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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".

COLLEGE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On Wednesday, February 17, a large gathering of Faculty, Students, and Alumnae celebrated the sixty-seventh birthday of our College. The Assembly was held in the Central Synagogue at 55th Street and Lexington Avenue because of the lack of any large auditorium in the College buildings. Among those present were Professor Gray, Professor Lehn, Professor Temple, Professor Simons, Professor Prentiss, Professor Hahn, and Professor Fordrungen from the college staff, and Mrs. Bitterman, Mrs. Crotty, Mrs. Draddy, Mrs. Curtin, and Mrs. Gibson, members of the Alumnae Association. Dean Egan acted as hostess.

President Colligan, after opening the program with a reading from the Scriptures, made an address on "Some Truths Too Frequently Ignored" which was received with enthusiastic applause by the student body and alumnae guests.

"Straight thinking and right doing are still, as in all times, the greatest needs of the day," said Dr. Colligan. "Sounding shibboleths and sonorous slogans should not be substituted for calm judgment and cold reason. Emotional instability must not be mistaken for humane interest in our fellow human beings.

"Liberty is not license. It is the power of action under the law. Free speech is not the right to libel, to slander, to vituperate, to calumniate, to disregard the truth."

The President stressed the need for individual improvement as the means of creating a better society.

"That government is most democratic which protects the rights of the great majority without encroaching unduly on the rights of any individual. The essence, not the form, counts most."

Dr. Colligan emphasized the need in these troubled times for thorough understanding of our American governmental philosophy and structure.

"The individual came before the state. Individuals grouped as families formed the state or government to protect themselves in the enjoyment of natural and God-given rights to life, to liberty, to the pursuit of happiness, and to the acquired right to property so necessary to the enjoyment and promotion of life and happiness. These rights are not the gifts of any government rightly conceived. They belong to the individual not because of the kindness of any ruler or group of rulers, but because as a human being the individual is entitled to these rights."

After quoting Thomas Jefferson, the President explained the basic structure of our form of government with its system of checks and balances.

"In our present ferment," Dr. Colligan continued, "there are those who demand radical change, apparently forgetful of the slow but steady development of human liberty, and absolutely unmindful of the trend abroad to the totalitarian state. We are told, incor-

rectly, that we must choose fascism or communism. The choice is not fascism, on the one hand, nor communism, on the other. Both of these in essence and effect are the same enslavement of the individual to the state.

"The correct choice," Dr. Colligan declared, "is Americanism. Americans are citizens sovereign, not subjects supine. They are creators and masters of government, not creatures of the state.

"The real choice is to hold fast to the philosophy and framework of government which has preserved for more than one hundred millions of human beings those sacred rights and liberties of the individual without which there can never be the 'abundant life' so eagerly sought."

In conclusion, paraphrasing Daniel Webster, the President said, "When my eyes shall be turned for the last time to behold the glorious sun in Heaven, may they not see him shining on the broken and dishonored fragments of a once glorious democracy; upon citizens sovereign become subjects supine; upon a people rent by class strife and a land drenched, it may be, by fraternal blood or trod beneath a tyrant's heel. Rather may they behold the glorious ensign of our republic, full high advanced, leading millions out of the morass of selfishness and human greed into that promised land where each finds his greatest happiness in the common good of all. God save America!"

Mrs. Graff brought a gracious greeting from the Alumnae and the best birthday gift possible, the assurance of Mayor La Guardia that we shall have a new building for Hunter College on the Sixty-eighth Street site in the near future. Mrs. Graff had a second gift to announce, for the Associate Alumnae had very kindly decided to give the students a piano for the 2 Park Avenue Building—to fill a long-felt need.

Miss Dorothy Gillam, one of our graduates interested primarily in dramatics, spoke of the change in viewpoint that must necessarily come to the student after graduation. She urged that the students strive for self-development for its own sake rather than for the more practical end of seeking employment. She also stressed the debt of gratitude we all owe our College and the need for more free colleges like Hunter throughout the country.

Miss Janet Mears, President of the Student Self-Government Association, announced that the students' birthday gift to College would be a radio. Since the chapel was being held under the auspices of the Traditions Committee, Miss Nives Hoffman, Chairman of that Committee, took charge of the program from this time on and announced the musical numbers, which included, as undergraduate contributions, a selection from "Aida" sung by Miss Vivienne Simon, soprano, and "Hejre Kati" played by Miss Grace Hendler, violinist. Miss Lillian Hilsum, a graduate, sang a soprano solo from

"I Capuletti e i Monticche". An unusual bit of entertainment followed when a "reading chorus", directed by Miss Hicks of the Speech Department, offered Psalm XLVI, "The Sleigh", and "Invitation to Spring".

Professor Prentiss, Head of the Department of Speech, made a very welcome announcement of a prize of twenty-five dollars to be awarded annually by the Speech Department to the January or June graduating senior who is considered the best actress or who has done the most constructive work for the Make-Up Box. The donor is a former President of the Make-Up Box who wishes to remain anonymous.

Lillian Busch Milyko, a well known alumna, and her two daughters, Carol and Florence, combined their musical talents to give Rubenstein's "Romance", "The Golliwog's Cake Walk" by Debussy, and "The End of a Perfect Day", the song chosen by Mrs. Milyko because she had sung it at her own class day.

Mrs. Hahn, Editor of the ALUMNAE NEWS, was called upon for a word of greeting, and she responded with such a humorous and charming little speech that the occasion was quite complete.

The program ended in the traditional manner with the "Birthday Song", the "Ivy Leaf", and "Fame", and the singing reflected the enthusiasm that every one felt for this very fine chapel.

DOROTHY S. CROSS.

RIESS SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

The Classical Department of Hunter College is sponsoring an evening of magic in the Auditorium of City College, 23rd Street and Lexington Avenue, on Friday, March 5th, at 8:30. The performer is the famous magician, John Mulholland, who has won wide acclaim by devising the transformation of Faustus from old age to youth before the eyes of the audience in the W.P.A. production of Marlowe's "Doctor Faustus".

Tickets are priced at 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, and \$1.50. A special rate of 15 cents a seat is available for high school students whose teachers send in orders for blocks of ten seats or more. Orders should be sent to Mrs. Viola Schmid Chworowsky, Hunter College, 68th Street and Lexington Avenue.

The proceeds will go to swell the Riess Scholarship Fund. E. A. H.

BARGY SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

Under the auspices of the Alumnae French Club, a theater party for the benefit of the Henry Bargo Memorial Scholarship will be held on Saturday, March 6, at the French Theater of New York, Hotel Barbizon-Plaza, 58th Street and Sixth Avenue. The play is the Paris comedy hit, *Christian*, by Yvan Noe. Tickets (price \$.99) may be had from Miss Doris J. Zack, 910 Riverside Drive, telephone Wadsworth 7-0673.

ROSE-MARIE DAELE,
President, Alumnae French Club.

COLLEGE NOTES

"Who Shall Go to College and Why?" was the topic of a round table discussion on a broadcast from station WNYC on Wednesday, February 17, from 5:30 to 5:45 P. M. Faculty members who took part in the discussion were Mrs. Mary Belden James Lehn, Registrar; Professor Philip R. V. Curoe, Professor of Education; and Professor Marie K. Gallagher, Chairman of the Bureau of Educational Guidance.

The series of broadcasts continue in the following order:

Feb. 24: Choral Readings by students under direction of Miss Helen Hicks of the Department of Speech and Dramatics.

Mar. 3: Round Table. Discussion topic: Youth's Interest in the Arts. Participating will be: Professor Joseph Cummings Chase, Head of the Department of Art; Professor Louis L. Lambert, Head of the Department of Music; Professor Augusta Neidhardt, Acting Head of the Department of Physical Education.

Mar. 10: Program of Songs in French, Italian, and Spanish, by students of the Department of Romance Languages.

Mar. 17: Round Table. Discussion topic: Science and Everyday Life. Those participating will be: Professor Elsie V. Steedman of the Biology Department; Dr. Henry D. Thompson of the Geology Department; Dr. Herbert Newell Otis of the Physics Department.

Mar. 24: Poetry Readings by students of the Department of Speech and Dramatics under the direction of Mrs. Henning.

Among the Hunter staff members of the German Department who attended the Modern Language Association meeting in Richmond during Christmas Week were Professors Busse, Jacobson, Hathaway, and Keil.

Dr. Gunther Keil was reelected Business Manager of the *German Quarterly* and Treasurer of the American Association of Teachers of German, which held its meeting concurrently with the Modern Language Association in Richmond.

Professor Arpad Steiner is preparing an annotated edition of Vincent de Beauvais' "De Eruditione Filiorum Nobilium". The publication of this very interesting and important text on medieval pedagogy was made possible by the joint assistance of the Mediaeval Academy of America and the Council of Learned Societies. The book will appear in June.

Professor Adolf Busse lectured before the Andiron Club on February 17 on *Hauptmann and Hamlet*.

Professor Blanche Colton Williams, Head of the English Department, spoke on "Modern Southern Literature" at the Southern Authors Luncheon given on Monday, February 22, at the Waldorf Astoria, by the Southern Women's National Democratic Organization in New York. K. M. LAVELL.