

DEAN MARIE K. GALLAGHER

THE GUIDANCE BUREAU

Forty years of close professional association with Dean Marie K. Gallagher will, I trust, be acceptable as a qualification for one of her panegyrists, on the occasion of her retirement from active service at Hunter College.

When first we met, she was a teacher of logic and ethics in the Department of Education, which in those days had jurisdiction over the curriculum in philosophy and psychology, as well as in "pedagogy". And a brilliant teacher she was! But she was more than a teacher, and hence could not escape appointment to the new Deanship in Educational and Vocational Guidance when that office was created.

Looking back over the years of Dean Gallagher's dedicated service to her alma mater, I have sought to identify the trait which has especially endeared her to her professional associates. I think it is her boundless energy. Despite the two score years of our friendship, the "K" in her monogram has never been revealed to me; but I feel sure it must stand for *Kinetic*. Hers is a mind in motion toward worthwhile goals of all times, efficient motion sans waste. Time and again—at Faculty Council Meetings, at Department Meetings, during the three years of work by the Curriculum Study Committee (1933-36)—when the discussions were getting muddled and stagnant, Dean Gallagher unsnarled things, crystallized the issue, separated the properties from the accidents, so that fruitful forward motion ensued.

One thing is certain. Marie K. Gallagher will clarify the issues in whatever fields she may choose to move in the years of richly earned retirement which lie ahead.

PHILIP R. V. CUROE,
Professor Emeritus of Education

The news of the retirement of Dean Marie K. Gallagher impresses the teachers of the School of General Studies with a sense of personal loss that may seem out of proportion to the formal record of her association with the evening session. Those teachers who have watched her all-inclusive consideration of S.G.S. problems in the Advisory Council and in Committees and have had the opportunity to share the broad educational vision and humane wisdom which she brought to those problems will have lost a deep well of inspiration from which they drew without stint the courage and a sense of belonging so essential to give meaning to their work.

Her courageous extension of the service of the Guidance Bureau to students of S.G.S.—on funds so limited as to have deterred any one with less vision, ingenuity, and heart—will leave the students of S.G.S. with a growing sense of appreciation of her worth that should bring a glow of satisfaction to enrich her retirement years.

LUCY V. GOODWINE
Lecturer, S. G. S.



MARIE K. GALLAGHER
Dean of Guidance

What is now known as the Guidance Bureau of Hunter College came into existence twenty-five years ago this past fall when Professor Gallagher undertook a simple testing program and some counseling of capable students whose struggles with academic work were not altogether successful. As she retires from College, Dean Gallagher leaves a Bureau with a guidance program modestly staffed, but soundly conceived and rendering a valuable service to the students, faculty, and administration.

Under her administration, the Bureau has endeavored to deal with the educational aimlessness of many of our students, it having been Dean Gallagher's philosophy that a liberal education of the college student occurs most effectively when the young person has due regard for his future, including his career future, and can pursue his educational goals with self-reliance and responsibility.

Her associates will long recall the Dean's phenomenal memory that enabled her to answer intricate questions on curriculum changes without reference to college catalogues; they will recall her ability to plan student programs that seemed almost hopelessly complicated; they will recall her energy and drive; they will recall her tireless pursuit of plans and objectives in which the goals of education and guidance were one.

We shall miss our Dean—but rejoice in the fact that, as good counseling would direct, she plans to pursue new goals with her usual self-reliance and independence.

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The Guidance Bureau

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