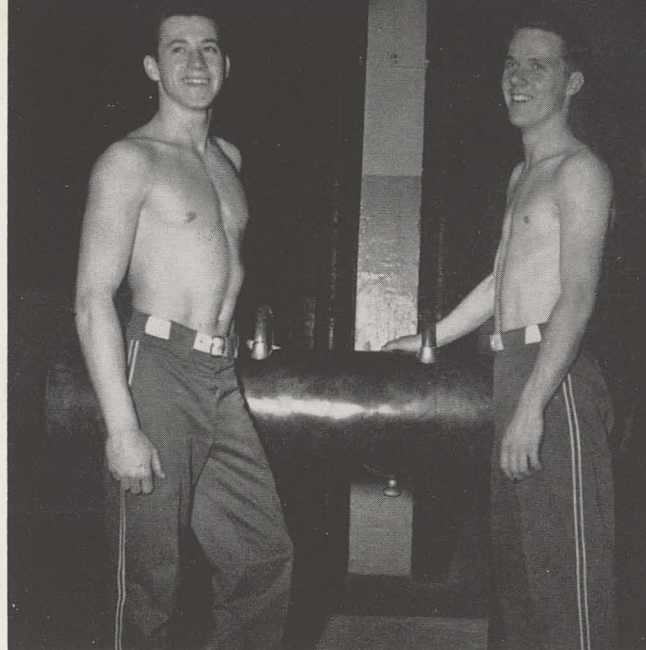


Hughes students probably wonder what makes the Hughes High School matmen win the P.H.S.L. crown each year in Gym team competition. It is the skillful ability of the students who participate in the sport each year and the never ceasing struggle of Coach Paul Richert to produce another crown winning team. He has held the reins of the team ever since 1936, and has won the title each year. These combined features produce the All-American Gym Team from the Clifton palace. This year displaying their almost perfect form were Don Burdsall, Dave Taylor, Dave Prager, Ted Bauer, and other musclemen representing Hughes.



Co-Captains: Ron David and Ed Clark



Winning form shown by team members

Burdsall contributed heavily to the Hughes victory by his excellent form on the rings and Dave Taylor gave a skillful performance on the rings and sidehorse. Also dazzling competing performers, was Ted Bauer, who in his junior year set the record for the rope climb. Bob Butz was a top performer at the side horse with many tricky turns, fancy flips and high vaults. Dave Prager showed the team he too can do tricky turns, fancy flips, cute climbs, sweet swings and lovely leaps. Ron David and Ed Clark headed the Hughes squad this year. They received full co-operation from the team who all agree "no finer captains could be bought at any price." Charles Van Den Eyden and Alan Schtuphard were not too well known members of the team, but both turned in first rate form in all the 1954 meets. Coach Paul Reichert headed the team to another first place with these boys and kept the record perfect for the season of 1954, thus continuing the tradition of Hughes to win the PHSL Gym Team crown each year.

Coach Paul Richert of Gym Team

