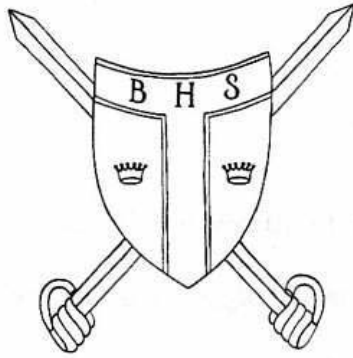


The
BARON





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OF BITBURG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL, GERMANY**

Col. John A. Brooke

*'Without courage there cannot be truth,
and without truth there can be no other virtue.'*

Scott

Recognizing the worth of man's soul
and his everlasting struggle towards freedom,
we dedicate our yearbook to the pursuit of
TRUTH, may this become our greatest virtue,
whatever path we choose to follow.

AN APPRECIATION

We wish to express our thanks to the annual staff, their advisor Mr. Grant, and to all others who have contributed toward the publication of the **Baron**.

Circumstances required great concentration of time and effort. However, advantage can usually be taken of precedent and well established operating procedure. In the preparation of the Baron, ingenuity, resourcefulness and hard work took the place of precedent and established procedures. The result is that every excellence the book possesses is a tribute to those who prepared it. The faults, if any, merely serve to emphasize the difficulties encountered in the production of a first annual for a new school.

With the publication of the Baron, Bitburg aligns itself with an American High School tradition. Again we wish to express our appreciation to you who made possible this pleasant conformity. We are unable to imagine a finer souvenir of eventful and happy events which we experienced with you, and because of you.

Stanford C. Ramsey
Principal

Ernest M. Morgan
Assistant Principal

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Germany

Ruth Herden

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MR. CEDRIC HANNON
Mathematics
Washington

Cedric Hannon

*Never have I
worked with a
more avid poetry
fan.*

*For my old Buddy
Grant.*



MISS MATINE HAGLUND
French-English
Michigan

*Only to see
a
son!*



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California



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German
France



MISS MARTHA KUNKEL
Mathematics
Michigan

*Have a good
time in Munich.
Martha Kunkel*



MISS HELENE LICHTER
German
Germany

*Christine Sp. by Habbe.
Memory of home and
world to be happy
again - to our ad-
mirable school
community and
staff.*

Best wishes to
the Junior One
Joan Dunn
50

Mildred C. Garney, R. H.

L. Sidney Massey



MISS JOAN DUNN
Librarian
Michigan



MISS BARBARA FOSTER
Music
Florida



MR. STIRLING MASSEY
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Oklahoma

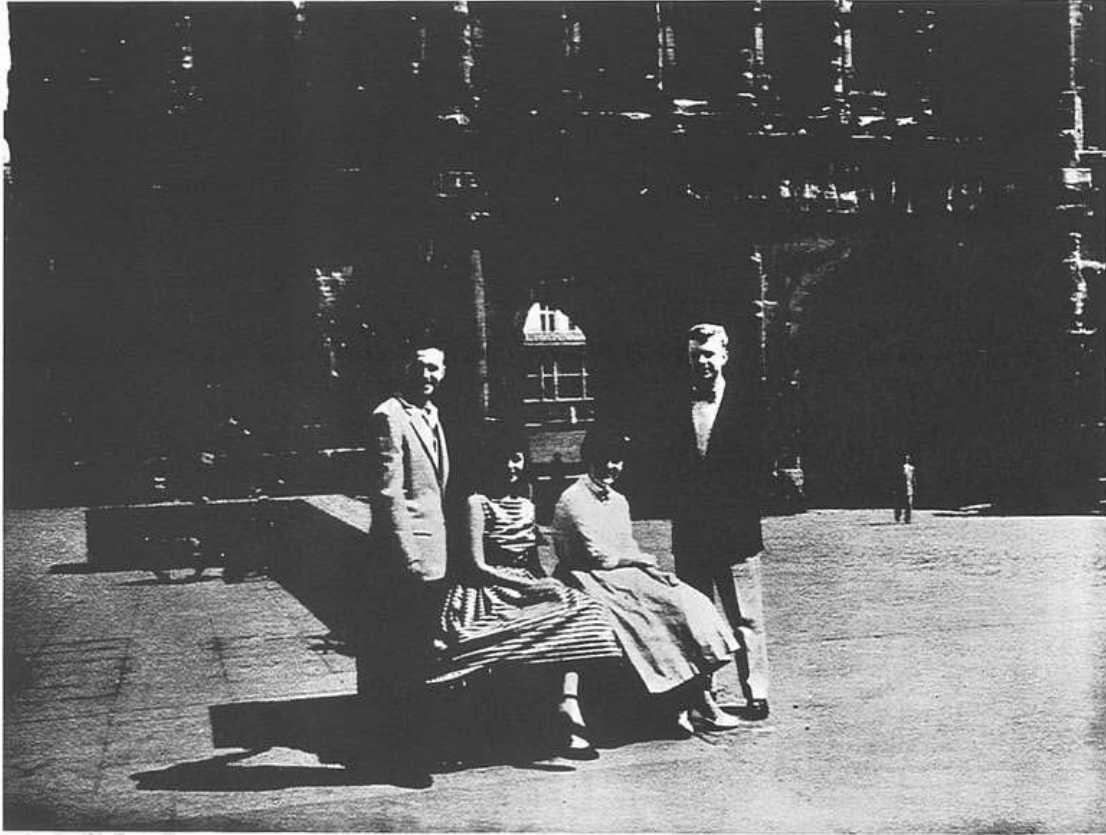


MISS ROSEMARY THIEDE
Commercial
Michigan



MR. JOHN WILLIS
Coaching-Social Studies
Florida

Best luck
John L. Willis



Robert Doubleday
Senior Class
President

Bonnie Ramsey
Senior Class
Secretary

Linda Jo Givens
Senior Class
Treasurer

Werner Gerhardt
Student Body
President

With a mixture of joy and regret, we bring to a close our career as high school students. Joy that we will be moving on to new and exciting challenges. Regret that we leave behind our many friends and fond memories. Our four years have passed swiftly and pleasantly, and we hope that we have made our school better for having been a part of it.

Our class enrollment never reached more than eight, but with the understanding help of our advisor Miss Haglund, we tried not to let size keep us from accomplishing what we set out to do. Leading the way as the first graduating class was not always easy, but we hope that we have set a worthwhile example for future classes to follow.



ROBERT DONALDSON
DOUBLEDAY
Bob

Track 3; Basketball 4
Sales Manager Annual 4
Projection Club 1, 2
Rifle Club 2, 3; Ski Club 3
Sec. Radio Club 1
President of Senior Class
Rome, New York



WERNER GERHARDT
Soccer & Football 1, 2, 3
Basketball 4; Band 1, 2
Business Manager of Annual 4
President of Student Council 4
Grass Valley, California

*To a Good Buddy
Werner Gerhardt*



LINDA GIVENS
Jo
Vice President Vietta
Treas. Senior Class
Kentucky



MARLENE RUTH KEENE
Rufus
Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; G.A.A. 3
Dramatics 3; Pep Club 1, 2, 3
Jazz Club 3; Annual Staff 3, 4
Annual Editor 4
Central Point, Oregon



PHELPS F. MACÉ JR.
Flip
Basketball Manager 4
Projection Club 1, 2, 3
Model Club 1; Camera Club 2
Chess Club 2; Ham Club 1
Newspaper 2, 3, 4; Annual Staff 3, 4
Photo Editor Annual 4
Saranac Lake, New York

*Lord of Luck & Good Wishes
Flip Macé*



SALLY JO MICHELSON
Mickey

Cheerleader 2, 3, 4
Junior Class Treas.
Girls Basketball 2, 3
Swim Team 1; Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4
Dramatics 1, 2, 3; Annual Staff 1
Riverside, California



BONNIE CHARLENE RAMSEY
Bonnie

Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4; Newspaper 3
Girls Baseball 1, 2, 3
Sec. Senior Class
Student Council 1, 4
Treas. Student Council 1
Columbia, Missouri

*Best of luck to you
Bonnie*



KARL WRIGHT
Leon

Basketball 4; Swim Team 1, 2
Aquatic Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Art Club 4
Art Editor Annual 4
Colorado Springs, Colorado

*Best of luck
to a real swell guy
of '56*
Karl Wright



*Best of Luck
to a real good
knight
Bob Grabher*



ROBERT GRABHER
Bob

Postgraduate
Mineola High, New York
New York City, New York

JUNIOR CLASS

Ours was an enthusiastic class from the very beginning. With our president Ginger Grant conducting a weekly meeting, we began in the Fall with our money making schemes. Cookie and cake sales, a profitable raffle and presto! we were in the money. We planned dances, raised money for the polio drive, helped with the Annual, furnished cheerleaders, planned the Junior-Senior prom and banquet and in general were active all year long.

Sometimes parliamentary procedure tended to break down, much to the dismay of our advisor Mr. Grant, but we got the job done, and usually with a flourish. It seems as though we have been waiting a long time to become seniors, and now that the time is almost upon us, we intend to carry on with the same spirit and good fellowship we had as Juniors.

CLASS OFFICERS

Edith Garcia—Secretary
Melinda Smith—Vice Pres.
Dorothy Whelan—Council Rep.
Pat Van Ness—Treasurer
Ginger Grant—President



ANN CONGDON
Waco, Texas



EDITH GARCIA
Los Angeles, California



*Bob, It's been
miss knowing you
your personality is
a nice one. You have
a lot of love in
you.*



*Bob,
Good luck to a
surely guy - sure
but, be good.
your sis,
Birdie*



VIRGINIA GRANT
Omaha, Nebraska

ROBERTA KEENE
Central Point, Oregon

GERRY McCUE
Pittsburg, Penna.



PATRICK O'LEARY
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Harry 2nd & Eve





MELINDA SMITH
Sacramento, California



RICHARD SMITH
Elmira, New York

PATRICIA VAN NESS
Brooksville, Florida

DOROTHY MARIE WHELAN
Philadelphia, Penna.



SHIRLEY YEAGER
Portland, Oregon

(Camera Shy)



JOHN WILLS
Ignacio, California

John Wills

SOPHOMORE CLASS

Having reached the half-way mark in our High School careers, we look back on the year with pleasant memories. Our class gathered together from all parts of the USA and various bases in France and Germany. Class members lived at Bitburg, Prüm and Spangdahlem, so you can see that we are a cosmopolitan group to say the least.

Sponsored by Miss Stuckey, we quickly made ourselves known throughout the school as a peppy bunch. We had other qualities too, such as the scholarship of Judy Grant, Joyce Autry and Kent Schaeffer... the athletic ability of Jack Withrow and Walt Griffith... Gentleman Jack Burns... the good looking rebel Jerry Ayers... red headed Carol Ploeg... Buddy Lavender and his Yo-Yo... Sandra Carney and her good manners... Last but not least, the perpetual motion kid, Judy Keene. We had lots of fun in the sophomore class and who knows? Perhaps we learned something along the way too.

CLASS OFFICERS



(L to r) Judy Keene—President, Judy Grant—Council Rep., Joyce Autry—Treas.
(camera shy)
Jack Burns—Vice Pres., Sandra Carney—Secretary



JERRY AYERS
Kentucky



JOYCE AUTRY
North Carolina

LEON BANKS
Pennsylvania



SANDRA CARNEY
Texas



JACK BURNS
Washington

WALTER GRIFFITH
Washington D.C.





JUDY GRANT
Nebraska

*Best wishes to
a swell guy
Judy Grant*

*Take as
loss in the
future Judy*



JUDY KEENE
Oregon

BUDDY LAVENDER
Arkansas



CAROL PLOEG
Michigan



KENT SCHAFER
Minnesota

JACK WITHROW
West Virginia



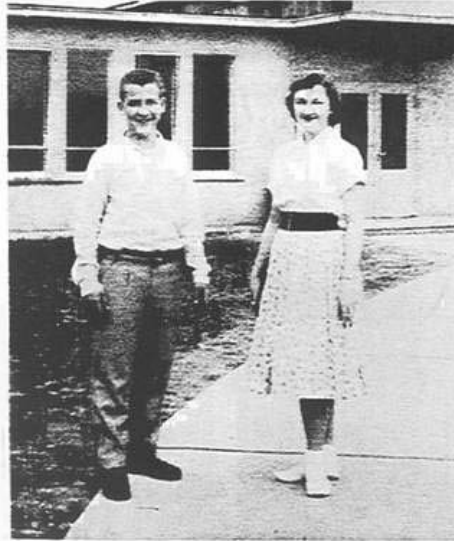
FRESHMAN CLASS

Ours was the largest class in the High School. and there were some unkind souls who even hinted we were the noisiest too. We can't deny that we had enthusiasm, but it only helped us to get the job done faster and better. We started the activities off in September by planning the highly successful back-to-school dance, and then keeping ourselves busy with all the other activities in school.

The boys in the class were outnumbered by the girls four to one. This situation made everyone extremely happy ... except for the girls. Even as lowly freshmen we contributed mightily to the athletic teams of BHS, giving a good account of ourselves in every game. We also owe a debt of gratitude to our sponsor Mr. Hannon, who patiently guided us over some of the rough spots of freshman life.

By the time we become sophomores, many of us will have rotated to various parts of the USA, and so we say "Auf Wiedersehen" to those who are leaving. We have enjoyed our freshman year but are now looking forward to the next year and new friends we shall meet.

CLASS OFFICERS



Richard Davis - President
Sharla Scott - Vice President



DONNA ADER

Lots of luck



HELGA ALEXANDER



PAT ANDERSON



JEAN AUTRY



KATIE BARTELS



LANI BELL



ORRIN BROWN



BUDDY BUETTNER



MIKE DARIO



RICHARD DAVIS



JACKIE DUNNING



EUGENE FLEMING

William Garcia



WILLIAM GARCIA



RENATE GERHARDT

*Good Luck
Always
Renate Gerhardt*



EVAN GRIFFITH



DENISE HERVEY



DIANE HERVEY



ROBERT HOULLIS

Bob Houllis



TERRY JACK



JAMES JOHNSON



DEANNA KEENER



PATRICIA KNAPP



LAUANA KOMIOTIS



JEAN MCGREGOR



JUDY MEARS



ANN MUIR



ANN NEVITT



BARBARA PAINE



BONNIE PETERSON



LA NELL REYNOLDS



JUDIE ROUSSMAN



SHARLA SCOTT



MARIE VAN METER



DAVID WOOD



JOAN SEELEY

*As a good friend
I am with you
David*