



BESS MYERSON GRANT

Bess Myerson Grant was graduated from Hunter in 1945. In 1955, on the occasion of her class's Homecoming, she was given a College award for outstanding achievement.

As an undergraduate she had worked her way through College, teaching the piano. Three months after graduation she won the Miss America title, and in the talent division of that competition displayed her abilities as a pianist and flutist. Using the proceeds derived from winning her title, she continued her music studies, and in 1946 was a guest soloist with the New York Philharmonic at Carnegie Hall. Shortly thereafter she started her television career, which has continued without interruption.

She has given unstintingly of her time, her efforts to many worthy causes, serving as Women's Chairman of Special Events at Lincoln Center, and developing a music program for children, as a member of the Board of the Friends of Music of the New York City high schools. She is a founder and member of the Board of the League for Seriously Disturbed Children, and has worked on behalf of the Anti-Defamation League.

Her success in her professional career and in her philanthropic efforts is due not only to the warmth and charm of her appeal. It is the evident dedication of mind and heart to the causes she serves that has endeared her to her audiences and fellow-workers, to all who look to her for leadership, as we Alumni now do, in undertaking our great Centennial Fund Drive, for Hunter's benefit.

Bess Myerson Grant Chairman of Centennial Fund

We are delighted to announce that Bess Myerson Grant has accepted the general chairmanship of our new Centennial Fund and that President Meng will be honorary chairman.

To plan for our Alumni gift for the College Centennial in 1970, our Board of Directors voted almost a year ago to set up a steering committee to consider steps to be taken. Now the officers and directors of our Board and of our Scholarship and Welfare Board have drawn preliminary plans for the first annual joint appeal, this coming autumn, for the Centennial Fund.

Our goal is to raise a new fund of \$1,000,000 by 1970, as a Centennial gift for the College. President Meng's letter indicates how such a fund would have "a real and direct bearing upon the maintenance of educational excellence at Alma Mater."

But aid to students must continue, as the President says. The second goal is therefore to double our present Scholarship and Welfare Funds which are used to help undergraduates, and to expand the new program of Alumni scholarships for qualified high school seniors, who may not be able to look forward to coming to Hunter, without assurance of some scholarship aid.

Our third goal is to set up a new fund to aid graduate students (who must pay tuition fees), particularly those students who are required to take a full fifth year of study before being appointed in their fields. Many new graduate students have difficulty in meeting initial matriculation and tuition fees, before finding part-time employment. In some subject areas full-time study and field work are required, which prevents advanced degree candidates from working part-time to pay their way.

Our fourth goal is to establish, at long last, the Thomas Hunter Memorial Hall, a center for the Alumni. This was the purpose of the Alumni gift in 1920, the golden anniversary year. The fund now amounts to \$185,000, but a supplementary sum for maintenance would be needed, once a house is bought.

On Hunter's ninety-fifth birthday, next February, we hope to present our first gift of \$250,000, towards the Centennial.

A Centennial Committee is being formed, under Bess Myerson Grant's chairmanship. Chapters and Milestone Classes will be represented, and Alumni in various professional groups will be asked to serve.

On August 30, the first joint appeal will be mailed to all graduates of the College, with detailed news of our first annual Centennial drive for '64-'65. All contributors will be asked to check the particular goals for which they wish their gifts to be used.

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