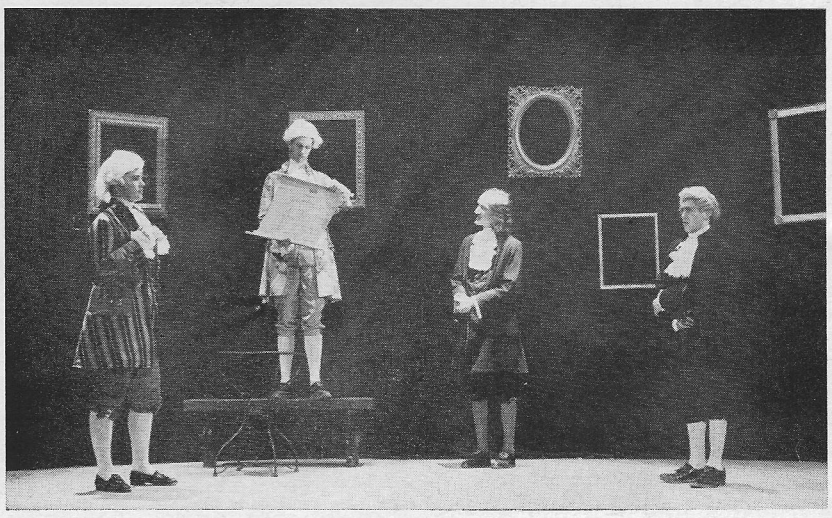
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Fall Term Strong In Extra-Curricular Activities

Dramatics Produces "School for Scandal"
Glee Club has Concert with MacDuffie
Dance Cards Abolished at St. Agnes



"What parchment have we here?
Oh, our genealogy in full! This shall be your hammer to knock down your ancestors with their own pedigree!"

'Careless' in *School for Scandal*



Mrs. Kennard directs combined Lenox and MacDuffie School Glee Clubs.

Varied Program in MacDuffie Concert

On the evening of December 1, the glee club of the MacDuffie School of Springfield joined the Lenox School Glee Club in a truly memorable performance. Both of the opening numbers, which were Bach chorales, exhibited superb technical coordination under the direction of Mrs. Spencer Kennard.

In the performance of Gibbon's "Thou the All Holy" the MacDuffie Club, under Mr. Roy Marvin, set a quiet atmosphere for the soloist Barbara Sack. Miss Sack's voice was hesitant but fundmentally pure. Willowsky's "Carol of the Bells" revealed the effect of much practice; the expert part manipulation was a dominant characteristic.

The rendition of Bartholomew's arrangement of "Steal Away" (to Jesus) was hazy in the attack which resulted in a partial flatness of pitch among the middle voices, 2nd tenor and 1st base. This was more than compensated for by, "The Old Ark's A'Moverin," also arranged by Bartholomew. The offering of "Personent Hodie," also by the Lenox Club alone, was one of the highlights of the evening. The tenors had slight difficulty in reaching the high passages but the tone was clear.

The MacDuffie performance of de Rose's "Deep Purple" and "Song of Love" set an extremely lyric atmosphere which is characteristic of many works written for female chorus.



Gard West does the "Fle" at MacDuffie Glee Club Dance.

"The Trumpet Song" of Purcell was every bit as grandiose as the title seemed to indicate, and the Lenox performance was invigorating, to say the least. I would draw attention to the piano accompaniment. Although the singing was powerful, the accompaniment of Jim Russ who assisted Mr. William Buchanan stood out brilliantly. The three sea chanteys that followed had all the bounce they needed and although the tenors failed to come in once in "Drunken Sailor" the audience seemed to enjoy them immensely. The tricky harmony was handled, for the most part, very well.

"Onward Ye People" by Sibelius was a truly thrilling finale. Inspite of the fact that Mr. Marvin,

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A Radical Change Marks Saint Agnes Dance

One of the finest social events which we have had in quite awhile was the dance with Saint Agnes School of Albany, on November 17. The dance was held in Thayer Hall (the dining hall) which lent a much better atmosphere to the event than the gym would have. The entire ceiling was covered with crepe paper in Saint Agnes' colors of blue and white. Music was well selected by the dance committee and was far superior to the confusion at the Foxhollow dance over a month before. Since only 35 girls were coming, it was decided to try a new system of organization. Instead of using dance cards as in the past, each boy would introduce himself to his previously selected date at the beginning of the evening and cutting in by stags or double cutting would be the method of changing partners.

The girls arrived around 7.00 and the dance began soon after. Skip Britton and Bill Boudway entertained at intermission with the famous flea dance. Most of the dancing was round with emphasis on foxtrots. At 10.00 the girls had to leave because of the long ride back to Albany.

This was an occasion enjoyed unanimously as was proven the next day by a popularity poll. Out of thirty-five boys asked all but one radical seemed to approve of the way in which the dance was run. A pert Saint Agnes lass was heard to remark, "This was the nicest boys school dance that I've attended."

The great success was due to the fine work done by the dance committee headed by Cam Forbes. Equal credit is given to the decorations committee lead by Carl Liddy and Phil Witt, the music committee run by Ed Poole, and the refreshment committee in the charge of Jim Braim and John Smith. Much thanks is also due to Mrs. Ruth Shippy, Mr. Stan Roberts and the chaperones who helped out.

The only negative criticism was that there was not enough changing of partners, but it was felt that this was outweighed by the change from card dances.

Phil Witt

SHERIDAN PLAY PRODUCED IN JOINT EFFORT

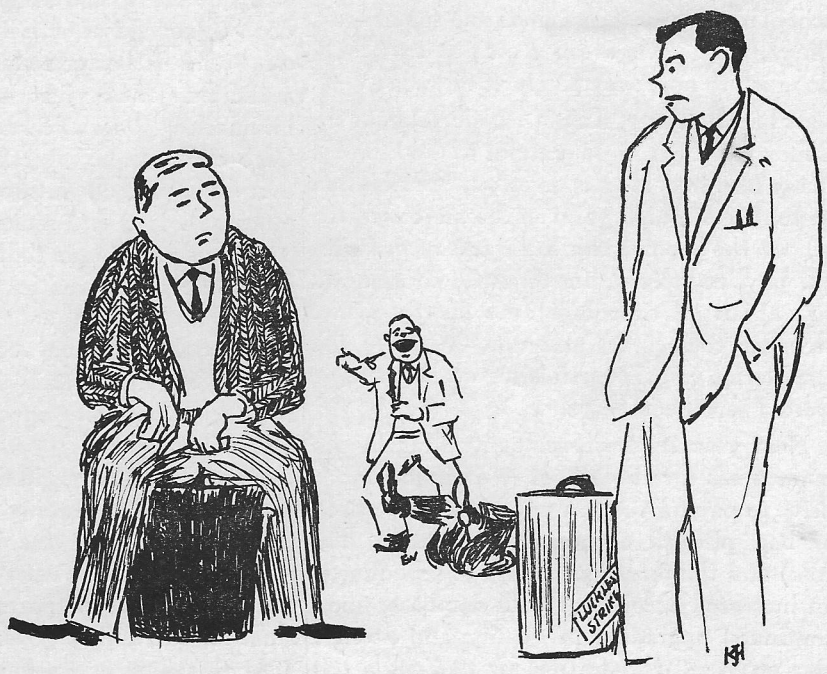
At 8.15 on the evening of Saturday, December 8, the Lenox-Foxhollow combined dramatic societies presented Richard Brinsley Sheridan's play, "The School for Scandal," to climax a fall term of intense rehearsal under the direction of Mr. David H. Wood of Lenox and Miss Gerry Royal of Foxhollow.

The play, which is one of the longest ever put on at Lenox, far exceeded everyone's expectations and proved to be infinitely superior to the dress rehearsal of the night before. In the face of the incessant pounding of sleet on the resounding roof of the gym, the individual performers bore up bravely. There were, indeed, a minimum number of promptings although there were a number of deft "ad libs" which passed unnoticed by the audience.

The scenery was somewhat austere, but this contrasted well with the colorful costumes of the period: the dull background was intended to heighten the tint of the characters themselves.

For those who are unfamiliar with the play, it is set in the late eighteenth century and is a witty satire on the scandal-mongers of society. It is centered on two counter-plots, that of sincere but pig-headed old Sir Peter Teazle, played by Dick Bawden, and his capricious young wife, Lady Teazle, played by Roberta Frank; and that of rich old Sir Oliver Surface and his two vastly different nephews, Joseph Surface, the hypocrite, played by Dick Currie and Charles Surface, the ingenue, played by Terry Downs. Around the scandals of marriage and the evils of inheritance is based the bulk of the dialogue, scandalous, witty and otherwise.

The minor characters of Lady Sneerwell, portrayed by Marianna Field, and Honest Moses, acted by Robert Hardman, were particularly highlighted. Others in the cast were Michael Lawton as Crabtree, Robert Hackmann as Sir Benjamin Backbite, Charles Anderson as Rowley, Jacobus Arnoldus as Trip, Kenneth Henderson as Snake, John Gordon as Careless, James Russ as Sir Harry Bumper, Betty Lou Mead as Maria, Barbara Trowbridge as Mrs. Candour, and Jonathan Chase and Donald MacNaughtan as servants.



"The WEED of Crime Bears Bitter Fruit."

EDITORIALS

Headmaster's Column

From talking to other headmasters, reading their reports, and looking over the papers from other independent schools, it appears clear that this is a great year to be a schoolmaster. Our schools are filled to capacity, there is much building and the purchase of new equipment together with maintenance; student bodies are up in quality and standard since there is the opportunity to be more selective; the future looks bright with more and more students on their way to our level of education.

It has been a fine term for us as well as other schools. We have labored under some difficulties as we await the completion of the new wing, and it was a wonderful moment when we moved into the new study hall which at once changed much chaos into order.

We had our best fall sports season in a decade with thirty contests played with other schools and we won 14, lost 14 and tied two. Soccer was at its best with the finest team in history, and football turned some corners in spirit and with a squad larger than ever before, and made up almost entirely of underformers next year should see us with a better team than we have had in a long journey through waterless seasons.

I can't remember when we have had as few boys in the infirmary as this fall, and I am especially grateful that we came through all sports with no serious injuries — we record not a single broken bone.

The faculty has been at its best and the prefects as a group never better. The glee club is off to an early start with three performances within the term and a fourth ahead before we close — the Advent choral service with St. Agnes' School in Albany was a highlight. The dramatic club did a most difficult and lengthy play with Foxhollow for the benefit of the Lenox Community Fund and did it well.

There are some problems, however, and some weaknesses which we need to work on next term. Too many boys are taking too long to get down to the matter of hard work with the books, with the result that too many are in academic difficulties which will hurt them in the future. A few have also taken a long time to settle into the routine of the school — too many latenesses, missed appointments, forgetting or losing books, etc. There is also a general sloppiness about the school in the way the grounds and rooms look, the way some people dress, etc., that we could do much to improve upon next term.

It has, however, been a wonderful year for Lenox and I am most grateful to God for the many blessings He has given us. Graduation in June was a high point in the history of the school, the opening this fall was a record with 147 boys registered, our inquiries continue to run at an all time high, the faculty grows stronger each year, and now we have the completion of St. Martin's for which we have waited seventeen years.

Next year 1957 will see us working in two main areas for the school — a capital funds drive to pay for the new wing (we have raised or had pledged approximately half of the cost) and the future needs of the school, and an increased enrollment with emphasis upon continued upgrading in quality and ability. Our projected registration for 1957-58 is 160 boys and it appears from present registrations that we have no problem ahead in reaching this number. However, we need your help in both areas — your support of the drive is essential and to find us good prospects is also needed since our time for travel is limited.

We all look forward to the coming days of vacation and rest — many are tired from much activity and a busy program. Morale and spirit are excellent as we enter the examination period and many parents will find changed young men coming home for the holidays — more poise and self-confidence, a certain radiance which comes from living together with others who are concerned about growth of body, mind and spirit, and a gladness to get home after the longest term of the year.

From the alumni we look forward to hearing from many of you during the holidays and some cards have already started to come in, and all the Currys join together in wishing you a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year. This will be our eleventh Christmas at Lenox School and we find each one more rewarding and satisfying than the ones before. Our thanks and gratitude to so many of you who do so much for us.

A Little Co-operation, Please.

Three general groups can be found in the school: those who do nothing in extra curriculars, those who do a good amount, and those who do too much because there is no one else to do what the first group doesn't do. This last group, generally referred to as the "faithful few," are put in a position which has a strong tendency to lower grades. They find that they have no time, and the work to be done is insurmountable. All this could easily be changed, however, if the first group would cooperate by pitching in and doing what might easily be considered their fair share of the work. It has been their complete apathy which has caused the necessary existence of the "faithful few." The grades on the three week mark list have shown a marked drop over last year. In most cases those whose grades are below par are to be found among the "faithful few." All this is because a group of students fails to cooperate.

If everyone pitched in and helped we should easily be able to add a Radio Club and a Chess Club to our list of activities, but as it is now we would be better reducing the number of activities. With just a little cooperation Dramatics, *Pen and Scroll,* and Photography Club could all be improved inestimably. If everyone pitched in we could easily add other activities and make a real go of them. The unusual thing is that the strongest criticizers of school activities are usually the ones who do nothing in the way of cooperation. If they would join the activities maybe they could get some of their suggestions realized. A policy of pitching in cannot help but be beneficial.

If no change comes in this general attitude, we must stop expanding before a menagerie of activities sinks the school. We must realize our limits as set by those who do the work. The field of sports is no different; we must let our ability govern our schedule.

At this time expansion in sports is unadvisable. In a blanket poll taken of the top three forms, the following was found. If the following sports were instituted the corresponding number of people would go out in preference to their normal term activity: swimming — 25; lacrosse — 8; wrestling — 10; track — 20. In the case of swimming there are enough people to make up a team, but the only really potentially good swimmers are vital members of our already established sports. In lacrosse it is quite doubtful whether a team could be mustered to put on the field, a point which would certainly put any consideration of it far in the future. Wrestling appears to be the only sport where enough of the right kind of people are to be found. It could be established at little expense, and might actually develop into something worthwhile. Track is second in numbers of supporters, but most of these people are also vital to other sports. The expense, too, would be so great that there would have to be more assurance of success before it could be started. In general, expansion will only weaken existing sports and produce even weaker new ones.

There are many students who think that there ought to be some professional coaching of certain sports in the school. Because of the great amount of discussion on this subject in student circles, a poll on this was also taken. In the upper three forms the result was that one half were for professional coaching entirely. The other half expressed a desire for combined coaching, having some sports coached by professionals and some by teachers as it is now. In regard to keeping teachers in the coaching position, many cited the example of hockey which is school coached and is one of the best teams the school puts out. Although economic reasons and availability of professionals may prevent us for obtaining a good balance of school and professional coaching in the next year or two, it is certainly something to look forward to in the future.

WHAT IS THE STUDENT COUNCIL?

There are two pertinent questions concerning the student council which I would like to pose. First of all, does it as a body represent the school, or does it merely serve as a go-between group, acting primarily for the informing of the faculty concerning students' infractions of school and moral laws? Representation is supposedly the sole excuse for its existence. Let us assume, however, that the council attempts to represent the students' wishes.

The second question is, then: Does the student council hold any weight other than that of a suggestive body? If it has no power whatsoever, how can it possibly hope to gain the respect of students supposedly behind it? Keeping these questions in mind, one is forced to ask: Has the council gained any privileges or changes beneficial to the school community? If one should ask the Headmaster, he, no doubt, would refer to some vague meeting several years ago which gained the smoking privileges (the right of the top two forms to smoke in an allotted time, in a certain place, and, for the fifth form, a senseless restriction of pipes only). The average, well-bred, well-dressed, intelligent Lenoxonian would press further! "Has it done anything in the last several years?" he would demand. I'm afraid even the Headmaster, with an attempted stretch of his collar, would be forced to say, "Well, no."

What should become of the student council? Of course one should exist, but maybe it should be granted a certain amount of freedom. A secretary might even be appointed from the council to take notes of the clandestine meeting to the Headmaster.

It has become rather obvious that the administration is cultivating a policy of not letting the council vote. I believe the council should act as a lower house (the faculty being the upper house), should act independently, should vote on student suggestions, and should keep written records of its meetings. Furthermore, I think a printed memorandum of suggestions passed by the council and rejected or passed by the faculty should be printed and distributed in this voice of the people — *The Pen and Scroll.*

PEDANTICISM
by Cam Forbes

Snow that's fresh, crushed, soft, cold.

The far hills hold the near trees.
The beaten path to breakfast —
Climb the hill like sheep! Slide down.
Black rubbers shuffle, feet freeze —
Black hats with gold, a cold crown.
With solemn duty day is past —
Dreams of shiny skates, new skis.

Fresh snow falls on ice that's old.

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POINT AND COUNTERPOINT

by Squidlet

Recently while battling our way through the clouds of "Old Briar," "Mixture 3½," and "Hemp & Straw," we found ourselves wondering just what sort of a person could survive in one of these dens of dust called Commons Rooms. Consequently the research department of Squidlet Inc. conducted a thorough inquest into this matter. The results were astonishing.

We found that the average occupant of the commons room had been there for over three weeks when we arrived, had had no sleep in that time, and no food. He had, to be plain about it, thrived on tobacco. He was unshaven, dirty, and a mental wreck, but ever so happy!

This naturally set us to wondering why he had come there in the first place. So, we began a systematic interview of all the growths that were taking up rooming in this particular tobacco tomb.

The first one that we interviewed was sitting in a corner, despondently puffing on a musty smelling corncob pipe. Upon asking him why he spent his time there, we received this answer: "Might as well smoke here as hereafter." We catalogued him as one suffering from a case of inferiority brought on by a domineering German teacher. Next.

The next person that we interviewed was later catalogued as "the scrounge." He spent the better part of his time in the commons room crawling around on the floor looking for matches, little piles of unburnt tobacco, or anything else one might find on the floor of a commons room excluding other members of the form! This person is not to be confused with "the leech" who does much the same thing but in a much louder and more troublesome way.

The moment that you open the door to a commons room, you are mobbed by a certain remnant of the class that never seems to have anything of their own, they live off of their classmates. There are, to be sure, certain legal leechings that one does not mind too much, but the type leech that borrows only for the sake of the act itself is a pain. They will begin by asking to *use* a dime for a minute to call up their aunt in Milwaukee. Of course, you can kiss that dime goodbye. That isn't the end of your troubles, however; in fact, it is only the beginning. When you surrender to one leech, ten more proceed to divide you amongst themselves.

The last type worthy of note is the social smoker. He really doesn't like to smoke, can't afford the tobacco, hates the atmosphere (which reeks) but equally hates the thoughts of not being listed as one of the boys. If he only knew that "the boys" as he calls them were all out doing something worth while rather than vegetating in the commons room! This person never puts tobacco in his pipe, he can't stand the stuff, but rather keeps lighting it with someone elses matches, and thus in reality, smokes matches! He will sit in the midst of the group, and everytime that one of what he terms "the boys" opens his mouth, he laughs, agrees, applauds, or yawns, depending on what his All-American Type Boy does.

Really, the commons rooms are wonderful places for the members of a form to get together. They offer the perfect atmosphere for intent study, concentration, or general review . . . of Mad, Snafue or Whisper!

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Speaking of commons rooms reminds me, of the story of the big game hunt in the fifth form commons room.

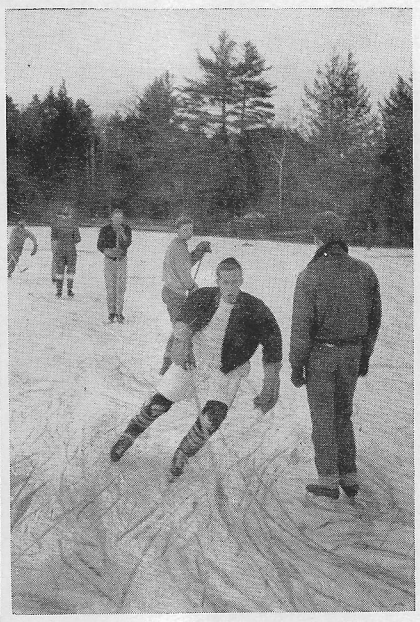
While some of the members of the form were cleaning the room prior to its opening, a mouse discovered them. As boys will, and girls won't, they tried to catch the mouse! The mouse tried not to be caught, and a merry chase ensued!

Charlie Cancer as the mouse later came to be known, evidently realized that out of the eight boys hot on his tail, only two dared touch him. The others would chase until they almost had him and then would take a fake dive in the wrong direction, trip over their feet, and pretend that they were mad because they had missed him!

Meanwhile, one of the braver members of the form stood holding up one end of the couch so that the mouse couldn't get under there to

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SPORTS



Hockey Sees Good Season Ahead

A strong defense and an experienced line returning from last year will spark the Black and Gold Hockey team this year.

Though hampered thus far by the lack of ice, the hockey team has been diligently at work in Coach Gleasons "Penny Arcade" practicing its shooting and stickhandling.

The team faces a tough season with two new schools added to its schedule, Westminister and Loomis.

The first scheduled game is with Darrow, on Dec. 8. In past years the Black and Gold has come out on top. A repeat performance is expected this year.

Mr. Gleason assisted by Mr. Ramsbotham will coach the team unweakened by the loss of only a few of last years squad.

Lenox will feature a strong defense, equal to and in many cases stronger than its opponents. Working with the defense are two or three fast skating lines which will be strengthened by such members of last years squad as Don Hawley, Jim Braim, Bill Willis, Don Macnaughten, and Fred Wood. With the addition of such hopefuls as Dick Erickson, Skip Britton and Dick Bradley, a fine team seems to be in the making.

The defense, which is the strongest part of the team, will feature Tom and Ed Poole, the twin brother combination. In the past Tom and Ed have been an almost invulnerable barrier to the opposing lines. Behind the Pooles will be Captain Carl Liddy, guarding the Lenox nets as he has for the past two years. Carl, a very fast man with his hands is capable of coping with any situation which may arise, whether it be a fast skater or a good stick handler. Along with Tom, Ed, and Carl will be Frank Dennis, one of the fastest skating, smoothest checking members of the team. Dick Bawden, a member of last years J.V. team along with Henry Ryer, former net man of the Jr. School, will assist Liddy as Goalie.

With such a line up the Black and Gold should remain undaunted in the face of tough opposition. It is hoped that this year's team will produce one of the best hockey records in Lenox history.

by Carl Liddy '57

SCHUSS BOOMER

With a change of season and a switch of sports, the 1956-57 Lenox School Ski team has gotten under way.

Since "fall weekend," the boys have been working hard, training, and doing odd jobs on the ski trails of Rattlesnake Mountain, preparing them for coming meets.

Those returning from last year's squad include: Captain Mark Swann, Paul Hart, Gard West and Bill Morrison. Bob Smith, a former Pittsfield, Mass., High School skier, is also expected to be a big asset to the team.

In the past two years, the Lenox team has been undefeated in dual meets; it has placed first and second in the Berkshire Interscholastics Ski meets, and 7th and 8th in the Eastern Prep School Championships in 1955 and 1956 respectively.

Three of the varsity men, Swann, Morrison and Hart were invited to attend the opening of Bousquet's Ski Area in Pittsfield. An exhibition slalom race was run on the resort's artificial snow, and the Lenox trio compared very well with the other skiers present.

Recently a group of club members enjoyed a Warren Miller Ski movie, "Have skis, will travel," at the Pittsfield Museum.

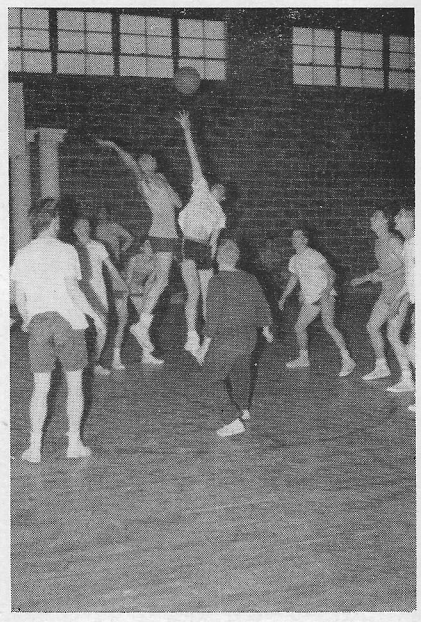
Under the direction of our new coach, Mr. Richard Rutledge, formerly of the U.S. Army Ski Team, we hope to have another excellent year of skiing.

Bill Morrison '58

In Retrospect of a Top Soccer Season

Looking back over this last Fall's soccer season, we see that Lenox had one of the most successful teams in the history of the school. Amongst the accomplishments are its 8-1-2 season and the placement of four of its players on the All-Berkshire Soccer Team. There seem to be three main factors involved in the success of a team: the availability of good material, a dominating fighting spirit, and excellent coaching. Quite often one of these in magnified terms, is sufficiently strong to overcome the other weaknesses. This was the case with our team: both the spirit and particularly the material situation was in need of something, and Coach Homer Earlle filled this need magnificently and turned out an excellent team. Here is the varsity squad and each players best attributes: Goalie Charlie West — brain of the backfield . . . "guts" . . . usually heard screaming "move back, you guys!" Fullback Dave Clarke – "charges like an elephant" . . . breaks up that scoring play. Fullback Dave Brown — tackler superb . . . few men get by . . . kills that rolling ball. Fullback Conrad Wiezbicki — extremely fast . . . indeed, a Whiz . . . vicious tackler . . . rough. Halfback Fred Emrich – good "pop and rush boot" . . . tackles like it was judgment day. Halfback Ed Poole — very dependable . . . first-rate boot . . . rowdy in tactics . . . captain. Halfback Bill Chunprasirt — indeed, a "rock" . . . tackler of great prowess . . . excellent trap . . . captain. Halfback Frank Dennis — good tactics . . . expert tackler . . . finished boot. Halfback Donald Macnaughtan — perfected the instep to great heights . . . it soars high, long, and straight. Wing Chichan Yanotai — smallest and yet the toughest . . . dribbler ex-

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Wiez takes ball on jump in Lenox High game.

Basketball Prospects are High

The team looks as if it has great potential and material; however, in spite of recent improvement, certain factions on the team seem to lack the necessary "drive" to train to full capacity. If these factions would cooperate more with the coaches, there would be an excellent chance for a fine season.

Team captain Conrad Wiezbicki and Coach Sawyer hope to mold a fine team through the use of new tactics and drills. Returning as old lettermen from last year are John Smith, Mort Rutherfurd, Larry Gill, Bill Berndt, and of course Captain Conrad Wiezbicki. Up from the J.V. squad are Tuck Dyer and Pete Reardon. Newcomers are Mike Bauman, Phil Witt, and Dave Taft. The J.V. squad is as follows: Mike Lawton, Ted Allen, Eric Lichtenstein, Bill Anderson, Charlie Anderson, Gordon Mason, Pete Hanson, and Alec Wylie. This squad shows good spirit and should have at least an even season.

In our first and only game to date, we were badly beaten by a strong Berkshire team in both the Varsity and J.V. contests. There is much work to be done, but the general feeling is that this year is the year to bring back winning basketball to Lenox.

ALUMNI NOTES

CLASS NOTES

Class of 1930

John M. McGann sent us a post card from Riga, Latvia, where he was en route from Moscow to Copenhagen. He said that he had spent the past six days in Moscow — so we're waiting for some more news, since the normal McGann habitat is 11 Flagg Road in Hartford.

Class of 1949

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of *Logan Winne*, of Spring Rock Rd., Morristown, N. J., on October 1. Logan was stricken with a particularly severe case of polio about six years ago, following a year of study in France. After a long period of time in an "iron lung," he had made sufficient recovery to engage in some business activity; and shortly before his death he had made his first venture away from home for a brief change of scene. His courage and cheerfulness in the face of hopeless odds were exemplary.

John F. Dinwoodie will be married on December 27 to Miss Elizabeth Ann Colville of St. Petersburg, Fla. Jack is a junior at Duke University, and prior to college he served in the Marines.

Bill Perkins writes from the University of Massachusetts that he is pleased to find three other Lenoxites there — *Al Ferris* and *Gus Tollios* '49, and *Bruce Milne* '50. Bill will finish his course in February and then hopes to do graduate work.

Class of 1950

Alexander Piranian hopes to be married next July — on Bastille Day, to be exact. Alex is currently living in New York at 570 West 189th Street, and working for the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company; he is also working for an M.A. in Public Relations at New York University. He is a graduate of Boston University ('54) and wrote news releases and feature stories for the Army newspaper *The Stars and Stripes* in Korea.

Class of 1953

Stuart S. Tuller, Jr., has again made the Dean's List at Amherst College, the requirement for which is an average of 84 or better. "Pete," a senior, was a member of the football team, co-captain of this year's lacrosse team, is a member of the Scarab, a senior honorary society, and is president of the Christian Association.

Class of 1954

Gary Ferguson writes a news-packed letter informing us that he is happily married, with a 6-month old son, all living down in Jacksonville, Fla., where Gary is stationed at a Navy Air Base. Gary is an Aviation Storekeeper, Petty Officer 3rd Class in a squadron of heavy jet bombers.

Class of 1955

James C. Spring has been elected to the Freshman Council at Colgate University, the purpose of which council is to unify the freshman class and promote its relations with the faculty and other classes.

John R. Keith was married on June 3rd last summer to Miss Patricia Ann Stevens of Brockton, Mass.

Richard Lomnitzer and *David Hardman* are teachers of Church School classes at St. John's Church, West Hartford. During the week they are sophomores at Trinity College.

Class of 1956

Lawrence Hashim stopped in to see us the other day, on furlough from Ocean View Radar Station at Norfolk, Va. Although he finds the radar work interesting, he plans to start some extra credit courses soon to keep him busy in the evenings; since "you fight with the Navy either in the barracks or in the barrooms."

Melville Thomason writes a few lines from Amherst where he is a member of the freshman class. He says, for the benefit of Lenox '57, that he is astonished to find that the competition is just what Mr. Curry said it would be — everyone there was near the top of his class at school, and all seem to be seriously dedicated to getting an education — even to the subordination of athletics and drinking!

Peter Chalfant writes us that he is in the Navy and appreciates having had to scurry around and get things done on schedule when he was here at Lenox. He says to tell the undergraduates here that they are lucky being able to sleep late until 6.30. Pete is justly proud of being the only member of his Company to make the Color Guard.

The Class of 1956

The following is a list of addresses of the members of last June's graduating class. If there are any errors, please inform the Alumni Secretary.

Richard Alish, 117 Fair St., Warwick, R. I.; Robert Beisler, Florence Rd., Harrington, Park, N. J.; Richard Bolster, 19 Robbins Drive, Weathersfield, Conn.; Donald Bottomley, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.; Kevin Buckley, Babson Institute, Wellesley Hills, Mass.; Whitney Butterfield, Rock Point, Burlington, Vt.; Peter Chalfant, Mill Rd., Westhampton Beach, N. Y.; Loren Copeland, 199 Morris Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.; Richard Emrich, 27 Grays Hall, Cambridge 38, Mass.; Harry Hamilton, Wentworth Institute, Boston, Mass.; James Hart, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.; Lawrence Hashim, 426 South St., Pittsfield, Mass.; Allen Jorsey, 106 Walnut Place, Syracuse, N. Y.; John Kirkpatrick, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, Mass.; Richard Hanson (Liddy) Box 101, Watson West, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.; David Morton, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.; Morton Nace, Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.; Jon Perry, Lowell Technical Institute, Lowell, Mass.; David Shippey, Rennssalaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y.; Timothy Smith, Norwich University, Northfield, Vt.; Robert Spaulding, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio; Melville Thomason, 302 B James Hall, Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.; Robert Trotta, Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y.; Peter Voss, Colgate University, Hamilton, N. Y.; Robert Walter, 173-19 111th Ave., St. Albans 33, N. Y.; Peter Wilde, 27 Grays Hall, Cambridge 38, Mass.; Robert Wooldridge, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

The Class Agent is Whitney Butterfield.

N. Y. ALUMNI MEET

The Stanhope Hotel at 5th Avenue and 81st Street was the scene of a Lenox School alumni reunion on Friday, November 30th.

The cocktail hour gathering, arranged by Peter Morris '50 drew about thirty alumni and their wives and members of the School faculty, headed by Mr. Curry. The Class of 1949 took top honors with five members present: Peter Hodges, Van Buren Morris, James Neff, Herbert Smith and William Geer. The Class of '43 was second with David Murray, Thomas Hubbard, Robert Haug, and Theodore Blake.

For the first time on record the earliest classes were without representation, Harold Bowser and Charles Findlay of the Class of '35 being the senior area delegates. '36 was represented by Gordon Reese and Edmund Ritchie; and Gwynne Pearson '40 completed the attendance from the first decade of graduating classes.

John Root '42 arrived about seven o'clock in something of a dither, bearing the tidings that he had just become a papa an hour before.

The Rev. Walden Pell, Headmaster of St. Andrew's School, Delaware, and former Lenox master, telegraphed his greetings to the group.

A great deal of thanks is owed to chairman Morris for his work in organizing the meeting, which involved phoning over a hundred alumni. As a result of his effort we have about a dozen new addresses for the alumni file and directory.

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25 Years Ago

Excerpts from the *Pen and Scroll* of November 18, 1931. Francis Godwin James, Editor-in-chief; Cleveland Bigelow, Jr., Joel I. Brooke, Associate Editors.

The Headmaster's Column

We at Lenox are not willing to have our athletics policy influenced by any desire to keep the School favorably in the public eye. We are naturally anxious to win; but so is everyone else, and we realize that for every game that someone wins, someone else loses that game. The policy of one of our neighbor schools of not scheduling games in which there is not at least a reasonable chance to win, and also at least a reasonable chance to lose, seems very sound. The gain comes not from the winning but from the playing. There is more genuine benefit to be secured from losing a hard-fought, well played game, characterized by good sportsmanship, than there is in winning a game which leaves a bad taste in the mouth. The educational justification of athletics is in considerable part inseparable from good sportsmanship, especially where development of character comes even before that of mind or body.

Good sportsmanship must be deliberately and thoughtfully cultivated. We believe that the genuine amateur spirit of the game for the game's sake is furthered by not having outside officials, even though these may be better trained in their job than those officials who are members of the school's faculty.

To preserve a proper attitude is doubly difficult when the opposing team does not "speak the same language." But the fact that others may not observe the standards which we feel to be right is no excuse for our relaxing them.

From the point of view of athletics, my greatest desire for Lenox is a reputation for a fine high quality of sportsmanship.

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Operation Duchess Goes Over the Top

Although published in the August *Pen and Scroll*, the facts and figures on "Operation Duchess" deserve a second mention.

At the Commencement Exercises was Miss Tongring presented with a check for three thousand dollars, which she had applied toward the construction of her new home — just across Kemble Street from the north entrance of old Griswold Hall. The gifts were still coming in to the alumni office at a great rate; as a matter of fact the acknowledgements and tabulations never did catch up with the flood. When the stream trickled to a stop later in the summer, another $400 had been added to the account. This balance has been used to purchase the Duchess a living-room rug, a television set, and a set of andirons, tongs and fire-screen for her living-room fireplace. These were installed as a surprise during her trip to Boston last month, and their presentation just about coincided with her birthday.

Along with the original check, Helena Tongring also received a testimonial booklet with a citation and the names of all subscribers to her gift. The book was beautifully bound in black leather with gold trim, the work of Mrs. Watfield Longcope at her Cornhill Bindery in Lee. The lettering and illumination was the work of Miss Florence Brooks of Lenox. We hope that all alumni who visit the Duchess in her new home will see this book; it is certain to be on prominent display. Names of subscribers following the original presentation have recently been added — and of course there is plenty of room for more. If you didn't get a chance to subscribe to "Operation Duchess," and want to, — well, there is still a mortgage on 39 Kemble Street.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Lenoxonian:

One of the gross neglects of the *Pen and Scroll* in the past has been the lack of any "Letters to the Editor" column through which the students of the school may express, so called "legitimate criticism." Not only would such a column make very interesting reading, to get away from the usual diet of stagnant news, but it would do much to promote a constructive interest in our school.

It would be the prime purpose of this column to bring into the open malicious gripes that are prone to fester in commons room "bull-sessions" like cancerous growths. The Editors of the *Pen and Scroll* welcome all such "valid criticism." We are especially pleased to note the letters contained in this issue which we believe touch very closely on some important aspects of Lenox life. It is our hope that the student body will realize the potentialities of this "noise of the boys," voice of the people.

The Editors

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Dear Editors:

It has become exceedingly obvious to me that this school is in a fatal period of neglecting its tradition. Tradition, as we apply it here, is the transmission of the knowledge of the history of this school. History must, therefore, be built up to the extent that, by association alone, we may know what the school has been and how, in recent years particularly, it has progressed.

To the best of my knowledge, the school has neglected its own history during the past decade. The most recent photographs of teams or classes which adorn the walls of St. Martin's date only through the middle nineteen forties. Although this might seem to be nothing more than a trivial example upon which I base this brief letter, the photographs are only an example out of many.

We haven't had names or class numbers engraved on our trophies for the last ten years. Thayer-Griswold competition has fallen to an organized dispute (either over dirty play, dirty tactics, or poor refereeing). This intramural athletic competition is extremely important in the life of the school, for it offers a more healthy, sound, means by which we could help solve this problem.

Masters speak harshly about the present sixth form, for it has gained several privileges which were petitioned for, but not enjoyed by previous forms. School rings are not a solution to the problem which I have tried to set forth, but they are a stepping stone to the fulfillment of history in and memories of the life of the school.

The last point I would like to bring forth is the lack of imagination which is illustrated well by the absence of names by which we may call our buildings. For instance, have you ever stopped to think about the stony coldness with which members of the community refer to the gymnasium, the old wing, and the new wing? It would be very easy to name our buildings and promote the use of these names throughout the school.

I would like this message interpreted as a suggestion which, after much thought, I believe should be recognized. It is intended, not to cut at the administration, but to be helpful to it and be beneficial to the school itself.

In earnest,
Frederick Emrich

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December 12, 1956

Dear Sir:

After reading your article about the Lenox Soccer team I have come to the conclusion that the team consisted of only six forward linemen. This I know to be untrue. This year's front line was backed by one of the strongest backfields Lenox School Soccer has seen in its history. This backfield was strong, capable of accomplishing amazing defensive feats and backed the forward wall with extraordinary ability. The difficult duties of the backfield were delegated to a select group of eight Seniors and one Junior. With the depth that was available Mr. Earll was able to use any combination without any fear. Both linemen and backfield men were working together for one purpose, and that was to win. The team was loaded with stars whose fine playing abilities were not based upon the number of goals scored by each during the season, but rather by what they did for the team. The whole squad deserves any credit which is due for giving the school the fine record which it has. We as a school are fortunate enough to have one of the best Soccer Coaches available to lead our team. This man has received absolutely no recognition for the hours he put in to help us this fall.

In conclusion I would say, my reason for writing this letter is to show that credit must be given, in an article, where it is due. People unfamiliar with the team could not from your article realize the unity, spirit, and skill, which were combined to make this year's soccer team the most successful in the school's history.

Name withheld by request

JUNIOR SOCCER: PRO'S AND CON'S

Just as a note of explanation to the following letter it seems necessary to note that the junior team had a 2-8 record this fall, blemishing the nearly perfect three year record held in all junior sports. In fact, a winning team had practically become a tradition and a win was always expected.

Perhaps this letter will serve as an explanation to those who aren't entirely acquainted with the situation. It might be well also to note some of the causes and suggested solutions.

Dear Editor:

As members of the junior school soccer team, we would like to explain a few of the reasons for the extremely bad season we had.

The main and most basic reason was a drastic drop in the talent among the players with the only bright spots being the experienced players left over from the year before. The coach turned in the best job he could trying to make a team out of the limited material he had. His best, however, wasn't good enough, because of this situation. The team lacked the finesse necessary to make it a winner.

The team lacked morale and spirit. This was evident in any game. Having no spirit, the team had no drive, and so it was constantly losing the ball, or not getting it when the opportunity presented itself. Team work between the forwards and the defense was practically non-existent.

For the last two years the records show that the junior soccer team has been undefeated. The records fail to show, as statistics often do, that the juniors were playing teams far below them in ability. Last year was the first time that they played a team of comparable ability. The team played was Hotchkiss and the game ended in a tie. This year our team played no other junior teams, but scheduled all J.V. teams. There were many losses and the record is marred, but the team can say that it had real competition.

It seems to us that there are a few arbitrary and outmoted regulations now in practice which have unnecessarily hindered the team. One rule prohibits the use of regulation soccer shoes, yet every team we played wore these shoes. This put us to a slight disadvantage. Also, there were a number of experienced junior schoolers who were barred from participation in junior sports, because of their size. This was all well and good in the days when we played teams smaller than ourselves, but this year every team we played had at least half a dozen players much larger than anything our team was allowed to have. The rule is still in affect, and it will probably hinder this year's junior hockey team.

Lack of pride certainly didn't help the team's spirit any. The junior school uniforms were broken up and distributed to the J.V.'s, and basketball shorts took the place of junior soccer shorts. Such an action led the juniors to believe that the athletic department had little or no real concern for them and rated them second to the J.V. whom they had beaten in a scrimmage game.

The hopes for next year are bright if a few regulations are changed to meet the times.

Jacobus Arnoldus
Richard Stokes
third form
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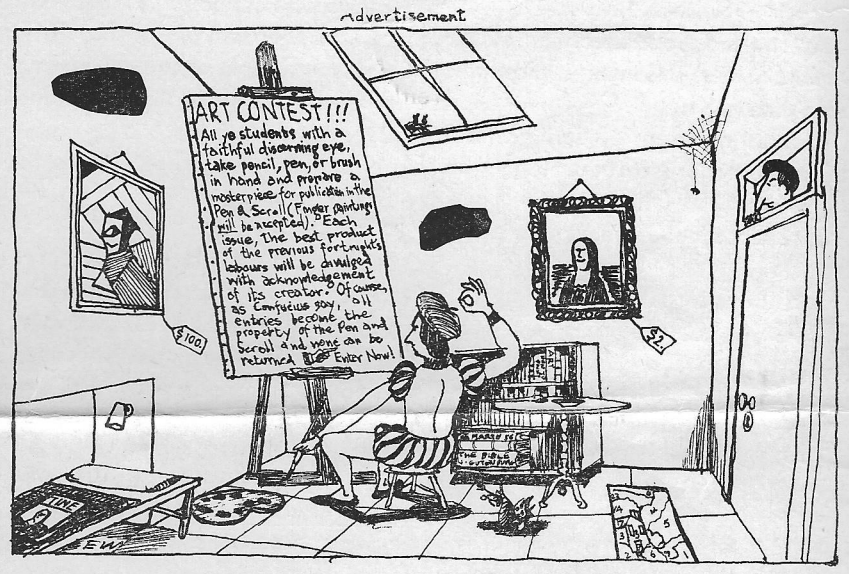
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Jottings from 25 Years Ago - 1931

Two days after the opening of School almost 30 men reported to Mr. Noble and Mr. Hey, which is the largest football squad in our history. This made it possible to have a complete second team.

The same plays which Mr. Thomas had given the squad the year before were used, with some additions late in the season.

The Lenox line-up for most of the season was as follows: Center, Whitman R., Kandt; Right Guard, Jones, Halstead; Left Guard, Browne, Rousseau; Right Tackle, Hunter, Cleveland; Left Tackle, Davis, Van Buren; Right End, Cooper, Nields; Left End, Nelson, Mosser; Quarterback, F. James, L. Little; Fullback, Ferrara (Capt.), E. Rockwell; Left Halfback, Tracy R., Ziegler; Right Halfback, Downing, Starr; Referee, Mr. Clark; Umpire, Mr. Hey, Mr. Gilmore; Head Linesman, Mr. Blackwell.

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School Notes

At the first four meetings of the *Civics Club* the following topics have been discussed:

1. The meeting of foreign students held at Northampton — an address by Mr. Clark.
2. The financial situation in Great Britain.
3. Inheritance Taxes.
4. China and Japan — the sympathy of the Club was unanimously with China.

The next meeting will discuss the entry of the United States into the League of Nations.

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A new club, the Left Wing, has been organized in the School, to discuss current social, economic and political problems. "The World Tomorrow" is being used as a basis for study. The club meets at Mr. Cummings' apartment. Members are: James, Curtis, C. Little, L. Little, Brooke, Cox, R. S. Whitman, Lincoln and Dall.

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On Monday, the 19th of October, the School heard the Hampton Institute Quartet sing a group of spirituals and plantation songs, the best-liked of which was "Juba." The concert was given in Thayer Hall.

A decision has been reached by the faculty to turn the spare room in the basement of Thayer Hall into a Recreation Room for the second, third and fourth Forms, with work benches installed so that handicraft may be encouraged. The orchestra is practising there, as the piano has been moved over from the music room.

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On Tuesday, October 6th, the Board of Trustees of the School held its annual fall meeting. Mr. Leroy King of Newport and Mr. Keith Kane of New York sent in letters of resignation. Mr. Harris Fahnstock of New York and "Eastover," Lenox, was elected a member of the board.

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Work is progressing on the enlarged hockey rink. When completed, two regulation-sized rinks will be available for use.

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The second School Assembly took place on November 10th. Mr. Monks spent most of the hour going over College Entrance blanks and College qualifications. The "new plan" of college entrance was stressed in particular.

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On Sunday, October 11th, George Gardner Monks, Jr. was baptized at Trinity Church by the Headmaster. The Godparents were Mr. Robert T. Knowles, Mrs. Shaun Kelly and Mr. Porter Chandler.

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Football

October 8, Lenox 45, Dalton High 0; October 17, Lenox 34, Troy Country Day 0; October 21, Lenox 12, Salisbury 6; October 24, Lenox 26, Wooster 6; October 31, Lenox 18, South Kent 6; November 7, Lenox 21, Kent Seconds 12.

GLEE CLUB DANCE

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the conductor, found it necessary to stop the show in the middle after the accompanist lost her place and the Lenox club missed its cue, it had a wonderful effect on both the disorganized clubs when he waved his hands, bowed to the audience and stated "If a piece is worth singing at all, it's worth singing well." The second and complete attempt was a magnificent crescendo, building up to a chord that climaxed the whole concert.

John Gordon '58

SOCCER SEASON

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POINT AND COUNTERPOINT

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hide. Old Charlie Cancer made a wrong turn somewhere in the confusion, and headed for the couch. Now, I won't say whether the person holding the couch intended it to happen this way, or was just shaken at the sight of seven boys and a mouse descending on him; but at any rate, he dropped the ten feet of couch squarely on the two inches of mouse! This you can be sure ended the chase for the mouse.

Let me sign out by saying that: "If the animals had reason, they would act just as ridiculous as we menfolks do." — quote from "Josh Billings."

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Winter Term Athletic Schedule

HOCKEY

Dec.	8	Darrow	H 2.30
Jan.	9	Millbrook	H 3.15
Jan.	12	Pittsfield	A 2.30
Jan.	16	Salisbury	A 2.45
Jan.	19	Berkshire	H 2.30
Jan.	23	Williston	H 3.15
Jan.	26	Albany Acad.	A 2.45
Jan.	30	Suffield	A 2.45
Feb.	2	Forman	H 2.45
Feb.	6	Pittsfield	H 3.45
Feb.	9	Darrow	H 2.30
Feb.	11	Hotchkiss	A 2.45
Feb.	19	Loomis	A 2.30
Feb.	20	Albany Acad.	H 3.30
Feb.	23	Westminster	A 2.30
Feb.	27	Canterbury	A 3.00

SKIING

Jan.	12	Triangular at Darrow Darrow-Pittsfield-Lenox
Jan.	16	Dual Meet at Lenox Salisbury-Lenox
Jan.	19	Dual Meet at Lenox Berkshire-Lenox
Jan.	23	Dual Meet at Williston Williston-Lenox
Jan.	26	Dual Meet at Lenox Drury High-Lenox
Feb.	2	Triangular at Lenox Pittsfield-Darrow-Lenox
Feb.	6	Dual Meet at Berkshire Berkshire-Lenox
Feb.	9	Dual Meet at Millbrook Millbrook-Lenox
Feb.	16	Mt. Greylock Ski Club Berkshire Interscholastics
Feb.	22	Middlebury Snow Bowl Eastern Interscholastic Meet

BASKETBALL

Dec.	8	Berkshire (p)	A 3.45
Jan.	9	Viewpoint (p)	A 4.00
Jan.	12	Salisbury (p)	H 3.45
Jan.	16	Deerfield J.V.	A 2.30
Jan.	19	Watkinson (p)	A 3.45
Jan.	23	Williston J.V.	A 2.30
Jan.	29	March of Dimes Tourney Cranwell Lenox High Lenox Windsor Mountain	
Jan.	30	Westminster	H 3.15
Feb.	2	Salisbury (p)	A 3.45
Feb.	6	Millbrook (p)	H 3.45
Feb.	9	Darrow (p)	A 3.45
Feb.	16	Hoosac (p)	A 3.45
Feb.	20	Windsor Mt.	H 3.00
Feb.	23	Viewpoint	H 3.45

(p) *Preliminary J.V. Game at 2.30*

JUNIOR HOCKEY

Dec.	8	Darrow	H 2.30
Jan.	16	Salisbury	H 2.45
Jan.	23	Williston	A 2.30
Jan.	26	New Canaan	H 1.45
Jan.	30	Pittsfield	H 3.45
Feb.	2	Darrow	H 2.45
Feb.	6	Indian Mt.	A 2.45

JR. BASKETBALL

Feb.	23	Viewpoint	H 2.30
Feb.	27	Windsor Mt.	H 3.00
Mar.	2	Williston	A 2.30
Mar.	6	Windsor Mt.	H 3.00
Mar.	9	Darrow	H 2.30

J.V. HOCKEY

Jan.	13	Faculty	H 3.00
Jan.	16	Salisbury	H 2.30
Jan.	19	Berkshire	H 2.30
Jan.	23	Williston	H 2.30
Jan.	26	Williamstown	A 3.30
Jan.	30	Pittsfield	H 3.30
Feb.	2	Darrow	H 2.45
Feb.	6	Williamstown	H 4.00
Feb.	9	Pittsfield	A 3.30
Feb.	11	Hotchkiss	A 2.45