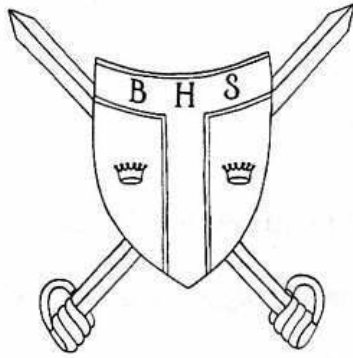


The  
**BARON**





**PUBLISHED BY THE 1956 SENIOR CLASS  
OF BITBURG AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL, GERMANY**

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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.

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*Principal*

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

*Tommy and Buddy  
Grant.*



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*Don't worry  
a son of  
Hannon*



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France



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Michigan

*Have a good  
time in Munich.  
Martha Kunkel*



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German  
Germany

*Continue Study Hall.  
Many sessions will  
be held to be held in  
Munich - to be held -  
continuously -  
at least 1 year*

Best wishes to  
the Junior One  
Joan Dunn  
50

Mildred C. Garney, R. H.

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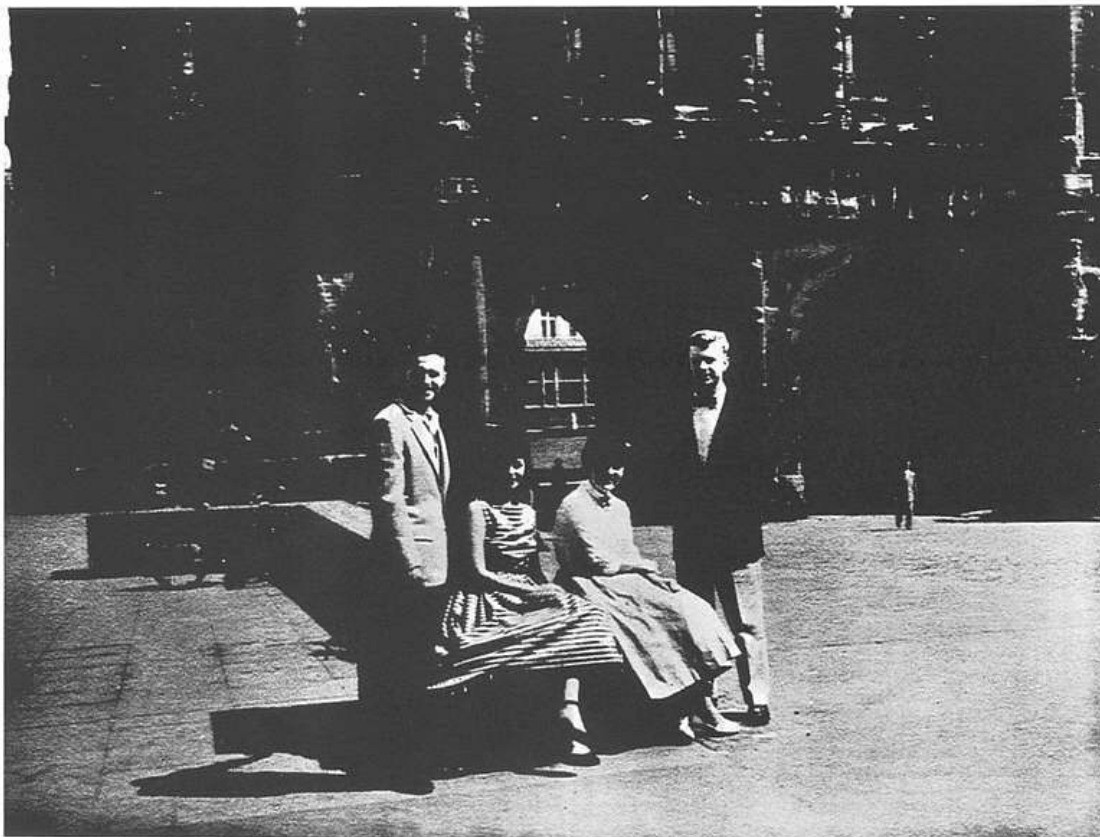


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Best luck  
John L. Willis



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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  
Phlip 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 a real sweet girl*



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 buddy*  
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. Birdie*



*Bob, Good luck to a  
surell guy - would  
- would 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





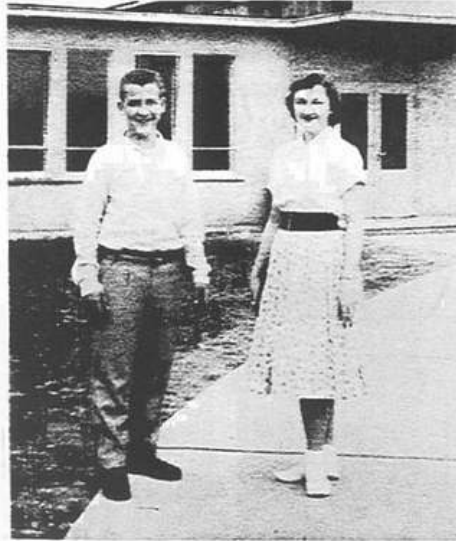
## FRESHMAN CLASS

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

*Late of luck*



HELGA ALEXANDER



PAT ANDERSON



JEAN AUTRY

*Best with a  
best with a  
to a Jean*



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*

# JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Miss Angela Cusmano  
Mathematics  
Florida



Mrs. Pia Bruggeman  
German  
Germany

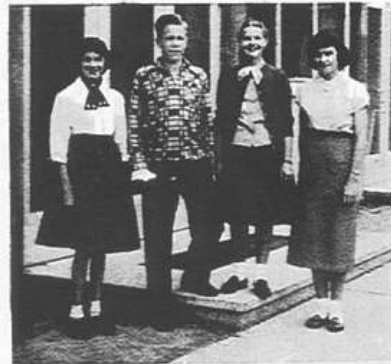


Mr. Harold Wagner  
Science - Art  
Pennsylvania

Winning the Ramstein Basketball Tournament was only one of the many activities in which we successfully participated. Planning school dances, taking parts in the Christmas play, student assemblies, polio and red cross drives, a winning soccer team and many others. We even found time to do some studying. It was lots of fun being with our friends and making new ones, and just think, the Eighth graders have to start all over at the bottom as freshmen next year.

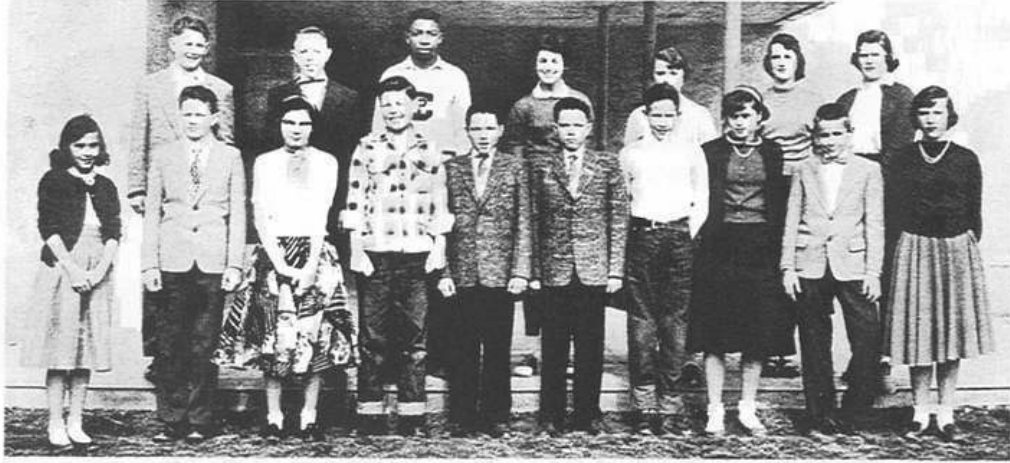


EIGHT GRADE OFFICERS  
Charles Davis - Vice Pres.  
Richard Flehsig - Sec.  
Heinz Bauer - President



SEVENTH GRADE OFFICERS  
Billey Ann Hicks - Sec.  
Tom Ballard - Vice Pres.  
Dorcas Trayler - President  
Sandra Grese - Treas.

## EIGHTH GRADE



Back: Wayne Bacskowski, Robert Pryor, Gilbert Persley, Linda Danford, Mary Ann Snyder, Marlynn Grant, Jill Dunning

Front: Betty Brooks, John Wallace, Janet Amaruso, James Wright, Lloyd Lee, Leonard Lee, Tim Linehan, Virginia McIsaac, Carl Grahber, Regina Whitener



Back: Charles Wolk, Charles Davis, Richard Flehsig, James Seaver, William Griffith, Duncan Adkins, David Summers, Heinz Bauer, Horst Schwarz

Front: Sandra Wenz, Barbara O'Neal, Judy Young, Moliy Best, Pablo Komiatis, Beverly Dobbins, Jane Wise, Janice Hepner, Joyce Leonard

## SEVENTH GRADE



Back: Claudette Harvey, Bonnie Stanley, Ronald Kirby, Lester Pratt, Bob Clark, Richard Kelly, John Navin, Tony Zimmerman, Kathy Kwasnik, Barbara Ree  
Front: Claudia Mears, Kay Keener, Sharon Martin, Sharon Breese, John Brooks, Sandra Bell, Marsha Peterson, Billy Hicks, Ann Daeley, Joyce Reeves, Maurine Williams, Alice Reynolds, Janet White



Back: Clarence Anderson, Wayne Tiller, Richard Freeman, Jay Risher, Tom Ballard, Larry Carney, Buddy Marines, Sarah Davis, Virginia Gregory, Dennis Vander Weide  
Front: Linda Foster, Dorcas Trayler, Zola Ayers, Tekla Komiotis, Betty Platt, Susan Cirillo, Sandra Grese, Virginia White, Perry Bushong, Tony Salimando

# ATHLETICS

The first basketball team ever to represent Bitburg High School, proved to be a team of fighters. Although short on experience and height, the team never stopped trying, and gave a good account of themselves in every game. Beginning league play against Baumholder High, the Junior Barons won two close games before an enthusiastic home crowd. Two weeks later the team traveled to Bremerhaven where they dropped two hard fought contests to Bremerhaven High School. They next traveled to Baumholder, and plagued with eligibility difficulties and sickness, lost a pair of games to Augsburg High.

Coach Willis, confronted with the problem of stopping the unbeaten Wiesbaden Flyers, came up with a starting five that included 3 freshmen and 2 sophomores. This combination succeeded in running up the most points scored against Wiesbaden all season. Height and experience proved too much however, and the Junior Barons had to be content with a moral victory.

With the spirit and determination shown by this years team, we have a solid foundation to build on for next year. The student body is behind you team, win lose or draw!



Standing: Coach Willis, Manager Phelps Mace, Jack Withrow, Bob Grahber, Werner Gerhardt, Karl Wright, Mike Dario, Manager Richard Davis

Kneeling: Bob Houllis, Evan Griffith, Walter Griffith, Terry Jack, David Wood, Jack Burns





J. BURNS



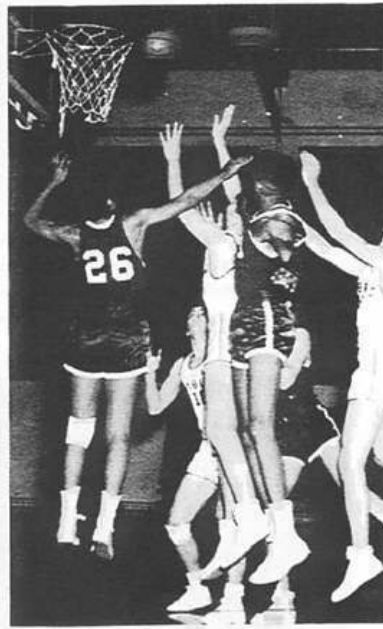
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J. WITHROW



R. HOULLIS

R. GRAHBER





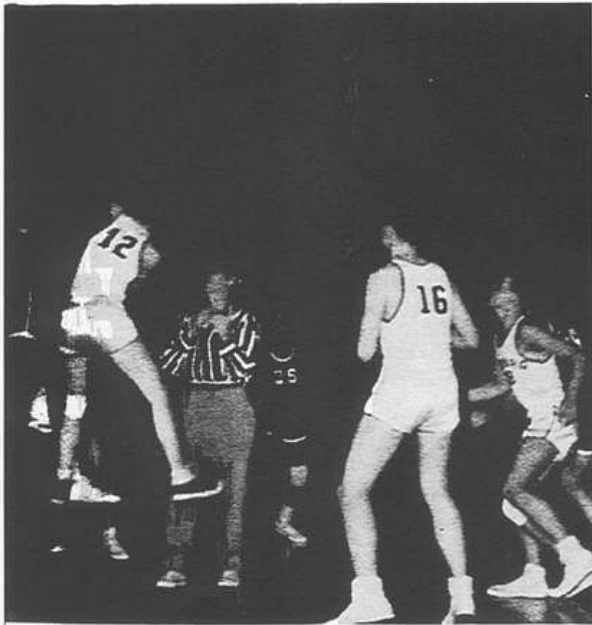
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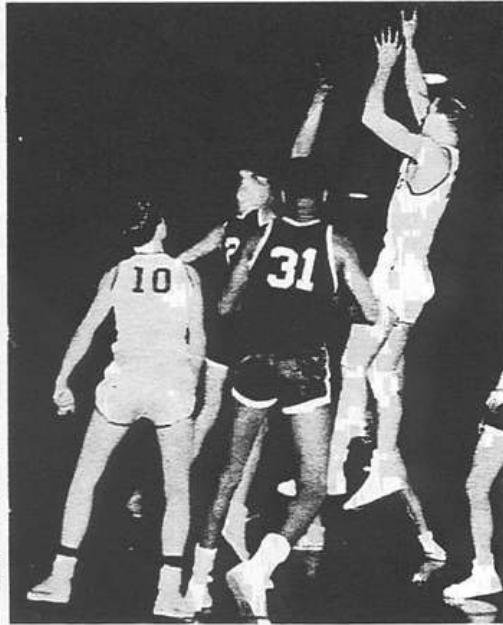
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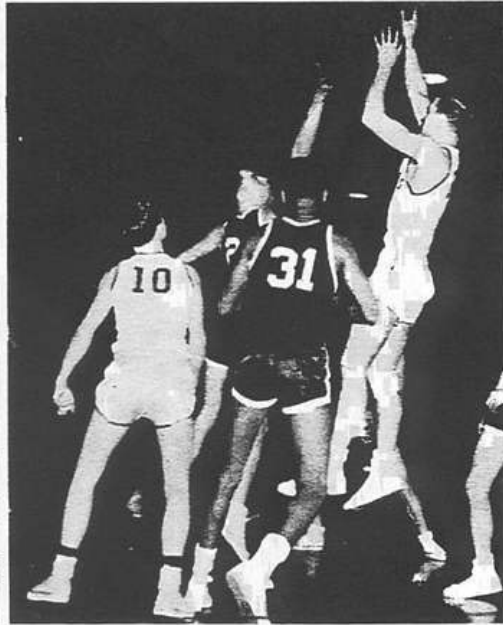
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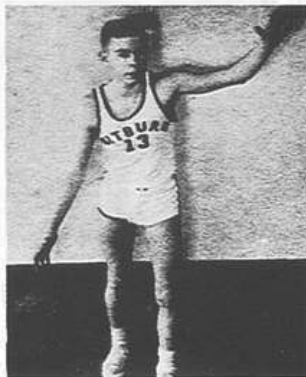
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T. JACK

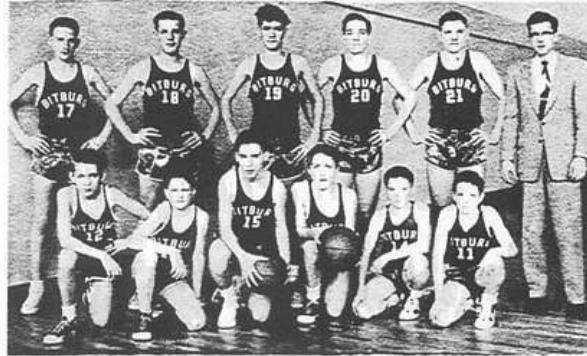


W. GERHARDT



# JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Taking first place in the Ramstein Invitational Basketball Tournament, put the finishing touch upon a highly successful season for the Junior High School basketball team. Their high caliber of play and good sportsmanship will surely help the High School for the coming season.



Standing: Duncan Adkins, Charles Walk, David Summers, Charles Davis, Heinz Bauer, Coach John Willis  
 Kneeling: Carl Grahber, John Wallace, William Griffith, Richard Flechsig, Leonard Lee, Lloyd Lee



Walk



Davis



Bauer



Flechsig



Adkins



Grahber



Summers



Griffith



Lee



Lee



Wallace



## BASEBALL TEAM

Standing: Karl Wright, Jack Withrow, Evan Griffith, Terry Jack, Bud Beuttner  
 Kneeling: Pat O'Leary, Eugene Fleming, Phelps Mace, Richard Davis, David Wood, Robert Houllis, James Johnson

## JUNIOR HIGH SOCCER TEAM



Back: Heinz Bauer, Chuck Wolk  
 Middle: Bill Griffith, Richard Flechsig,  
 Horst Schwarz, Richard Freeman,  
 Duncan Adkins  
 Front: Ronald Kirby, Jay Risher,  
 Lester Pratt, Tom Ballard, Larry Carney

# OUR CHEERLEADERS



EDITH GARCIA



JUDY GRANT



JUDY KEENE



Under the direction of their advisor Miss Kunkel and coached by Linda Jo Givins, the Bitburg Junior Baron Cheerleaders led the student body in the enthusiastic support of our teams. Many hours of hard work and practice deserve a rousing "Thanks Gals!" from all of us.



SANDRA WENZ



GINGER GRANT



SALLY MICHELSON



MELINDA SMITH



PAT VAN NESS

## DRAMATICS CLUB

Back Row:  
 Toni Zimmerman  
 James Seaver  
 Ann Daely  
 Ann Congdon  
 Roberta Keene  
 Bonnie Jo Stanley  
 Judy Young  
 Advisor Miss Haglund  
 Row 2:  
 Lester Pratt  
 Sara Davis  
 Betty Platt  
 Dorcas Trayler  
 Molly Best  
 Claudia Mears  
 Front Row:  
 Virginia McIsaac  
 Sandra Wentz  
 Lloyd Lee  
 Janet White  
 Barbara Reed  
 Billie Ann Hicks  
 Sharon Martin  
 Dennis Vander Weide



## STUDENT COUNCIL

Back Row:  
 Bonnie Ramsey-Senior  
 Charley Davis-8th Grade  
 Advisor Mr. Massey  
 Werner Gerhardt-President  
 Judy Grant-Sophomore  
 Front Row:  
 Patricia Knapp-Freshman  
 Dorcas Trayler-7th Grade  
 Dorothy Whelan-Junior  
 Ginger Grant-Sec.-Treas.

## ART ACTIVITY



Mr. Wagner—Art Instructor

## FOLK DANCE GROUP



Left to Right: Lester Pratt, Claudia Mears, Anthony Zimmerman, Virginia White, Johnny Brooks, Kay Keener, Wayne Tiller, Claudette Harvey, Ronnie Kirby, Ann Daeley, Barbara O'Niel, John Navin, Linda Foster, Sandra Bell, Maurine Williams, Susan Cirillo, Cathy Kwasnik, Bonnie Jo Stanley



## JUNIOR RED CROSS

Ginger Grant    Richard Davis    Charley Davis    Bonnie Ramsey    Judy Grant    Marsha Peterson

## NEWSPAPER STAFF

Back Row:  
Ann Muir  
Marie Van Meter  
Lani Bell  
Judy Rousman  
Ginger Grant  
Roberta Keene  
Front Row:  
Judy Keene  
Advisors Miss Thiede  
Miss Stuckey  
Jackie Dunning





## OFFICE ASSISTANTS



Standing: Katie Bartels, Bonnie Ramsey, Carol Ploeg, Sandra Carney  
Sitting: Dorothy Whelan, Patricia Knapp, Renate Gerhardt

## LIBRARY CLUB



Standing: Richard Smith, Betty Platt, Billee Hicks, Dorcas Troyler, James Johnson, Miss Dunn—Advisor Jerry Ayers  
Sitting: Sharon Breese, Janet Amoroso, Virginia Gregory, Sarah Davis, Alice Reynolds, Betty Brooks, Gilbert Persley, James Wright, Leonard Lee

## CHORUS



**Top Row:** Alexander, Congdon, Snyder, Wolk, Dario, Miss Foster - Director, Houllis, Adkins, Jack, Davis, Wood, Griffith, Garcia, Knapp, Whelan  
**Middle Row:** Mears, Young, Seeley, Reynolds, Peterson, Dunning, Reynolds, Ramsey, Keene, Scott, Hervey, Anderson, Martin  
**Bottom Row:** Smith, Gerhardt, Autry, Ader, Nevitt, Wentz, Michelson, Van Ness, Grant, Keene

## BAND



**Back Row:** Virginia White, Paul Wolk, Johnny Leonard, Donald Young, Bob Pryor, Mike Blair, Kenny Schlee, Scott Erickson, Director; Miss Foster  
**Front Row:** Terry Jack, Chuck Wolk, Ronald Kirby, Vaughn Abbott, Ella May Andres, John Wallace, Tom Ballar

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Werner Gerhardt  
Business Manager

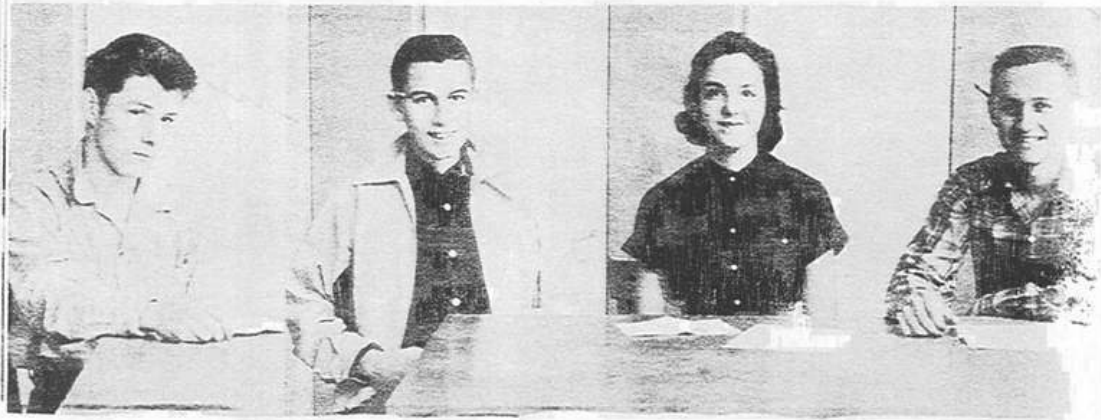
Marlene Keene  
Editor-in-Chief

Jerry McCue  
Class Editor

We hope that the 1956 **Baron** will serve as a permanent and rewarding record of your school days at Bitburg American High School. It is our hope that you receive as much pleasure from reading it as we did in preparing it.

September 1955 marked the beginning of Bitburg High. The numbers were small, the facilities limited, and the traditions non-existent. As the year progressed, our school changed from a collection of individuals to an organization of which we could all be proud. We hope the 1956 **Baron** will in some small way, become one of the traditions of the future.

STAFF

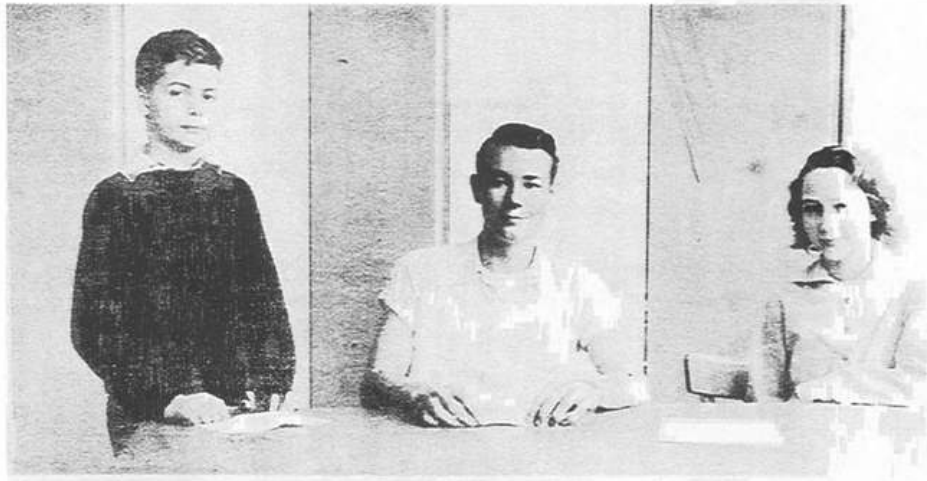


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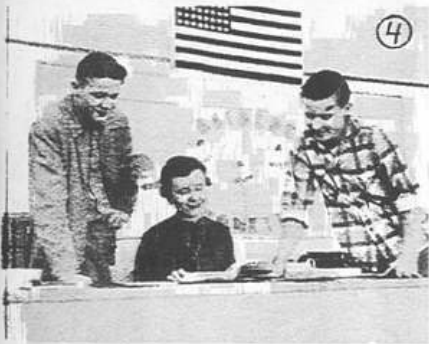
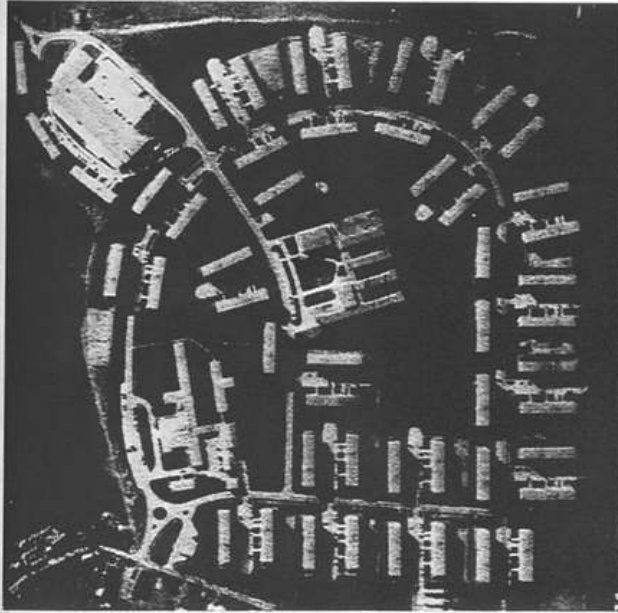
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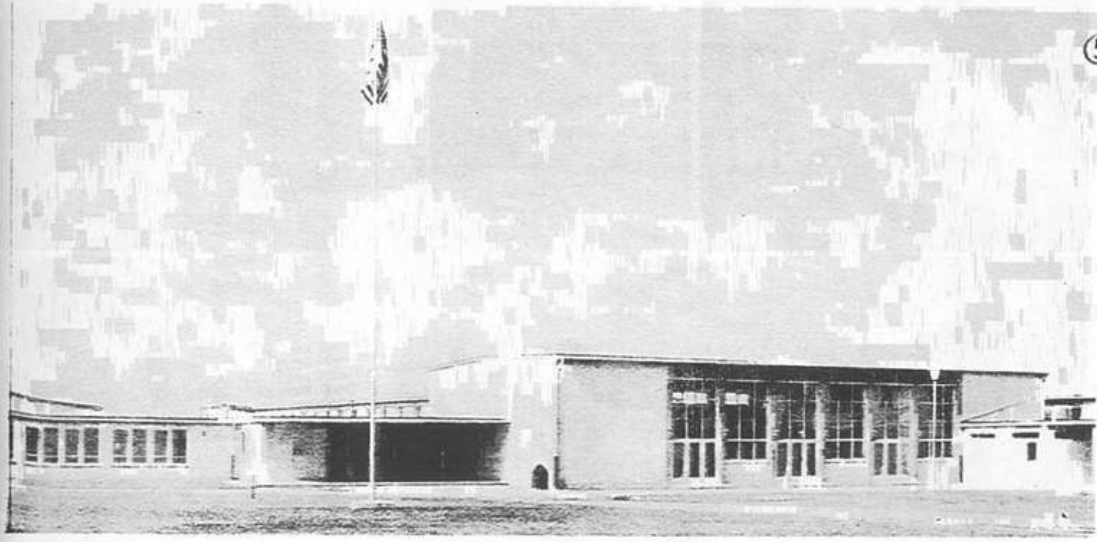
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Assistant Art Editor

Karl Wright  
Art Editor

Janice Hapner  
Assistant Art Editor



1. On Target
2. Hip Hip Hooray
3. Big Wheels
4. The Brains
5. Alma Mater





1. Times up!
2. Chow hounds
3. Platter chatter
4. The last mile
5. Traveling salesman
6. Inner sanctum
7. Bookworms
8. Yea Team!
9. What to do?

