

Hoosac Remembers

— By ARIAN HOLMAN —

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday celebrated on the last Monday of May (May 31 in 2010). Originally known as Decoration Day, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in the military service. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War, it was expanded after World War I.

After the end of the Civil War, many communities set aside a day to mark the end of the war or as a memorial to those citizens who

had died. According to Professor David Blight of the Yale University History Department, the first memorial day was observed by formerly enslaved black people at the Washington Race Course, Charleston, South Carolina.

Many people celebrate this holiday by visiting cemeteries and memorials. The national moment of remembrance takes place at 3 p.m. local time. Another tradition is to fly the flag of the United States at Half-staff from dawn un-

til noon local time. Volunteers often place American flags on each grave site at National Cemeteries.

Here at Hoosac we have faculty, such as Mr. Dean Foster, Mr. Richard Bутtenheim and Fr. Clinton Dugger, who were involved in the military and served our country. Hoosac students will march in the Hoosick Falls parade. During chapel here the bell tolls after the reading of the names of Hoosac men killed in wars.

Tibetan Buddhist Lama Visits Hoosac

— By JON HORNE '68 —



Photos by Austin McCroskie

Mr. Rinpoche, seen here with Mr. Horne (top left), answered questions from students about Buddhist philosophies and traditions.

Tulku Thupten Kalsang Rinpoche, a 70-year-old Tibetan Buddhist monk, was our Friday Night Guest Speaker for May 7th. Rinpoche is an important Buddhist teacher of the Dharma in the West. He spoke to the students in the auditorium after dinner about his life as a monk for fifty years and answered questions from students and faculty. He enjoys living in the woodlands of Petersburg, New York (where he has lived for many years), traveling around the country on lecture tours and visit-

ing Tibet as the principle Abbot of the ancient Rahob Monastery.

Rinpoche is an Adept of the Mahayana School of Buddhism, also known as the Northern School and the Greater Vehicle. He teaches the Buddhist ideal of enlightened beings returning to earth to help all sentient beings find liberation from suffering caused by attachment to desire. Many of our Asian students were delighted to see Rinpoche who is from an endangered Tibetan Himalayan culture and hear his

words of wisdom. There were many interesting questions and answers. Rinpoche responded to the question "what would you say to someone who does not want to be conscious after the body dies," by saying, "Well, we don't have a choice." According to Rinpoche, our mind continues to live on after the body dies.

Socrates' famous statement, "Philosophy is a preparation for death" is the western version of the eastern concept that meditation prepares the mind for life after death of the body. So, according to Rinpoche, we must wash away the mental pollution daily with a meditation cleaner. A toxic mind is a terrible thing to bring with you. Rinpoche speaks of Buddhism like a "science of the mind" that also teaches meditation as a practical alternative to psycho-tropic medication for the treatment of hyperactivity, cognitive behavioral and attention deficit disorders, stress, anxiety, and manic depression. Aside from its medical benefits, Rinpoche says meditation is excellent for controlling monkey mind (random jumping thoughts), attaining consistent peace of mind and experiencing true happiness.

Top Stories

— By RAPHAEL LEE —

ASADO day.

ASADO day is coming to Hoosac School. It will take place on Thursday, May 20th. Since Bennington Battlefield Park is closed, due to financial problems, Hoosac School will celebrate ASADO day at Grafton Park. ASADO celebrates the ascension of Jesus 40 days after Easter. During ASADO day, Hoosac will have athletic events with the Antonians facing off against the Graftonians. And the cup will be awarded to the winning team. After the day's events, Hoosac students and faculty will be treated to a lamb dinner.

While the students are away Mr. Lomuscio barbecues two whole lambs on campus. Mr. Bутtenheim assists him. "People are eating lamb during ASADO day because Jesus is considered to be a lamb of god," said Mr. Horne.

Pakistan test-fires pair of ballistic missiles.

Pakistan has test-fired two ballistic missiles capable of carrying nuclear warheads, the military said Saturday. Both the Shaheen-1, which can hit a target 400 miles (650 kilometers) away, and the Ghazvani, with a range of 180 miles (290 kilometers), were fired successfully, Pakistan military officials said. Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani, who witnessed the event with several senior military officials, said that the nation had developed a strong nuclear deterrence capability, according to a government statement. He said that Pakistan's armed forces were "fully capable of safeguarding Pakistan's security against all kinds of aggression," according to the statement.

Gilani mentioned last month's Nuclear Security Summit hosted by President Obama in Washington, an event aimed at enhancing international cooperation to prevent nuclear terrorism. Much of the event focused on Iran's nuclear program, which has drawn deep concerns from the West. As reported on CNN.com

Times Square package turns out to be false alarm.

A suspicious package in Times Square prompted an evacuation and raised alarms in a jittery city Friday afternoon until authorities determined it was a false alarm.

Investigators determined after an anxious hour or so that the suspicious package -- a green cooler -- contained only water bottles.

The cooler was found near 45th Street and Broadway, outside the Marriott Marquis hotel, witnesses and police said. That's near where authorities say a U.S. citizen of Pakistani descent left a car bomb that failed to detonate six days before.

Police evacuated parts of Times Square around 1 p.m. ET as they investigated, though people remained in the hotel and nearby buildings, said Kathy Duffy, a hotel spokeswoman. "Our buildings were not evacuated," she said. "Our hotel has not been evacuated."

Many took it in stride. Seconds after the police tape came down and cars resumed driving down 7th Avenue, theater fans lined up at a half-price booth to purchase show tickets. As reported on CNN.com

Tibbits Underground

— By STEPHEN BURKE —

The Underground Railroad was a system of secret routes and safe houses which fleeing slaves used to reach free states and Canada. These secret routes and safe houses were established by either white abolitionists who were trying to help free slaves, or already-freed blacks. This secret network was created in the early 19th century, and was at its peak between 1850 and 1860. This "railroad" was considered underground because it was illegal to assist in the freeing of a slave. It is estimated that, by 1850, roughly 100,000 slaves had successfully used the Underground Railroad to reach freedom. This number is low, and the average slaves freed per year was significantly less than the amount of new slaves being brought into this country annually. Even though this network didn't affect the country much economically, psychologically it had a great impact.

Everyone at Hoosac, both faculty and students, are very familiar with the school's administration building and dormitory: Tibbits. The building was built in the 1850's and has a tunnel leading beneath the campus all the way down to the Hoosick River. It is factually proven that Tibbits was indeed a stop on the underground railroad. Although it is only rumored that this tunnel was used as an escape route, not many other explanations seem logical.

The tunnel was sealed at both ends in 1952. If you look at Tibbits from the front, on the right side, there is a stone porch, near where graduation is held. Under this porch, a hole can be seen. This is the Tibbits entrance to the tunnel.

Campus Life



Photos by Ms Roemischer

Formal Dinner prize winner, Arian Holman (Top Right) & her guest Annie Lyons (Top Left). Prize won during the Spring Parents Weekend auction. Arian, and several guests, were treated to a four course formal dinner which was hosted by Mr. Uhl & Ms. Stulz.



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School Sports

- By ANNIE LYONS -

Boys Lacrosse

The boys hosted Lansingburgh High on Saturday and never really got out of the gate, dropping a 12-3 score. Eddy Franz has really improved in goal, making several nice saves and Eli Brassard led the team in scoring with a pair of goals.

The boys team held another really good team, Amsterdam High, and fought really hard. The team played an amazing game, but came up just short in a 10-8 loss. Carlo Longinetti had a hat trick (3 goals) with Ian Richter and Steve Shulman at 2 apiece. Eli Brassard scored 1 for Hoosac.

The boys Lacrosse team got a win against Northwood making the score 13-8. Getting an early lead to 3-0, and continuing to keep scoring after that. Eli Brassard led the way in scoring with 6 goals. Steve Shulman had 4, Ian Richter had 2 and Joe Mueller had 1.

Girls Lacrosse

The girls' lacrosse team traveled to Pittsfield, MA on Saturday afternoon and played in a Jamboree. The Jamboree involved 2 other teams from Pittsfield, and all 3 teams played each other once in a mini type game. In both games, they came up just short - 5-4 in the 1st and 6-3 in the 2nd. Jayla Jung was the big offensive star, scoring 5 goals, and Sewa Egunsola had a pair as well. The defensive star was Seola Jo for the Owls.

The girls team hosted a tough loss to the very good Winchendon team, but lost 3-8. Jayla Jung scored 2 goals and Sewa Egunsola had one. The girls will host Stoneleigh Burnham Saturday on Parent's Weekend.

Tennis

The tennis team traveled to Bennington, VT to take on Mt. Anthony Union High School which is a very tough team to beat and got shut out 0-7. The Owls will be on their game on Parents' Weekend as they host Long Trail School Saturday at 2:30pm.



Photo by Ms. Roemischer
Mathieu Carpentier serves to start his match.

Boys Baseball

The Boys baseball team played Marvelwood School and came away with a 7-5 Win. Francis Germain got the win on the mound, pitching 5 innings. Zach Cappelli pitched the final two innings, striking out 5 batters. The hitters of the day were Owen Fryer (3 for 3), and Vaughn Proctor (2 for 2). Next up - Parents' Weekend - Mt. Everett at 2:30.

Hoosac Goes To College

- By ANNIE LYONS -

As the seniors leave Hoosac some may want to know where they can reach their friends and what the future holds for them. Many students got into the college of their choice and are ecstatic over the prospect of their first year in college and for the years to come. Eunice Cheong '10 said: "I cannot wait to go to college. I am going to Michigan State and I heard it was so much fun! Alex Faett said he was so excited to be a freshman and cannot wait to go onto bigger things in life. The list below is the list of all the colleges where this year's seniors have accepted.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Alvernia College | New England College |
| Anna Maria College | Onondaga Community College |
| Arizona State University | Plymouth State College |
| Augsburg College | Purdue University |
| Becker College | Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute |
| Berbeck University (UK) | Rochester Institute of Technology |
| Bournemouth University (UK) | St. Francis College |
| Champlain College | St. Michael's College |
| Concordia College | St. Vincent College |
| Connecticut College | Savannah College of Art & Design |
| Drexel University | S. New Hampshire University |
| Duquesne University | Suffolk University |
| Eckerd College | SUNY- Binghamton |
| Edinburgh University (UK) | Brockport |
| Elmira College | Buffalo |
| Georgia Institute of Technology | Fredonia |
| Green Mountain College | Plattsburgh |
| Guilford College | Potsdam |
| Hiram College | Syracuse University |
| Hood College | University of CA- San Diego |
| Indiana University | University of Bridgeport |
| Ithaca College | University of Illinois |
| John Carroll University | University of Michigan |
| Johnson & Wales University | University of MA-Boston |
| Lasell College | University of New S. Wales (UK) |
| Lehigh University | University of P.E.I |
| Le Moyne College | University of Southern Maine |
| Loyola University- Chicago | University of Wisconsin |
| Mary Washington College | Warwick University |
| Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts | Western N.E College |
| Michigan State University | Westminster College |
| Newbury College | Wilmington College |
| York College of Pennsylvania | |

Wacky News

- By STEPHEN BURKE -

A woman in Massachusetts hit, and ran over a man who was crossing the street. The victim says he has forgiven the woman, however the police have not. The man was not j-walking, but was crossing at a legal pedestrian crosswalk. What is interesting about the story however is that the man's name was Lord Jesus Christ. However his friends just call him "Lil JC". This has caused suspicion because the woman driving was well known for her anti-religious agenda. So this incident was either a highly ironic coincidence, or a premeditated violent crime.

Several summers ago, two men decided that they wanted to do something special for the 4th of July. They came up with a wonderfully original idea of filling a washing machine practically air-tight with fireworks. They lit a fuse, dropped the lid, and ran. They did not realize that by dropping the air-sealed lid, they cut off the fire on the fuse from oxygen, preventing it from burning far enough to ignite the fireworks. After seeing no results, and waiting 20 minutes, the two men decided that it must have been a dud, and returned to the washing machine to try again. As soon as they lifted the lid and oxygen returned to the fire works, they immediately exploded killing both men instantaneously. As reported on the Darwinawards.com

Sudoku

		5	9		3	4		
		7				8		
6	4						3	1
5			2	4	9			7
			6		5			
4			7	3	1			8
3	2						5	6
		1				2		
		8	3		2	1		

What would you like to see in the Owlet? Give written suggestions to Ms. Roemischer.

Sudoku-Answers

6	5	3	7	8	9	2	4	1
4	1	7	5	3	2	8	6	9
2	9	8	4	1	6	7	5	3
5	3	1	8	9	7	6	2	4
7	2	6	3	5	4	9	1	8
9	8	4	6	2	1	3	7	5
1	6	9	2	4	8	5	3	7
8	7	5	1	6	3	4	9	2
3	4	2	9	7	5	1	8	6

Student of the Week

Tianyi (Terry) Zhang

- By ARIAN HOLMAN -

Q. How do you feel about being student of the week?

A. I was surprised they called my name, this is the first time I have gotten it

Q. How do you like this school year?

A. It was good.

Q. What is your hardest class this year?

A. I think physics.



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SPORTS

Sat. - 5/15 @ 2:30pm
Tennis (Home) vs.
Long Trail

Sat. - 5/15 @ 2:30pm
Boys Lacrosse (Home)
vs. Forman-PW

Sat. - 5/15 @ 2:30pm
Baseball (Home)
vs. Mt. Everett-PW

Sat. - 5/15 @ 2:30pm
Girls Lacrosse (Home)
vs. Long Trail

Wed. - 5/19 @ 3:00pm
Boys Lacrosse (Home)
vs. Vermont Academey

Wed. - 5/19 @ 2:30pm
Baseball (Home)
vs. Darrow

Fri. - 5/19 @ 7pm
Boys Lacrosse (Away)
vs. Greenwich

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in Nurse Klein's office
in Tibbits

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