

BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY

President John Meng declared it to be an annual joy to greet the ladies and (yes!) gentlemen attending the Birthday Assembly on February 20. With dignified restraint, he permitted mention of St. Valentine, whose day is the College's birthday, to move him to speak only of lovers of an Alma Mater. "Alma Mater deserves affection and support, which alumni always bring to it." He wished the ninety-one year old lady, Hunter College, happiness, success and years of good works.

Blanche Wiesen, president of Park Avenue Council, in expressing undergraduate greetings told of her resolute and overwhelming answer to the legislator who recently stated that women go to college merely to get married
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BRONX CAMPUS FESTIVAL

The Bronx Campus celebrated on February 11, with the first Homecoming Festival which that center has ever housed, the tenth anniversary of the opening on the site of a four-year co-educational division of Hunter College.

The celebration, which at its peak attracted over five hundred students, faculty, alumni and visitors, began Saturday afternoon with a basketball game between the women's Varsity team and East Stroudsburg State Teachers College, won by the visitors. A cocktail party, presented by President Meng to alumni and faculty, was held in the Thomas Hunter Lounge. This was followed by a dinner attended by well over a hundred Hunterites. Co-chairmen of this event were Mr. E. Richard Heldeman of the Dean of Students' staff and Harlan Kleiman of the
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CHANCELLOR EVERETT ADDRESSES LUNCHEON; DR. MENG PRESENTS MEDAL TO REGINA RESNIK

The day was fair; the ladies, fairer. The Committee had planned exceeding well. The Birthday Luncheon was the success all hoped it would be.

Over eight hundred alumni and their guests gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Astor Hotel February 18 to celebrate Hunter College's ninety-first birthday. After Dorothy Kostecki '62 sang the Star Spangled Banner, accompanied by Mary Vogt. '62, Dr. Bernard Bamberger, rabbi of Congregation Shaaray Tefila, pronounced the invocation.

Presentation of the birthday cake and the caroling of "Happy Birthday" by youngsters from Lenox Hill Neighborhood House was delightful, as always. Irene Brandon Graff '98, chairman of Lenox Hill Committee, cut the cake.

Rose Sigal Golomb '18, chairman of the Luncheon Committee, presented E. Adelaide Hahn, president of the Alumni Association. Miss Hahn spoke of the early days of the Female Normal and High School and sympathized with those "handicapped by youth" whose memory cannot go back very far.

Serious Business of Education

Dr. John R. Everett, Chancellor of the Municipal Colleges, spoke of the enormously serious business of education and of the responsibility of Hunter alumni. He said (and we quote with pleasure and wholehearted agreement), "Ours is one of the most distinguished colleges and has one of the most distinguished faculties in the United States and in the western world."

College education, Dr. Everett stressed, is the privilege of a very small minority of the earth's populace and we, alumni of Hunter, were "just plain lucky" to be among them. In these times of severe crisis, knowledge and expertness are required to a degree never known before. Dr. Everett quoted a New York cab driver's Runyonesque defense of women, "Dames is not without merit." It is imperative that the alumnae think of how to implement better educational programs to produce women to help our country survive.

Basis for Ph.D.'s

The Chancellor mentioned the shortage of properly trained faculty members which faces American higher education. A strong Ph.D. program is based on
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—James D. Jacobs

SEATED: Mrs. Golomb, Dr. Bamberger, Mrs. Meng, Dr. Everett, Miss Hahn, Dr. Meng, Miss Resnik, Mrs. Graff.
STANDING: Dean Levy, Mrs. Cherne, Dr. Lewinson, Mrs. Simis, Dean Rees, Dr. Davidson, Dean Hopwood, Prof. Weintraub, Mrs. Abrams, Dr. Stewart.

LUNCHEON HIGHLIGHTS



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Regina Resnik accepts President's Medal from Dr. Meng.



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Lenox Hill children and Chairman Irene Graff with the birthday cake.

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

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splendid undergraduate instruction. The most challenging doctoral work is established after educational skills necessary for undergraduates have been significantly and soundly developed.

Dr. Meng's First Year

Dr. John J. Meng spoke of his year as president of Hunter College. The year was difficult but never uninteresting. The problems were many and sobering, but "we are all equally concerned and equally determined that Hunter College will do its part."

Dr. Meng repeated his sentiments that the Alumni Association can be of direct aid to students in the College. "Advice, counsel, help in different ways can be more valuable than monetary contribution." Monetary contribution, he hastily added, will be gratefully accepted. President Meng concluded that he hopes the College and the Alumni Association will continue their fruitful collaboration.

President's Medal

Then Dr. Meng presented the President's Medal to Regina Resnik '42, who has won fame and acclaim as mezzo-soprano of the Metropolitan Opera Association. "We at College felt it was time to say 'Thank you'." The highest non-academic award is offered in recognition of the beauty and enjoyment through music that Miss Resnik has brought to audiences here and abroad. She has never ceased to be a devoted alumna and, in every way she can, she has assisted the College—even to sending her son to its elementary school!"

Miss Resnik spoke charmingly and with obvious emotion as she accepted the award "gratefully and humbly".

Milestone Classes

Adele Bildersee spoke for the "Naughty-Ones", whose gratitude for their education has not diminished. She recalled faculty members and high jinks the Class of 1901 had not forgotten. Among those present in this diamond anniversary group were Clara Creed, whose mother was one of the original 1870 class at Normal; Kathleen Murphy Turner, here from California for the reunion, who had been coach of Hunter's first basketball team; and Tillie Jacobs Reiser, organizer of this alumnae class.

The Golden Anniversary Class was represented by Ray Kapp Nussbaum '11. About forty classmates were present. The luncheon was attended by nearly one hundred and sixty members of the Silver Anniversary Class. Their year, 1936, will always be associated with the fire which destroyed the old Park Avenue building.

In rapid succession five other milestone classes—1916, 1921, 1926, 1931 and 1941—announced their gifts, as did seven of our chapters—Bronx, Brooklyn, Nassau-Suffolk, Queens, Washington, Westchester and Chicago, which last was represented by Emily Kass Sharrow who came east for the occasion.

Birthday Gifts

Virginia Zuckerman, chairman of the Birthday Gift Committee, announced that \$425 had been received and that part of this sum had been used to purchase vases to present to

the College; Park Avenue is this year's recipient.

Julia Lopez Cherne, chairman of the Scholarship and Welfare Fund to which all the classes and chapters gave or pledged their gifts, accepted them with gratitude. The total, which will be enumerated later, came to about \$5,000.

With the composer, Lillian Busch Milyko '15, at the piano, Dorothy Kostecki and the assemblage sang E. Adelaide's lyrics to "Hunter". Dr. Bamberger pronounced the benediction and officially the luncheon ended. Visiting continued until weary but happy alumnae left for home.

Thank You

To the members of the Luncheon Committee, Mary Strawgate Epstein, Enid Gittens Foreman, Delia Rubin Friedman, Yvette Gordon Hyman, Evelyn Tonkonogy Mallamud, Eleanor E. Reilly, Isabelle Freund Weill, Beatrice Kohn Weinberg and Eva Tarrow Zuckerman, who so ably aided Rose Golomb, go our thanks and admiration for "another job well done".

Postscript

To any alumni who were disgruntled because their tables were tucked away in a far corner or who found themselves seated with strangers instead of old friends, we quote that prolific writer Anonymous:

We praise the day when some inventor
Will plan a ballroom all dead center;
In short, a room so well designed
There's none in front and none behind.
and append a few staves by Anon, Jr.:

On that day all who come will find
Their tablemates are just the kind
They like to chat with. And all will agree
The chairmen did their job most
satisfactorily.