

Interests: Stunning young lasses.

School Memory: Trip to Yale. (We almost got that flag!)

Bequests: The Counts to the most likely candidate.

Pet Peeve: Someone who always says, "Turn that junk off".

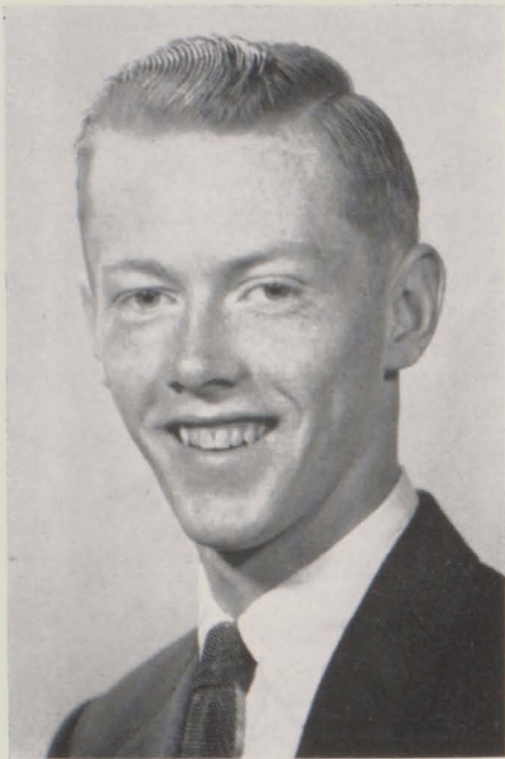
Bill, the Rock 'n' Roll boy from Baldwin, Long Island, has been voted first in his class to get married. This, however, was not his own choice. No one seems to know what it is, but Bill certainly has a way with the girls. The girls go for Bill, and he goes for the girls.

This year Bill has really brought the Counts into prominence. He organized the group last year, and this year they have really been in demand. They have sung on television, and at music festivals throughout the Tri-State area.

Bill is one of the few boys in the school who does not belong to the "Butt-Pit-Brigade". This asset leaves Bill with an excess of free time to study the statistical and romantic sides of American History.

All of us at Hoosac wish Bill the best of luck in the future years at Hobart.





## *Clyde Young*

Extra-curricular Activities: Graftonian VI,  
Sigma Omega Delta VI, Varsity Basketball  
VI, Varsity Baseball VI, Taconic Conference  
All-star in Basketball VI.

Boar's Head and Yule Log: Shepherd VI.

Sobriquets: "Sonny", "Red", "Jules".

Favorite Saying: "Hi! George".

Always Found: Driving Keenan to the Field House.

Ambition: To be a cattle rustler.

Interests: Albany girls.

School Memory: Camping trip to good ole Vermont State.

Bequests: Red hair to George Mitchell.

Pet Peeve: Male nurses.

Clyde came to us from Bennington, Vermont. He was a graduate from Bennington High School and took a post-graduate year here in the Valley of the Owl. Clyde, along with Eddie McBride, is considered one of the top Hoosac Athletes. Clyde is not only noted for his ability in sports, but also for his fishing, to say nothing of deer hunting. He is the only Hoosac boy in recent years to get his buck. We understand that he is very good at putting out fires with milk and eggs and that porcupines do not bother him. Even though these virtues are not counted as much in college, we wish him all the luck in the world.



*The Faculty and School*



## The Old Order Changeth

Sixteen years have passed swiftly since a sunny day in July, 1941, when I assumed the leadership of Hoosac School. Many of you were not yet born, and the rest were toddlers or babes in arms. Sixteen years no doubt seem almost like an eternity to you, but to me the years have sped by so quickly that I wonder where they have gone!

At that time, the memory of Dr. Tibbits' days were vivid realities in the minds of the old timers still at the school; of Frank Butcher, who had been our beloved music director for over 30 years; of the sisters, Ruby McKeon and Jessie Balderson, and of Margaret Williams, who had served the school so faithfully in kitchen, pantry and linen room for many years, teaching boys the dignity of household work well done; of Arthur Adams, near-sighted senior master, a veritable "Mr. Chips", who drilled us in our studies and regaled us with vivid stories of hilarious pranks and raids on the ice-box in former days; of Emily Walsh, whose skilled fingers and devoted heart nursed many a boy's body and spirit back to health.

From Father Whitcomb's regime, then drawing to a close, were other equally devoted persons, who had helped the second Rector through the trying days of the depression, maintaining a fine school in the face of the greatest difficulties. There was George Waddington, able history teacher and strong athletic coach whose teams were a credit to the school. There was Trevor Rea, sensitive musician and choirmaster who assisted Mr. Butcher. There were Harold and Doris Green, who gave their service unstintingly in the office, library, classroom and Yule Log. These all knew something of the "soul" of the school and worked ceaselessly to pass on the torch to oncoming generations.

As I look back in my memory, I can see the faces of a long line of Hoosac Boys, ever eager and active, often in mischief, sometimes happy and again sad, but always filled with hope for the future and with love in their hearts for their school. I think of them all with interest and affection, and especially of the boys who

have been their leaders, a kind of "Apostolic Succession" who have received the torch from the past and have handed it on to each succeeding generation. Even though these may only be names to most of you, let me list them for they are living personalities to me, even as you are to me this day:

	Senior Prefects	Junior Prefects
1942	Harper Abbot	Hubert Malkus
1943	Peter Bourke	Hubert Malkus
1944	Henry Morriss	Robert Howes
1945	Christian Schreiber	Frederick Endo
1946	William Morriss	Donald Smith
1947	James Semple	John Pattison
1948	Albert Robinson	John Pattison
1949	Stuart Horton-Billard	Hans Lopez
1950	William Sharp	Robert MacFadyen
1951	Paul Nash	William Adams
1952	Paul Lucas	Huc Hauser
1953	Henry Coolidge	David Bliss
1954	David Bliss	Charles Bosworth
1955	Philip Nason	Richard McConnell
1956	Edward Elliot	Murray Britton
1957	Ray Asplund	Malcolm Bliss

These are the boys who have helped us to come through a great war and a time of greatest stringency. These are the ones who have helped move the school from its old location in the village to Tibbits Hall. These are the boys who have tested out our mansion and have found from experience that it can be good.

And now "the olde order changeth" once again. We must expand our educational program. We must grow in numbers. We must develop a new campus. These are some of the tasks which confront our new headmaster and his charming wife. To them we pass on the torch, wishing them happiness and joy in the challenging opportunity before them. It will be no easy task. Those of you who will return next year have an essential part to play in passing on all that is good from the old order and in upholding Dr. Cooley's hands as he ventures into the new. I am sure that those who are graduating will want to show your appreciation for useful and happy years at school by becoming loyal alumni.

May God bless you all--always.

Ever faithfully, your friend,

MEREDITH B. WOOD.



### HOW THE CLASS RATES THE COURSES

Hardest .....	Advanced Algebra
Easiest .....	French
Most Valuable .....	English
Favorite .....	Sacred Studies
Most Needed .....	Bar Hunting

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### HOW THE CLASS RATES THE MASTERS

Most Popular .....	Mr. Wood
Hardest to Bluff .....	Mr. Clarke
Most Unacclaimed .....	Mr. Locke
Faculty Playboy .....	Mr. Howard
Most Brilliant .....	Mr. Clarke
Influenced Us the Most .....	Fr. Dunkerley
Most Personal .....	Father Wood

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### HOW THE CLASS RATES THE STAFF

Most Popular .....	Mrs. Spiak
Hardest to Bluff .....	Charlie
Most Entertaining .....	Jim Frost
Staff "Playboy" .....	Miss Abkarian
Most Brilliant .....	Fred Jones
Influenced Us the Most .....	Mrs. Spiak
Most Personal .....	Miss Abkarian
Most Generous .....	Flo
Most Goodnatured .....	Walt

## *Lower Than We*

Those "students" who are in the degrading position of undergraduates truly are in a sorrowful plight. Try as they may, it is an impossibility for them to be elevated to the level of us for at least a year. We beg of you to pity them. Feel pangs of heartfelt sorrow as you gaze upon these miserable hulks of future manhood. They are a motley crew to be sure. We ask you nevertheless to tolerate them as we have. Perhaps one day they will attain the stature of the Graduating Class of 1957, (although we sincerely doubt it). In order to better acquaint you with their slightness of stature, the VI Form has compiled a list of where certain of the poor undergraduates were to be found during the past academic year, and some of their hopes and habits. Read it and weep!

1. John Allen enjoys fishing at the pond. Ask K. D. about this.
2. Hoby Schwartz is to be found attached to a VI Former, (by his necktie).
3. Terry Loftus is in the library trying to decide why Hoosac is spelled with an "ac" instead of "ick".
4. Derek Weber is usually under Miss Abkarian's car cutting holes in the muffler.
5. Geoff Ball is reading again. Hope he breaks that horrible habit.
6. Skip Clayton is still rooting for the "Phillies".
7. Bill Comer's hoping to go South as soon as possible.
8. Bill Parshall's polishing apples in Mr. Howard's room.
9. Carey Weber, the unofficial school photographer, wants to start a fan club for a VI Former.
10. Edgar Torey's caught in one of his traps. He'll be here for some time.
11. Larry Dowd hopes to get married. (Maybe he won't have much choice.)
12. John Maddux is way up on cloud number seven.
13. Tommy Thompson's O. K. (He may be on the Owl Board next year; so we must be nice to him.)
14. Who else but Bob Collinge would be thirteenth? He's still trying to reach the butt-pit uninjured.

## *How the Class Stands*

Done most for Hoosac .....	Bliss
Done Hoosac for most .....	Asplund
Wittiest .....	King
Best dressed .....	Boink
Gets most .....	Young
Hack off .....	Maddux
Smartest .....	Boink
Best poker player .....	McBride
Biggest operator .....	Keenan
Most absent-minded .....	Mills
Neatest .....	Watkinson
Most loyal .....	Bliss
More drag with masters .....	Keenan
In worst with masters .....	Maddux
Gets away with most .....	Young
Gets away with least .....	King
Most gullible .....	Mills
Most generous .....	McBride
Most pessimistic .....	Keenan
Most likely to succeed .....	Boink
First to be married .....	Watkinson
Lover boy .....	Maddux
Handsomest .....	Taylor
Class baby .....	Bliss
Most genuine .....	McBride





# ACTIVITIES





THE OWL BOARD—Front Row Sitting: Taylor, Keenan, King (Editor-in-Chief), Asplund, Mills. Second Row Standing: Dowd, Reeder, Boink, Maddux, I, Allen, J., Loftus. Third Row Standing: Mr. Howard, Allen, B., Weber, C., Ball, Bliss, Schwartz, Watkinson.



## *The Owl Board*

At the beginning of this year the Owl Board found itself faced with a sizeable debt. Despite the hard work of this year's Owl Board, the debt has prevented the publication of a hard-bound yearbook. The Owl Board, next year, will not be faced hopefully, with a debt, due to the untiring efforts of our business managers, who will be mentioned later in this article.

The Editor-in-chief of the 1956-1957 Owl Board was Kent King. It is the job of the editor to channel the efforts of the various writers into a newspaper and yearbook to be enjoyed by alumni and friends of the school, as well as the students. The business-managers were Ray Asplund and Jim Keenan. It is due to the ability of these two boys, that the 1957 Owl Board has done so well this year. They not only saw to it that there was sufficient money to publish our yearbook, but also are attempting to erase the debt with which the Owl Board was faced at the beginning of the year. The head of the "events" writers this year was Malcolm Bliss. He is the one who saw to it that all articles on speakers, special assemblies, etc., were turned in on time. Under Malcolm on the "events" staff were those who will be the nucleus of next year's Owl Board.

Terry Loftus and Ray Asplund were the "social" writers. They wrote articles on the school's dances, skating parties, and other social events.

At the head of the sports staff we find Bill Watkinson, one of the most conscientious writers on the Owl Board. Bill did a top-notch job of managing the remainder of the sports staff, Bob Taylor and Jim Boink.

Bill Mills wrote the "school notes" for the Owlet, and has aided the board in other ways throughout the year. Russell Reeder did a good job of handling our exchanges with other schools.

The photographer who donated the pictures on the "scrapbook" page is Carey Weber.

Scott Maddux and John Allen have rendered invaluable assistance to the publication of the yearbook, and have tentatively been appointed to lead next year's Owl Board.

A very special vote of thanks is owed to Mr. Arthur Howard, who has been the faculty adviser to the Owl Board for the past eight years. Without his assistance the Owl and Owlet would have been late in being published many more times than any editor, past or present, would care to remember.



THE COUNCIL—Front Row: Asplund, Father Dunkerley, Bliss.  
Back Row left to right: Loftus, Keenan, Torey.



## *The Student Council*

The student council is composed of five members elected by the remainder of the student body. It is the responsibility of the council to govern the activities of the other students. Of the council's five members three are men, (that is VI Formers), and the other two are boys. The faculty adviser is Father Dunkerley.

This year we have been blessed with a good student council. Raymond Asplund and Malcolm Bliss, senior and junior prefects respectively, have done a very commendable job of heading the council. A commendation is also to be given to the other council members, James Keenan, a senior, Terry Loftus, a junior, and Edgar Torey, a sophomore. In the background of the council's successful activities throughout the year, has been Father Dunkerley, one of our most respected teachers. When a question arises that the council is in doubt on, they invariably seek Father Dunkerley's stern but kind guidance.

The job of governing a school is not an easy one. The council faced the task wholeheartedly, and did a fine piece of work. This year's student council has been more quiet than those of previous years, but it has accomplished a great deal nevertheless.

This year's student council has seen to it that the students were awarded many more privileges than last year. It was through the council's efforts that the boys were given a common room. The council members have also served as acolytes, thurifers, crucifers, and boatboy, in the school's chapel services.

We sincerely hope that next year's student council will not only have the energy necessary to successfully govern the school, but that it will be more active, and even more demanding than this year's.





THE LITERARY SOCIETY—Front Row left to right: Watkinson, Keenan, King, Father Dunkerley, Mitchell. Back Row left to right: Allen, J., Loftus, Maddux, I., Reeder, Asplund, Bliss.

## *The Literary Society*

This year a new organization has been introduced to the student body—a literary society. The Literary Society is composed of a group of boys, who are interested in improving their knowledge of literature and drama. The idea for the formation of the group came from a discussion between Kent King and Scott Maddux. They presented this idea to Father Dunkerley, who graciously consented to act as faculty adviser. The boys then presented their idea to the student body. The idea met with immediate success. Over half the students expressed the desire to join. Due to a restriction placed on the number of members, many of the boys who requested admission were declined.

After the members were selected, a meeting was held to elect a president. The student elected was Kent King.

With the society organized, and a president elected, most of the organization was completed. It was finally decided that the group would meet every Monday evening, that the members would be responsible for any assignments due the next day, and that membership in the society would have no bearing on any grades.

The first work to be studied was George B. Shaw's play, "St. Joan." This meeting set the precedent for the meetings that were to follow. Copies of the script were handed out, and the society listened to a recording of the play. Since this method of study proved so valuable, it was continued throughout the remainder of the year.

Following "St. Joan" was Jeffer's "Medea", an adaptation from the Greek. Then the group was introduced to "My Fair Lady", "Trial by Jury", "The Importance of Being Earnest", several of Gertrude Stein's poems, and other literary and dramatic pieces.

These well-known plays, poems, and musicals have done much toward awakening real intellectual curiosity in the minds of the society members. The society extends its wholehearted thanks to Father Dunkerley for his very kind assistance throughout the year, and expresses the sincere desire and hope that the society will be continued in future years.





SOCIAL COMMITTEE—Front Row: Miss Abkarian, Mr. Howard. Back Row left to right: Loftus, Watkinson, Asplund, Bliss, Parshall.



## *The Social Committee*

This year's Social Committee has been very successful. Under the guidance of Miss Abkarian and Mr. Howard, the activities have been planned well and the school has enjoyed its dances. We cannot help but feel that the hours of work put in by Malcolm Bliss, Ray Asplund, Bill Watkinson, Terry Loftus, and Bill Parshall were the reason why the social season was so successful.

The social season, so to speak, started on October 27, with a dance with the girls from St. Agnes School. Thirty boys attended and many will remember it as a good time. Many lasting friendships were made.

November 10 brought the girls from Albany Academy here. As usual friendships were made and everyone had a good time.

St. Agnes next acted as hosts (or hostesses) and the school went down to Albany on January 19. Even though some of the boys lost their girl's shoes in the pile, most of them had a good time.

The old fashioned silent film event, now becoming a tradition at Hoosac, was next on the social schedule. The movie, **The Mark of Zorro** was particularly enhanced by the able piano playing of Father Dunkerley. Girls from St. Agnes, Hoosick Falls, and Bennington were also here for the movies.

Disappointment set in on February 23 when the school, down with a flu epidemic, had to postpone the long awaited Emma Willard dance. This was soon offset by an invitation from Miss Pittman to see the movie, **The Sheep Has Five Legs**, in St. Agnes' new gym.

Lent being over, the dancing season could function once more. The postponed Emma Willard dance was held on April 27. The weather being good and balmy, dancing was moved outside onto the macadam. Again many friendships were made.

On May 4 through the efforts of Miss Abkarian an extra dance with St. Agnes was arranged. Plans were made for an outdoor dance once again, but the breezes proved to be too much for our feminine compatriots and the dance was moved inside.

The much anticipated special invitation dance was held on May 25. This was a fitting climax to the social season.

A new idea was tried out this year. Through Miss Abkarian, the school held a number of small informal affairs with the local girls. These affairs took the form of skating parties and small dances. This new idea was most appreciated by those involved.

*Boar's Head and Yule Log Celebration*



One of the Highlights is the Rosette Performed  
as Part of the Sword Dance



## The Yule Log

The 1956-1957 Yule Log Celebration was one of Hoosac's finest presentations since the school was moved to the Tibbits Mansion. The format was the same as in previous years with only minor changes. The singing was exceptionally fine in the solo portions, and everything was exceedingly good.

The reason for the Yule Log's great success was due to the attitude of the participants. This attitude was engendered both by the celebration itself, and by the fact that the boys wanted to present an especially fine festival for Mr. Butcher, who retired after fifty years of devoted service to the school. Mr. Butcher unselfishly gave fifty years of his life to the development of the Yule Log.

The Jester, this year was Ray Asplund, who did a very adept job in keeping things rolling mirthfully. The solo singing was handled mostly by The Counts who appeared as Troubadors, Minstrels, or just solo singers. This group includes the two Maddux's, Keenan, Watkinson, and Dowd. The rest of the singers of the school helped out in the chorus of Elizabethans. The two highlights of the program, the Sword Dance and the Mummings' Play measured up to the high standards of years gone by. It is to be noted that this was the last year a member of the Bliss family will play the Doctor in the Mummings' Play. The part has been exclusively theirs for the past eight years. The Sword Dance was made a little more elaborate with new lunges added to the choreography.

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## The Bleeze

The Bleeze is the day on which the sixth form burns the greens which adorn the dining hall from Christmas until February. Preparatory to the burning ceremony, however, there is a banquet, at which time the Christmas spirit is revived by the Jester's antics, and some plum pudding. It has also become traditional for a skit to be produced by the school.

The banquet this year was a great success, as was the skit. The skit this year,

as in the past, was directed by Mr. Clarke. The stars were Father Dunkerley and Mr. Howard, each representing a school of thought on the creative dance. The characters ranged from a ballet master of the old school to a modern day Doctor Freud.

The evening was also heightened by the Rev. Richard Janke, the after dinner speaker, whose viewpoints and statements were assimilated by the entire group present.

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## Halloween

The Halloween Banquet is the traditional festival at which the new boys entering the school are accepted by the student body returning from the previous year. After the banquet, the last meal for the initiates before becoming incorporated into the body of the school, a skit is presented to the parents who attend.

The Halloween skit was based on the school catalogue, and brought several very interesting points about it to light. Kent King as Hamlet, and in several other roles, was quite favorably accepted, as were the "faculty wives".

The evening was enjoyed thoroughly by the multitudes there assembled.

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## Frank C. Butcher



In the death of Frank C. Butcher, choirmaster, organist and director of The Boar's Head and Yule Log celebration at Hoosac School since 1908, the school and anyone ever connected with it have suffered an irreplaceable loss.

Frank C. Butcher died Friday morning, May 24th following a lingering illness. To most of us who knew and loved this kindly, affable man, although more or less expected, his passing came as a profound shock. And aside from Hoosac School, musicians the world over and his thousands of friends mourn the death of a good man and a great musician.

Born in England 75 years ago, Mr. Butcher came to Hoosac School in 1908. Formerly an assistant organist at Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury, England, his whole life belonged to Hoosac School, in spite of the many other positions he held from time to time. And in a real sense, at least the sensitive musical side of the hundreds of alumni, faculty and boys who ever took part in the Yule Log celebration belonged to Mr. Butcher. This feeling gave him great happiness. That feeling was reciprocal and we mourn the death of a great and good man.

The musical world records the passing of Frank C. Butcher with sadness. We at and of Hoosac feel this sadness particularly. He belonged to us.

Keith Marvin.

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# FESTIVALS



THE COUNTS—Kneeling: Loftus, manager. Standing left to right: Maddux, II, Dowd, Watkinson (lead), Maddux, I



## The Counts

Reorganized, after the summer vacation, the "Counts", Hoosac's Singing Quintet, composed of Bill Watkinson, top tenor and lead from Baldwin, L. I., John Maddux, first tenor from Downingtown, Pa., Loren Dowd, second tenor from Des Moines, Iowa, Scott Maddux, baritone from Downingtown, Pa., and James Keenan, bass from Albany, N. Y., started off the school year with an engagement at Bennington College. Somehow a mix-up as to dates occurred and they had to settle for singing to an enthusiastic group of twenty or so girls in one of the dormitory common rooms. The boys decided it was worth while in spite of the mix-up on the date.

For the remainder of the fall term The Counts became a dormant organization as far as singing as a group is concerned. However this doesn't mean they weren't singing. Hoosac's beautiful Boar's Head and Yule Log was in the practice stages and all the solo parts were handled by the Counts individually. As in previous years the Yule Log went over with great success, thanks to the able direction of Fr. Dunkerley and Mr. Clarke.

Winter term proved to be an inactive period for the Counts, preoccupied as they were, with studying for mid-year exams.

The Counts came back from Spring vacation and found that Mrs. Spiak had arranged an audition for a teenage T.V. show. With a small amount of work and a lot of hope they went to Albany four

days later. They came back to school a very happy and elated group of boys. One week later they appeared on the actual show. They had at least one sure audience, all of Hoosac School watched that night.

Very soon after their first appearance on T.V. they auditioned for an appearance on T.V. Showcase, which is a very nice evening show which comes on from six to six-forty-five. They were a very surprised group of boys when, a few days later they received notice that they were to appear on Monday night, April 30 and do two numbers. As it turned out, they were asked to do a third song right on the show. They did a beautiful job and once again the whole school was on hand to see them.

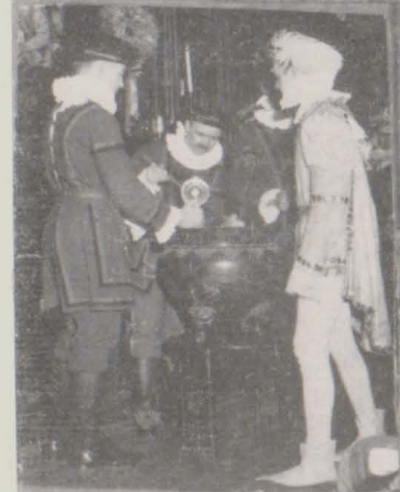
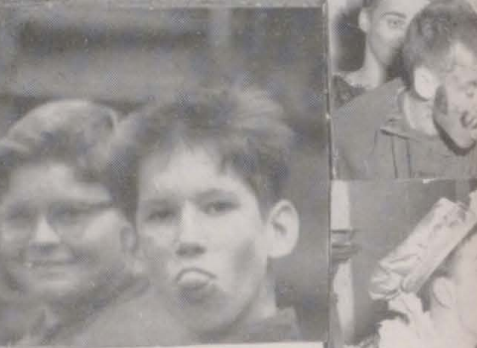
The Counts have one more big engagement this Spring, which, when the year book goes to press will not have taken place. But, judging from their past performances, we're sure they'll be a success.

This performance is probably the biggest of the year. It is the Tri-State Music Festival in which schools from all over the Tri-State area participate. The Counts are in this production, thanks to Mr. Walter Wood who organized the Tri-State Music Festival some years ago.

Although The Counts are under no faculty training or supervision, they want to thank all who have helped them in any way.

Let's hope The Counts of next year are as successful as The Counts of 1956-57!







# SPORTS



Front row left to right: Watkinson, Bliss, Keenan, Schwartz. Back row left to right: Weber, C., Mitchell, McBride, Asplund, Boink, Parshall, Taylor, Loftus, Clayton (manager).



## Soccer

Soccer has become one of the foremost "time-occupiers" of our school, in or out of season.

Even in late April, when the school pictures were being taken, the tricky feet of the previous Fall relived their exalted moments in a wild free-for-all on the front lawn. These flying feet could remember the deadly scoring combination of Bliss and Schwartz; they could remember the powerful kicking of the Owls' All-star fullback, Jim Keenan, and honorable mention goalie, Jim Boink. These feet also remembered how they flew over the green turf, causing all opponents' shins to beware.

The feet, however, cannot receive all the credit.

The rugged "heading" executed by center-forward Bill Watkinson, right wing Mal Bliss, right inside Hoby Schwartz, and left inside "Red" Mitchell, will more than substantiate this statement.

As any soccer player will tell you, the game itself is one of the dullest in existence; until the kick-off! From then on, the player is involved in one of the fastest, hardest, sports played. Unlike football, the action is continuous, almost never-ceasing until the end of the quarter, when a moment or two of rest is granted to the participants.

Our highly esteemed coach, Harry Dickie, deserves much credit and thanks for bringing a very unskilled team into a third place league standing.

Letters were awarded to practically the entire team, causing much joy to spread throughout the halls of the Tibbits Mansion.



Front row kneeling: McBride, Young (co-captains). Back row left to right: Schwartz, Bliss, Stone, Allen, Clayton, Taylor, Keenan, (manager).



## Basketball

For the second year in a row, Hoosac's Basketball squad was able to tie down another trophy to adorn the walls of the assembly hall of Tibbits Hall. Although the title of the championship was not a clear one, the squad did a commendable job in ending up in a three-way tie with Berkshire and Stockbridge. This tie came about by a change in the score of one game under dispute in the Taconic Conference. The officers of the league decided in favor of Cornwall Academy over Stockbridge which put Stockbridge out of the running for first place.

Among the more memorable games, four will be remembered for their excitement and intensity. The first Cornwall game was lost by a score of 35-39 in favor of Cornwall. The boys played well and will remember some of Eddie McBride's spectacular shots from mid-court. The two Berkshire games were filled with tension because of the closeness of the score. The first of these games ended with a tie score, with two overtime periods, the first of which ended in a dispute over the time and the second with a sudden death score by Hoosac, thus putting Hoosac into the winning position with a score of 42-40. The second of the two games with Berkshire ended with a one point difference with a score of 37-38. Hoosac was again the winner, but only after a tough battle. The heartbreaker of the season was the second Albany game. The team had become a little overconfident with successive wins. Mr. Dickie admitted later that he thought something was wrong when the boys went out onto the court. Hoosac finally pulled ahead in the third

quarter, but Albany was able to win the game; score 43-49.

The squad was made up of eight boys with no particular second string. All were equally good. Eddie McBride and Clyde Young shared the captain's position and were noted for being the playmakers of the team. Sonny Young was quite adept at handling the ball and passing it in to Taylor for a score. Johnny Allen and Moose Taylor should be commended for their work on the backboards. Many a rebound was captured by them so that Hoosac could run up its score. Hoby Schwartz and Mal Bliss will be remembered for their all-round good ball handling. Rus Reeder and Ron Stone, the two babies of the team (Reeder is a third former and Stone is a second former), were good scrappy players. Stone ran a remarkable record for scoring in the first part of the season and Rus Reeder will always be remembered for his enthusiasm. Skip Clayton was always a good dependable player and was always accurate on his outside shot; a most invaluable skill.

An article of this nature cannot close without some word about the coach, Mr. Harry Dickie, who gives up his spare time to teaching the squad skills, plays, and strategy. Without his invaluable assistance and good stubborn nature, the team could have not been the success it was. Jimmy Keenan, the manager was of great help in organizing trip lists and coaxing for transportation. Without his aid many small details would have been neglected, all of which go to make up a good functioning team.





Front row kneeling left to right: Allen, Hughes, Taylor, Watkinson, McBride, Reeder. Back row left to right: Mr. Dickie, Schwartz, Mitchell, Loftus, Stone, Clayton, Keenan, Boink, Parshall



## Baseball

Here we have the starting line-up for Hoosac. At first base, Mr. Baseball himself, Skip Clayton; Terry Loftus, a scrappy lad from Syracuse, is at second; at third there is either Jim Keenan or Ed McBride; playing at shortstop is Hoby Schwartz who lives on hard grounders; Bill Watkinson, the team's best bunter, is stationed in left field; in center, Larry Dowd, with his fine pegs; then Russ Reeder, a long-ball hitter; behind the plate is big "Moose" Taylor, who doesn't let the pitches get past him. The Hoosac pitching staff is composed of Jim Boink, Ed McBride, and Jim Keenan, three fine hurlers.

Hoosac was scheduled to begin the season's play against Vanderheyden. The game was unfortunately cancelled, however, because of a misunderstanding as to the playing date. On April 27 Hoosac opened the season against Windsor Mountain. Due to lack of concentration in practice, the Owls were defeated by a score of 8-2. Jim Boink pitched a fine game, but was hampered by wild moments, both by himself, and his infield. The outfield looked good, however, and the entire team "hustled" throughout the game.

With more practice the team improved greatly. In a scrimmage with St. Mary's High School the Owls came out on top by a score of 2-1, behind the pitching of Ed McBride.

The team has a great deal of spirit and self-confidence. At Windsor Mountain the team gave a great display of good sportsmanship when they lost. There can be no doubt but that the Owls will not only continue with this fine attitude toward their opponents, but that they will also continue to win games as they did when they scrimmaged with St. Mary's.

To the team of '58, the team of '57 wishes all the luck possible for next year.

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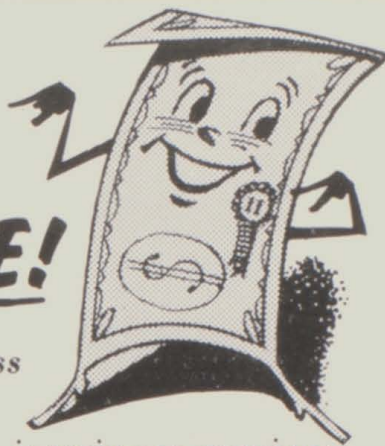
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