

THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

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A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Eagerly we look forward to 1938, in the hope that it will bring happiness to the world, and surcease from strife. There is no sentiment more beautiful than that contained in the words—"Peace on Earth. Good Will to Men." Let us therefore cherish that sentiment above all others so that it shall guide our every act, and bring to fruition the hope of the world—Peace and Happiness.

And that is my wish for you!

IRENE BRANDON GRAFF,
President.

It is with pleasure that I announce that Mrs. Julia Van Dernoot has consented to take the chairmanship of the Legislative Committee. We are fortunate indeed that one so well equipped is willing to give us of her time and ability.

I. B. G.

ALUMNÆ BREAKFAST

The Committee in charge of the Alumnae Breakfast, to be held on February 12th, is most eager to interest members of the Alumnae and other graduates of Hunter College who for various reasons may have temporarily lost their enthusiasm for the social side of the Alumnae Association, or who because of many interests and demands on their time have not attended the Breakfasts.

To those friends of Hunter we are now appealing, and we feel certain that a large number will respond to our call for attendance at the next Breakfast. Let us all work hard and pull together to make our annual party a social and financial success.

Please have checks accompany reservations and send them in not later than January 15, 1938. Tables seat ten persons. When reservations of less than ten are made, please state year of graduation so that you may be congenially placed.

Time of Breakfast, Feb. 12th, 12:30 P. M.
Place—Hotel Astor.

Price—\$2.50 per ticket.

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Alumnae Breakfast Committee.

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CALENDAR, JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Wed., Jan. 5—Officers and Directors

Wed., Jan. 12—Executive Council

Wed., Jan. 26—Commencement

Sat., Feb. 12—Alumnae Breakfast

Wed., Feb. 16—Birthday Celebration

COLLEGE NOTES

The annual Alumnae Chapel of Hunter College was held on November 24th, at the Central Synagogue, 55th Street and Lexington Avenue, at 11 o'clock. President Colligan welcomed the former students to their old Alma Mater. Mrs. Leslie Graff addressed the gathering. Professor E. Adelaide Hahn, Head of the Department of Latin and Greek, paid a tribute to the late Professor George Meason Whicher; and two students, Lucille Ryan and Tippins Brown, read two of Professor Whicher's poems. Joyce Gale, President of the Student Council, read President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving Proclamation. Vocal and instrumental music by the students completed the program.

The seventh semi-annual Pre-Admission Program began with two assemblies in the auditorium of the Julia Richman High School, held on Thursday evening, December 2, and Monday evening, December 6, for high school students applying for admission to Hunter in February, 1938.

At these assemblies, which more than 1,200 students and their parents attended, the entrance requirements and the new curriculum of the College were explained and the students were advised on the election of courses. Speakers were Mrs. Mary Belden James Lehn, Chairman of the Committee on Admission; Professor Marie K. Gallagher, Chairman of the Bureau of Educational Guidance; and Professor Philip R. V. Curoe, Chairman of the Curriculum Study Committee.

After the assemblies, departmental conferences between the prospective freshman and a representative of the department in which she had indicated her first choice of a field of specialization were scheduled for the weeks of December 13, January 3, 10, and 17. At these conferences the individual problems of each student are discussed and advice on election of courses is given by the departmental counsellors.

The Pre-Admission Program, which was started in December 1934, under the direction of President Colligan, as an attempt to integrate high school and college experience, has proved very successful. The percentage of change from one field of specialization to another during the first term has decreased from 8% to less than 2% of the class, investigations made by the Bureau of Educational Guidance have shown, and the work of the students has indicated that they have been more judiciously and happily placed in a program of studies than were those who in the past did not have the advantage of the Pre-Admission Program.

Professor Wilbert Snow of the English Department at Wesleyan University made the Phi Beta Kappa address at the initiation of new members into the Hunter Chapter on December 8. He spoke on "American Poetry Since 1920".

The thirty students inducted are as follows:

Junior Members—Class of June 1938	
Helen L. Escher	Betty J. Pessin
Anita H. Gauss	Norma Rhoades
Anna M. A. Holz	Ruth B. Rothenberg
Nettie Horowitz	Rhoda T. Seretean
Margaret V. Nelson	Mary Van Brunt
Helene E. Parnass	Margaret R. Vogel

Senior Members

Class of September 1937

Frederika F. Hearst

Class of January 1938

Dora Buchwald	Helen F. Levin
Shirley H. Eron	Rosemary Muenich
Charlotte Fich	Helen B. O'Connell
Eleanor Fuhrman	Adell R. Paymer
Pauline Gensler	Rose Rosberg
Mildred Gorin	Evelyn Ray Safier
Elizabeth G. Heinrich	Estelle Siutnick
Gladys Kozinn	Bertha Slutzker

Lillian Wolfe

The traditional burning of the Yule Log in the Bronx Buildings of Hunter College took place on Thursday, December 23, with President Colligan leading the celebration.

The guests of honor included President and Mrs. Colligan; Mrs. James Lyons, wife of the Bronx Borough President; Mrs. Walter S. Mack, Jr., Chairman of the Administrative Committee; Dean Hannah M. Egan; and Acting Dean Mary M. Fay. They and the Heads of Departments met Assistant Dean Anthony, in charge of the Bronx Buildings, in her office and formed a procession toward the lounge in Student Hall. Before the actual burning of the log, the Bronx orchestra played two selections and the Bronx choir sang two carols. Before lighting the Yule Log, President Colligan made his customary address and introduced Mrs. Mack. The ceremonies were followed by the annual Christmas luncheon of the Bronx Faculty-Student Social Relations Committee in the faculty dining room. Among those attending were the guests of honor, the Heads of Department, and seventy-five Bronx students chosen by lot.

Professor Blanche Colton Williams, Head of the Department of English, gave a tea to the members of her Department at the Hotel Plaza on December 11.

At a meeting of the Woman's Press Club held on Saturday afternoon, November 27, with Mrs. Otto Hahn, the Club's Chairman of Literature, as Chairman of the Day, Dean Hannah M. Egan was a guest of honor, and the speakers were Professor E. Adelaide Hahn, of the Department of Latin and Greek, who spoke on "The Love Poetry of the Ancients", and Professor Eleanor G. Clark, of the Department of English, who spoke on "The Practice of Fustian in Elizabethan Literature".

Professor Broderick Cohen, Director of the Evening and Extension Division and the Summer Session of Hunter College, was re-elected President of the New York Academy of Public Education at the meeting of the Academy held on Thursday, November 18, 1937, at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The Academy, whose members are selected for their contributions in the field of Education, has this year celebrated its silver jubilee. The basic purpose of the Academy is to consider and promote public education.

Recent speakers at the College have included Mr. Henry Levy, Head of the Board of Examiners of New York City and Chairman of the Commercial License, a division of the board, who addressed the Art of Business Club on "The Ideal Commercial Teacher"; Dr. Paul B. Sears of Columbia University, who spoke on "Landscaping for Civilization", discussing dustbowls, irrigation, and conservation; Dr. Ralph P. Rosenberg of the German Department of the College, who spoke to the German Club on "Ludwig Borne—A Centenary Appreciation of a Literary Journalist"; Mr. David Dressler of the New York Division of Parole, who addressed the Special Service Committee on "The Adjustment of the Ex-Convict to Society"; Dr. William H. Summerson of the Cornell University Medical Department, who treated the biochemistry of iron before the Chemistry Club; Dr. Ruth Sullivan Novel of the Physiology and Hygiene Department, who addressed the Pasteur Physiology Club on the adrenal glands; and Mrs. Otto Hahn, President of the Home Makers Forum, who spoke at a meeting of the Home Economics Club on Children's Rights.

A Christmas Book, a magazine containing essays, reviews, articles, and poems by members of the English Department at Hunter College, was presented to President Colligan on Tuesday, December 7, by Professor Blanche Colton Williams, Head of the Department of English and editor of the *Book*. It is hoped that this publication will be the first of a series by staff members of various departments.

Professor Williams stated, in handing a specially bound copy to the President, to whom it was dedicated, that the contributions were written as offshoots of larger works, or as results of research investigation, or as essays developed in connection with courses taught at the College; and that a few are reminiscent of vacation or social work. One third of the staff is represented in this collection assembled, without pretense, to record some of the departmental interests. The title, *A Christmas Book*, is seasonal, with small reference to content.

The frontispiece is a reproduction of Harry Farlow's portrait of Helen Gray Cone. Professor Emeritus Cone's poem, "A Chant of Love for England", is reprinted in the Hunter volume by special permission.

The Table of Contents, printed for easy reference on the front cover page, includes also: *The English Epic*, by Assistant Professor Caroline Harris Stevens, who has made a specialty of Old English; *A Gallant Lady*, a charming essay on Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, by Professor Joseph J. Reilly; *Caxton's Duchess*, by Associate Professor Dorothea C. Hess, who has made a study of Caxton's Prefaces; *New Wine in an Old Bottle*, a study in Dipodic Verse, by Assistant Professor Marion Witt; *Falstaff and Cobham*, by Assistant Professor Eleanor Grace Clark, a keen and humorous article growing out of Dr. Clark's Elizabethan investigations; *The Flood Myth*, reminiscent of a course in theology, by Miss Babette May Levy; *A Critic Criticized*, the criticisms directed toward Lionel Johnson, by Miss Mary Salmon; *Hilarius the Man*, by Miss Eleanor Bryant Craig, who has been doing research in the Medieval Puy; *A Side-light on Robert Frost*, one of her fellow New Englanders, by Miss Grace Croff; *The Structure of Tristram Shandy*, a venture in unfolding the plot of the novel, by Miss Isabel L. Walker; *An Insult and a Disenchantment*, growing from social service activities at Gander, Kentucky, by Miss Josephine Gernsheimer; *Jesous Ahatonia*, a piece of early Americana, by Miss Claire McGlinchey; *Wordsworth as a Landscape Gardener*, by Miss Frederika Beatty, who will shortly publish a work on Wordsworth's Later Years; and *Some of King Alfred's Friends*, by Professor Marjorie Anderson, who has published in collaboration with Dr. Williams an *Old English Handbook*.

The reviews are by Miss Cecilia A. Hotchner and Miss Henrietta Tichy, who discuss *The Anglo-Saxon Sections of Thomas Warton's History of English Poetry*, and Miss Margaret Grennan, who discusses *George Sand and England's Athenaeum*. In the poetry section are Miss Mary Lindsley's *Two Sonnets* and Mr. Thomas Sulkie's *Consider the Lilies*. Of special interest to collectors of Poeana are Professor Thomas Ollive Mabbott's hitherto unpublished letters of Mary Hewitt to Edgar Allan Poe. K. M. L.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

On November 18, Mrs. Margaret A. Koch, of the History Department, addressed the Lake Mahopac Parents and Teachers Association on *The Changing Rôle of the Parent*.

The thirty-third anniversary banquet of the Société des Professeurs Français en Amérique, held at the Hotel Lafayette on December 18, was attended by Miss Gabrielle Godard and Miss Yvonne Bruyère, both of whom are officers of this organization.

Miss Harriet Theumann, of the German Department, was a member of the cast of Goethe's *Urfaust*, given recently under the auspices of the Junior Auxiliary of the American Association of Teachers of German at the Pauline Edwards Theater of City College. R.-M. D.

A HUNTER THEATER PARTY

The Hunter students are planning a theater-party for Saturday evening, January 29, at 8:45, and invite the Alumnae to join them. "The Trojan Women" of Euripides is to be presented at the Roerich Museum by a new dramatic group, the American Actors Theater, which includes one of our graduates, Lucy Land.

This group is dedicated to the noble purpose of presenting plays of literary merit seldom or never offered by the commercial theater. In this fine enterprise, which surely merits support, they are making a most auspicious beginning. Their production of "The Trojan Women" is genuinely moving and impressive, as the undersigned, who attended a dress rehearsal, is happy to testify.

Tickets, at the special rate of 55, 70, and 85 cents, may be obtained from the student in charge of the theater party, Hope Kahne, Hunter College, 2 Park Avenue.

E. ADELAIDE HAHN.

ON THE COLLEGE BIRTHDAY

The College Birthday, Feb. 14, 1938, is the day which has been set for the first performance of the operetta on which many staff-members and students are now eagerly at work. It is entitled *Calling Peter*, and the musical score, rich in characterization and variety, is the work of Professor Charles W. Hughes, who will conduct at all performances. The production is being directed by Professor Pearl C. Wilson, who wrote the words.

The scene is laid in the future, and the plot shows, in a humorous and fanciful way, the conflict between those who want the world to be run by machines and those who believe that there is also need of imagination.

The performances are for the benefit of the Ernst Riess Scholarship Fund, and will be given during the week of February 14th, at five o'clock on the first four days, and at eight-thirty on Friday. Afternoon tickets at 35 cents, 50 cents, and 75 cents. Evening tickets at 50 cents, 75 cents, and one dollar. Tickets may be ordered now from Dr. Henrietta V. Apfel, Hunter College, 68th St. and Lexington Avenue.

A tea in honor of the Alumnae who attend the first performance, on Feb. 14th, will be held at four o'clock in the Lounge adjoining the Little Theater in the Bronx Buildings.

P. C. W.

OUR SPRING BRIDGE PARTY

Please reserve the right Saturday for our Spring Bridge; the date is April second, in the Waldorf Roof Garden. Through a mistake (my own!) the date in last month's issue was incorrect. We hope to have a Fashion Show if it can be arranged.

Save the date!

MARY LOUISE DRADDY,
Chairman.