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## OPTIMISM FOR SPRING

A bit more of a "kick" in the sun's rays and a little later lingering of the afternoon light—not much, to be sure, but enough to be perceptible—are propitious signs that springtime nears.

Spring is in the air and our traditional Maytime festivities are in the offing!

Already plans are going forward for the annual Spring Reunion and Tea of the Associate Alumnae, to be held in the North Ballroom at the Hotel Astor, on Saturday, May sixteenth, at two-thirty o'clock.

Spring is the time for a light touch, for gayety, for cheeriness; therefore the committee is working with a will to make this function an unusually social one.

Let us all plan to come—a very delightful and enjoyable afternoon awaits you.

MARY ABBOTT CURTIN, Chairman.

## THE SPRING DANCE

News it is indeed when the Associate Alumnae sponsors a Spring Dance. The date is May 23; the time, 9:30 P. M.; the place, our two beautifully appointed lounges in the Bronx; the unbelievably moderate price, \$2.00 a couple; dress, formal. For those who do not wish to dance, there will be pingpong, bridge, anagrams, monopoly, checkers, dominoes, or anything else they like.

The committee has already successfully managed two Spring Dances of this type, and all who have attended them will assure you this is a gala affair you should not miss.

Checks may be made payable to the Chairman of Tickets, Alice Bein, 270 St. Nicholas Avenue. Information will gladly be furnished by the Chairman, Henriette E. Judels, 700 West 179th Street (phone Washington Heights 7-5911).

All are always welcome at the monthly meetings of the Special Activities Committee. The next one will be held at Alumnae Hall on April 1, at 8:30 P. M. H. E. J.

## THE SING

The date of the annual Hunter College Sing has been postponed from May 1 to May 8 because of the inability of the upper classes and the Freshmen to conduct rehearsals during the past weeks, as a result of the destruction of rehearsal rooms by the fire.

Sing tickets may be reserved by Alumnae and Staff until April 9. From April 20 until May 7, tickets will be sold for cash. Reservations may be sent to Marianne Eisele, Chairman of Sing Tickets, in care of Miriam Linberg, at 68th Street and Lexington Avenue. All reservations will be filled according to the date of receipt.

MIRIAM LINBERG, Chairman.

## BROADCASTS BY DR. COLLIGAN AND MISS TOMLINSON

The generous gift of a fine radio, presented to the College by the Associate Alumnae, made it possible for hundreds of students and many faculty members at the Main Building to hear the broadcast of Dr. Colligan and Eleanor Tomlinson, President of the Student Self-Government Association, over WOR on Friday, March 13.

President Colligan paid tribute to the graduates who, during the 66 years of the existence of Hunter College, have carried into all phases of the life of city, state, and nation the beneficent influence of well trained minds and splendid characters.

Speaking of the service which Hunter alumnae have rendered as citizens, the President said, "Of equal importance is the service of those graduates who as wives and mothers influence family life in our city. Good citizens themselves, these women instill in their children respect for governmental authority and appreciation of the wealth of cultural opportunities provided in our public schools and colleges, our museums of art and natural history, and our music centers."

Dr. Colligan spoke briefly of the curriculum offerings and the opportunities for self-development and vocational preparation. "Social needs have been studied," he said, "to determine how we can make it possible for our students not only to live happy and useful lives with reasonable economic success, but also to become contributors to social betterment. In increasing numbers Hunter College is training young women for public service. We believe that as the proportion of high-minded disinterested women in the public service increases, so will its efficiency be improved."

The President stated that while the city may well be proud of the achievements of the alumnae and the students of Hunter College, the physical conditions surrounding our "seven thousand splendid girls" are, and have been for many years, deplorable. A vivid picture of the overcrowding in all the college buildings was conveyed by the citation of enrollment figures.

In conclusion Dr. Colligan said, "Our students and their parents, our alumnae and the women of New York, hope that promptly there will be erected on the site of the old Park Avenue building, in Manhattan, a cathedral of culture and learning worthy of the high academic standing and traditions of Hunter College and of the greatness of the City of New York. We wish Hunter College of the City of New York ever to stand as an inspiration not only to our students but to all of the women of this great metrop-

olis. "The quality of a nation's civilization is best exhibited in the way it treats its women."

Eleanor Tomlinson, in her address, outlined the educational, social, and vocational opportunities which Hunter College offers its students. Pointing out that Hunter College is no longer primarily concerned with training teachers, Miss Tomlinson explained the advantages in the broad curriculum and the wide scope of extra-curricular activities.

"The obvious social opportunities which are typical of any college life are the contacts which the student forms with those of her own age and interests. We are outstandingly fortunate in having as fellow students, representatives of many races, nationalities, and creeds. We know, from the moment we enter College, what it means to be tolerant of other people, of their beliefs and of their opinions. Unconsciously, we know that this is the fundamental spirit of Hunter College.

"Under the Student Self-Government Association, one of the strongest student organizations in the country, we receive training in leadership. Throughout our 38 clubs, whose individual aims embrace such topics as religion, current events, languages, and sciences, throughout the sororities and the various committees which help to make student government run smoothly, we find students acquiring self-reliance, poise, and an understanding of other people which will make them a distinct benefit to society.

"Throughout student government the student is 'on her own'. She cannot lean on the faculty for final decisions. This independence of action develops a fine sense of responsibility."

After Miss Tomlinson had described the over-crowding and inadequate facilities existing at the 32nd Street Annex and at 68th Street, she voiced the students' desire for a new building for Hunter College. "Hunter College students have for years accepted these conditions philosophically, without complaining, but at last fate itself stepped in and took a hand. The building that should have been razed long ago, was finally destroyed by fire. Certainly, we are not asking too much when we request that a new building be erected in Manhattan, because as a non-resident city college we must be in a central location. We must be in a place that can be reached with a minimum of difficulty by Day Session students in five boroughs as well as by students in the High School, Model School, and Evening Sessions. We must have ready access to the varied cultural institutions of the city—the museums, libraries, and theaters.

"We merely ask that these students who will be the future teachers, business women, and professional women of the City of New York be given an opportunity to carry on their studies under conditions worthy of the City of New York."

EMMA K. TEMPLE.

## COLLEGE NOTES

In spite of adverse conditions resulting from the fire, Dean Egan entertained the Upper Seniors at the traditional Dean's Tea in her inner office on Friday, March 13.

On Wednesday, March 18, over Station WNYC, Mrs. Mary Epstein, Instructor of Physiology and Hygiene, spoke on "The Place of Child Hygiene in a Woman's College".

On Wednesday, March 25, Professor A. Broderick Cohen gave the seventeenth and last talk of the Hunter Radio Program. His subject was: "Extension Courses as a Preparation for Various Vocational Fields".

On March 26, Professor Blanche Colton Williams spoke over Station WHN on, the Sophia Cleugh Book Talk Program.

Professor Williams was honored on two occasions recently. On February 27, the Colophon Press entertained in honor of the publication of Professor Williams' Biography of George Eliot. Also on March 10, at the Semple School, a tea in honor of Dr. Williams was given by Mrs. T. Darrington Semple, Head of the Semple School and former President of the Dixie Club.

K. M. LAVELL.

## THE CLASS OF 1901

The thirty-fifth anniversary of the Class of 1901 was celebrated on Saturday, March 7th, with a luncheon at the Hotel Woodward. So enjoyable a time was had by all of the large number present that we obtained fifteen new members for the Associate Alumnae.

The group voted most enthusiastically to meet again at the Spring Reunion, as well as to arrange another luncheon for the fall.

All you girls of '01, come and join the fun.

CARRIE M. COSHLAND.

## THE CLASS OF 1904

The Class of 1904 is planning to have its annual reunion on Saturday, May 2nd, at the new College Buildings in the Bronx. Our classmates, Dean Anthony and Professors Helen and Ruth Messenger, will act as our guides and hostesses, in a tour of the new buildings. If you have not visited the new Hunter Buildings, join us on May 2nd in our annual reunion.

Judging by the results of our poll of members, this reunion will be an outstanding one. Tickets will be \$1.50. A bus will meet us at 12:15 at Kingsbridge Road Station.

Send your reservations *at once* to our president, Mrs. S. Bitterman, 38 Fort Washington Avenue.

Do you know that our president has been nominated for Third Vice-President of the Hunter Alumnae? The good wishes of the entire class are with her. We who know her, know she will be a valuable asset to the Alumnae Association.

BELLE DAVIDSON.