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THE ALUMNÆ BREAKFAST

News of provision in the city's capital outlay budget which will permit the beginning of work on the site at Park Avenue and Sixty-eighth Street was indeed a birthday gift to Hunter College and her daughters gathered at the Hotel Astor on February twelfth for the annual Breakfast.

Mrs. Leslie Graff, President of the Associate Alumnae, characterized the feelings of the Alumnae concerning the College as those of joy in its being, sorrow in its loss of well-loved home, and hope which seeks fulfillment in a new dwelling.

President Eugene A. Colligan, in his address, reminded the Alumnae that their careers of service in every field of endeavor build more firmly the foundations on which Hunter College must rest in public esteem.

The College is, he asserted, a liberal arts college in the proper sense of the term, since it not only presents the culture of the ages, but attends to the vocational aspects and values of the cultural studies. "We try to relate our girls," he said, "to the life of which they are a part. . . . Our program of educational, vocational, and social guidance, carefully integrated, is working toward vocational placement." The capacities and capabilities of the individual girl must be carefully understood, Dr. Colligan declared, if we are to circumvent social, economic, and educational waste and to enable the girls to lead useful and happy lives. "We try to accomplish this," he went on, "by a dynamic and flexible curriculum."

"You alumnae," continued Dr. Colligan, "are products of a college which represents something of real worth. . . . Perhaps we may some day achieve a home worthy of the type of womanhood it represents." We look forward to the realization of this dream, the President concluded, because "we believe in the vision, the enterprise, and the public spirit of those who lead the government of this city."

Mrs. Walter S. Mack, Jr., Chairman of the Hunter College Administrative Committee of the Board of Higher Education, assured the Alumnae that the needs of the College were considered the most important needs now before the Board of Higher Education. She asserted that the aim of those working on the matter was to secure the best buildings obtainable.

A warm welcome was extended to the members of the Citizens' Committee by Mrs. Graff. Members of the committee present included Miss Fannie Hurst, who said that she felt that "Hunter College is too important and integral a force in the life of New York City" to be without a proper home; Miss Millicent Baum, Educational Secre-

tary to the Mayor, who brought us word of the capital outlay budget item; Miss Rosalie Manning; Mr. Michael Schaap; Hon. William H. Friedman, Commissioner of the Queens-Midtown Tunnel Authority; Mrs. Bernard S. Deutsch; Dr. Millard Robinson, President of the Bible Society of New York; and Dr. Tristram W. Metcalfe, Dean of Long Island University.

Telegrams were received from Rebecca Kohut; Justice Charles C. Lockwood; Rev. Dr. Robert Gannon, S.J., President of Fordham University; Dr. Rogers, President of Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute; Frederick Duval, President of the Park Avenue Association; Congressman William I. Sirovich; Colonel Theodore Roosevelt; and Bishop William T. Manning.

Other guests of honor were Mr. Meyer Bloomfield, Prof. A. Broderick Cohen, Mrs. Eugene A. Colligan, Dean Hannah M. Egan, Mrs. Dunlap Hopkins, Miss Anna M. Hunter, Miss Jenny Hunter, Dean Emeritus Annie H. Mills, Mrs. Emanuel Van Dernoort, and the following undergraduates: Miss Janet Mears, President of the Student Self Government Association; Miss Alice Wren, President of the Class of June 1937; Miss Anna Schmidt, President of the Class of January 1938; and Miss Claire Glassburg, Editor of the *Bulletin*.

The musical program included two groups of songs, Rachmaninoff's "When Night Descends in Silence" and "O Lieb so Lang Du Lieben Kannst" by Liszt, followed by "Awake—It Is the Day" and "I Know Where I'm Goin'", sung beautifully by Miss Agnes Hennessey. Mr. John Cushing was her accompanist. The Hunter College Orchestra and the Hunter College Trio played orchestral and chamber music and accompanied the Alumnae in the college songs, "Hunter" and "Fame".

No annual breakfast would be complete without Helen Gray Cone's "Valentine"; it was given to us by Professor Marguerite E. Jones. Mrs. Priscilla N. Fenner read the greeting for the silver anniversary Class of 1912, and Miss Emily Fries brought the golden anniversary greeting of the Class of 1887.

Miss Ellen M. Nugent was chairman of the committee for this, another delightful and successful breakfast. JULIA DUFFY.

On Monday, February 15, from 3:15 to 3:45, Hunter broadcast over WMCA. President Colligan spoke on the history, the present status, and the hopes for the future of Hunter College; Mrs. Graff told of the achievements and aims of the Associate Alumnae; and a group of students sang "Hunter" and "Fame".

A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR HAESSLER

Professor Luise Haessler's many affectionate and admiring "old girls" among the Alumnae — with whom the undersigned proudly claims a place—will be interested to know that, as a tribute to her on the occasion of her retirement from her position as Head of the German Department of Brooklyn College, a dinner was held in her honor at the Astor on December tenth. A number of her former colleagues at Hunter were happy to join the Brooklyn staff in paying their respects to a fine teacher, scholar, and woman.

Professor John P. Turner of Brooklyn College was toastmaster. The speakers included one of Professor Haessler's teachers, Professor Martin Schütze of the University of Chicago; her former chief, Professor Adolf Busse, Head of the German Department of Hunter College; one of her students, Katharine E. Kümmerle, Hunter '14, Head of the Modern Language Department of Walton High School; one of her colleagues, Professor John Whyte of the German Department of Brooklyn College; and Dr. William A. Boylan, President of Brooklyn College. The climax came with Professor Haessler's response, first in words and then in music. As she and a gifted fellow-musician evoked ringing chords from two grand pianos, all marveled anew at the vigor and the versatility of this ever young woman of seventy summers.

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