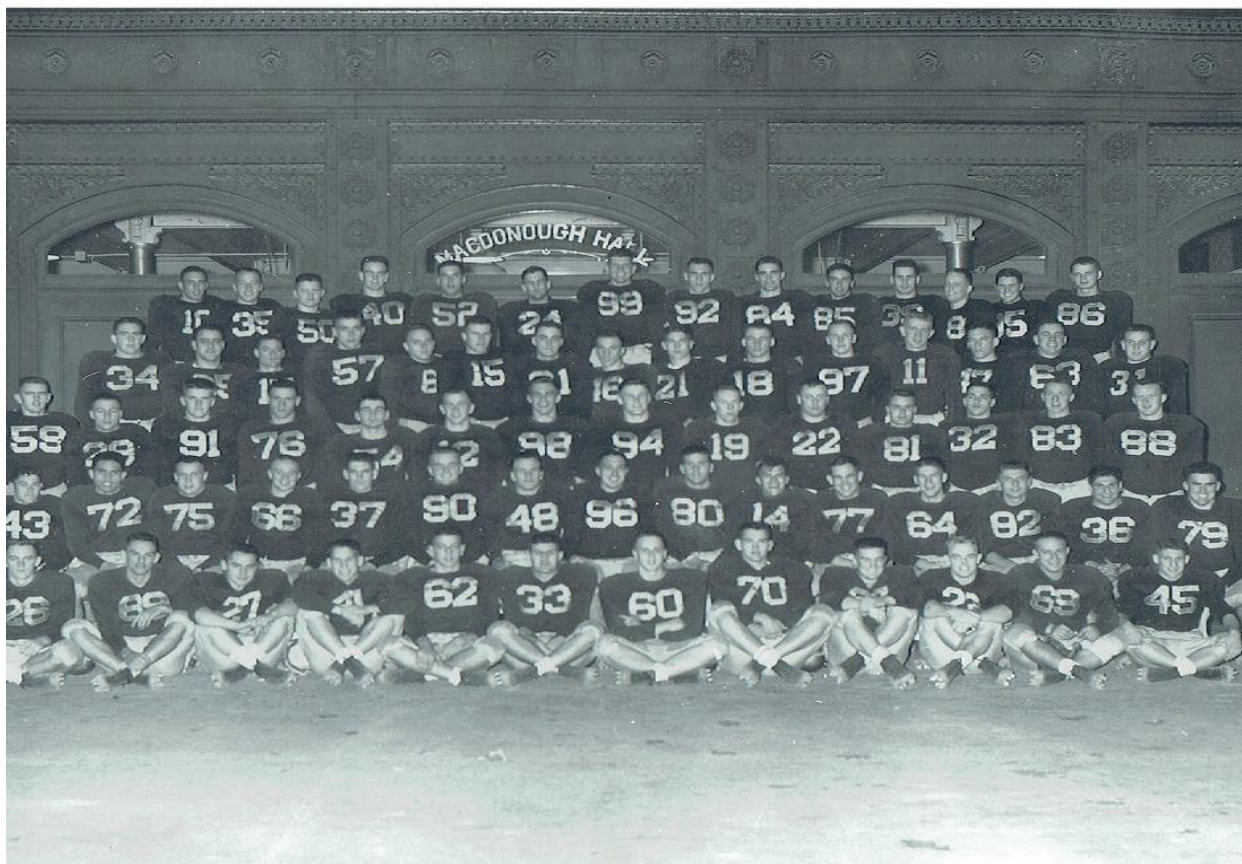


1956 Plebe Football Team



- This is a rather poor photo of our Plebe football team at the start of the 1956 season. If you squint, you might see yourself or your company mate.
- I'm using it, in part, as an example of all our sports both because it includes the largest number of athletes and because I don't have similar photos of our other sports – I wish I did.
- We don't have an exact count, but I've heard that about a quarter of our entering class, about 275, tried out for the team.
- The Admissions office, in addition to academics, placed a high regard on leadership qualities such as high school class officers and captains of sports teams.
- The 75 men in this photo were all very talented athletes who in many cases were all state selections and were recruited by other colleges. A fair number also played at post graduate programs at colleges or prep schools like Colombian or Bullis in DC.
- The ~ 200 not selected weren't poor athletes and most went on to play well in other varsity, battalion or company teams.

- **By the last game of the season (Colombian Prep – Bellino) the squad was down to 55 players. A Focus on academics, choosing another sport or injuries reduced the size of the team.**
- **Out of the 55 men on the plebe team at the end of the season, only five were placed on the 37-man varsity team to start the 1957 season (Joe Tranchini, Bob Correll, Ron Brandquist, Larry Boyer and Tom Hyde).**