

## COLLEGE DEPARTMENTS

## ENGLISH

A grant from the Picker Lecture Fund made it possible for the English Department, in cooperation with the College Library, to sponsor an exhibit, last autumn, of manuscripts and letters of modern authors. The English "Georgians" and some of the other best known poets and prose-writers of our century were represented in the exhibit, in letters and papers from the collection of that great friend of English writers of our time, the late Sir Edward Marsh. For the English Department, for all the students and staff and guests of the College who came to the Library on October 29 to see the display, it was a great pleasure to be able to examine some samples of the letters and manuscripts of W. B. Yeats, of A. E. Housman, of Walter de la Mare, of James Flecker, of D. H. Lawrence, of James Joyce, of Henry James and Virginia Woolf and E. M. Forster and Bernard Shaw—to name only a few of the authors represented in the collection. The exhibit was arranged by Mr. Bertram Rota, well-known London book-seller and friend to many of the writers on display.

LEO GURKO

## CLASSICS

The Department of Classics provides Greek and Latin courses, and optionals in archaeology, civilization, mythology, and literature in translation. It offers the A.M. both in the Teacher Education Program and in Arts and Science (having been the second Department to introduce the latter). Hunter is becoming known as the city's classical stronghold; this semester City, Queens, and Fordham all sent us students for courses they could not get at their own institutions. In the summer, representatives of many colleges and graduate schools take our intensive courses in Greek and Latin, each covering a year's work in six weeks. Especially gratifying is the enrollment of Hunter teachers from other departments in our Greek classes.

Department functions include the Earle Lecture (the 1955 Earle Lecturer is Alvin Johnson), the annual dinner (this year on May 13), and a dramatic reading in costume of an ancient comedy in English, presented downtown in the fall and uptown in the spring. The Classical Club, oldest department club, celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1954.

Well-trained classicists are becoming increasingly rare, and are in demand as teachers in high schools and colleges (in many parts of New York State and elsewhere) and as holders of fellowships in graduate schools.

E. ADELAIDE HAHN

## ROMANCE LANGUAGES

The Department of Romance Languages continues to offer both elementary and advanced studies in French, Italian, and Spanish together with such special and vocationally-directed courses as stenography and

the commercial and technical aspects of these languages.

We aim not only to develop a speaking and writing knowledge of each language in those students whose chief interest lies along these lines, but also to provide for those who wish a reading knowledge of the language in connection with their specialization.

Our extracurricular activities are numerous: plays, foreign language films, etc. Each year a well known authority in the Romance Language field is invited to give a lecture to our faculty and students and to the students and teachers in the high schools of the Metropolitan area. We were particularly fortunate this year in securing the teaching services of Mr. Pierre Guédénat, formerly of the French Cultural Services, who is a specialist in the field of Audio-Visual Education in foreign languages.

RENE TAUPIN

## GERMAN

In the spring term of 1955 the Department of German plans to commemorate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the death of the great German poet and dramatist Friedrich Schiller in a celebration that will be open to staff, students, and alumnae. This anniversary will also be marked by the Herman Ridder Memorial Prize Contest, the annual recitation contest, which this year will be devoted to the poems of Schiller. All alumnae will be welcome at this event too, to be held May 10.

The Department of German has just established the Adolf Busse Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of the late Professor Adolf Busse, which will award an annual prize of one hundred dollars to a worthy undergraduate or recent alumna who plans to pursue graduate work in German. The Fund will also make possible the establishment of the Adolf Busse Memorial Collection for the Library.

ANNA JACOBSON

## HISTORY

Ever since the College offered its first course in History, the Department has been collecting books and increasing its resources for advanced study. Last year the Master of Arts degree in History was re-activated. The program is one which will prove of interest to many of our graduates, for our library is rich in a variety of materials, and the Department together with the Library is working out the privileges of quiet study in the stacks. The candidate may experience individual direction in his research both in the Thesis Course and in the actual preparation of the essay. The program is twofold in its intention, making available to any one at a modest cost (\$10 a point) lectures and seminars in fields of historical interest, and enrichment and inspiration to the professional teacher of the social studies.

MARY L. GAMBRELL

## POLITICAL SCIENCE

Besides participating in the general Liberal Arts Program, the Political Science Department has a number of special contributions to make. Because it believes that the success of American democracy at home and America's rôle of world leadership depends on intelligent participation in government and politics, it encourages the students to enter into these activities. It sends students to Washington to spend a semester of the Junior year studying in the nation's capital; it trains students for positions in public administration, for participation in politics, for positions in the foreign service, for teaching the social sciences, and for entrance into the leading law schools. Today its majors are found in almost every field of governmental activities as well as among the army of American housewives who, because of their political science training, have become leaders in the community activities of their localities.

MADGE M. MCKINNEY

## SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology has greatly expanded both its personnel and the number of students it serves. It now offers a program that includes an extensive array of conventional Sociology and Anthropology courses, classroom and field training in social service, and a graduate program leading to the Master's degree. To facilitate access to field work for Hunter College students, connections have been established with numerous social agencies in the city, and Hunter students interested in work with children have been especially active in support of, and work at, the Lenox Hill Settlement House. The Department is inaugurating its M.A. program this semester (February 1955) and looks forward to developing its facilities for graduate study.

THEODORE ABEL

## EDUCATION

Diplomas of Normal College graduates from 1870 to 1898 attested to their having passed "the *academical* and normal requirements of the Regents of the State of New York". Eighty-five years later, here are a few notes on the Teacher Education Program which has fructified from the "normal" germ referred to in the early diplomas.

We are now preparing teachers and supervisors for hospital schools of nursing. We are preparing teachers of the physically handicapped — of the blind, the partially sighted, the orthopedic, the homebound, the deaf and hard of hearing, and children in health conservation classes. In the summer sessions of 1953 and 1954 we conducted a Vacation Demonstration School made up of classes in these areas of Special Education, as well as in the areas of the intellectually gifted and men-

tally retarded. Hunter College is now a center for preparing teachers of the intellectually gifted, and our two campus schools are laboratories for this phase of our work.

Our chief Teacher Education responsibility, and hence our largest programs, lie in the field of early childhood, elementary, and secondary education, as the alumnae know. With the help of State subvention (since 1948), we have been able to develop a master's degree program in Teacher Education. During the current semester, there will be approximately 800 students matriculated in this program.

We hope that some day, if their busy lives permit, our alumnae will visit some of the adjuncts to teacher education we have been enabled to develop since the coming of the State subvention adjuncts, such as the Educational Clinic (in P.S. 76), the Teachers Central Laboratory (at 695 Park Avenue), the Office of Institutional Research (at 695 Park Avenue), and others.

PHILIP R. V. CUROE

## MATHEMATICS

The Department of Mathematics offers courses which lead to a major in Mathematics or in Statistics. Since the applications of these two subjects are essential to our modern civilization, there are many job opportunities for graduates. These opportunities are for the most part in teaching, business, industry, insurance, or government service. A new and rapidly expanding field for mathematicians has been brought about by electronic computing machines.

Students of high scholarship in Mathematics and Statistics are eligible for election to the national honor society, Pi Mu Epsilon. The Hunter Chapter of this organization, founded in 1925 with 31 charter members, now has a membership of over 600, including some of the most distinguished alumnae of the college. Every five years since its beginning, Pi Mu Epsilon has held an Alumnae Reunion Dinner. This year the dinner will be held on May 7th, and plans are under way for making it a success. All Pi Mu Epsilon members are asked to reserve the date.

JEWELL HUGHES BUSHEY

## PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

With the introduction of the pre-engineering curriculum the number of courses and students in Physics has been increasing during the past few years. To aid in the training of Physics Majors the Department this term began the organization of a new laboratory in the Bronx in which experiments in all fields of Physics may be performed by advanced students. A small research program, under Dr. Kramer, has also been started, through which it is planned to give senior students opportunities for learning research techniques.

HERBERT N. OTIS

## CHEMISTRY

The Chemistry Department offers the usual major in Chemistry, and also an extended major including the requirements which the American Chemistry Society suggests as necessary or highly desirable, in view of the rapid expansion of the science. There are also fifth year Chemistry courses in the Teacher Education Program for those who expect to teach Chemistry or General Science in secondary schools.

The Chemistry Club, known as the Student Affiliates of the American Chemistry Society, in addition to the usual program of outside speakers and motion pictures, has been working on projects such as the synthesis of new organic compounds or the preparation of rare substances. One of the laboratories of the Public Health Department of the City has welcomed our assistance in making these compounds available to them.

The Department's main problem is the acquiring of laboratory space and equipment for a full four-year course in the Bronx.

JAMES M. HENDEL

## GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Geology and Geography was deluged with requests for help in supplying women in Geology, Geography, Meteorology, and Cartography as a result of the shortage of men during World War II. Since the war, women have continued to be accepted in these fields. They proved equal to men in some areas, superior in some, and less desirable in some — especially where field work was necessary.

The arrival of men on the Bronx Campus has caused a great increase in the number of majors in Geology because of the many opportunities in that field. Although our facilities in Geology and Geography are equal or superior to those of any other college in the United States, the need for setting up facilities for a complete major on each campus has presented us with a real problem.

Probably nothing in a Department of Geology and Geography has as much real academic value or creates as much interest on the part of the students as the field work. We have Club Trips, Saturday Field Courses in both Geology and Geography, and Summer Field Courses.

GORDON G. DARKENWALD

## BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

The Department of Biological Sciences functions on the eighth floor at Park Avenue much as it has for the last fifteen years. Recent graduates would find many things going on as they remember from their college days. Those who have not visited us since we have occupied the present building on Park Avenue would find our laboratories much better equipped than in the old brick building. The Bronx, however, has a new aspect with our coeduca-

tional college there. Our Department is trying to offer as varied a program there as at Park Avenue. Many of the advanced courses are offered only in alternate terms at the two buildings, but we are gradually accumulating equipment so that when the need arises courses may be offered at both places in the same term.

The most noteworthy recent acquisition in the Department is a gift of some 160 specimens of marine animals, collected in Japanese waters by one of our alumnae and a former laboratory assistant, Mrs. Ella Hohn Gale, '47. She is generously giving the collection to the College, and we are making our annual tea for seniors this year the occasion for formally accepting the gift.

HAROLD H. CLUM

## PHYSIOLOGY, HEALTH, AND HYGIENE

The Department of Physiology, Health, and Hygiene has prepared an illustrated leaflet entitled "Explore the Possibilities of a Career in Physiology-Public Health" for distribution to High School students who contemplate matriculation at Hunter College. Physiology Majors are provided with an opportunity to attend scientific meetings, visit public health agencies, and perform volunteer services in hospitals. The majors who have pursued graduate study have a distinguished record in medicine, nursing, public health, and research as well as in teaching. Copies of the leaflet may be obtained from the Department office.

Alumnae will be interested in a new Graduate Program in the Physiological Sciences leading to the Master's Degree and featuring advanced study of Endocrinology, Circulation, Metabolism, the Nervous and Muscular Systems, which will be offered in the near future. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the next Margaret B. Wilson Memorial Lecture, the announcement of which will be sent to the News Editor when arrangements have been completed.

To those graduates who have shared with us news of their achievements the members of the Department wish to express their congratulations and warm personal greetings.

BERTHA G. GOLD

## HOME ECONOMICS

The Department of Home Economics is approaching its tenth anniversary as a department with an undergraduate student body of 225 and a graduate group of 60. Approximately 250 professional degrees, B.S. (Home Economics), have been granted during these years, and M.S. degrees in Teacher Education number 47. Plans for a graduate program for nutritionists are under way.

Graduates are at work in high school teaching and dietetics, but they are also represented in business, government service, and college teaching. Many of them



have established homes of their own and are appreciative of the competency their major has given them for their roles as wives and mothers.

Six new laboratories have been developed for work in housing, home management, foods and nutrition, and clothing—three at Park Avenue and three in the Bronx. Community facilities are used extensively for laboratory experience in child development and family life. Home economics courses are available to all students in the College.

DORA S. LEWIS

### ART

The Art Department has recently expanded its curriculum by the installation of a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. The program of study is designed to go beyond the limits of hours and credits possible in the Bachelor of Arts major and offer promising students the opportunity of acquiring a maximum of training in art as undergraduates. Sixty credit hours out of the total one hundred and twenty-five needed to graduate are assigned to art study. Specialization in a major art field is thereby possible, but a narrow outlook is avoided by the inclusion of allied courses in other departments of the college as part of the B. F. A. area.

An interesting feature of the program is a course called "Professional Experience", which permits highly qualified seniors to do some of their work with an outside organization or company where they can gain experience and develop an understanding of the professional point of view.

HARRY E. STINSON

### MUSIC

The Music Department prepares students for the fields of teaching, graduate work, and professional performance. Our graduates are on the concert stage, radio, television, and in the opera. Many of them are organists and choir directors. Because of the excellent training received from our very able and distinguished faculty, many obtain scholarships to the best colleges and universities and professional schools here and abroad.

The College Choir, famous both for its size and performance (it has numbered more than 500 in one season), affords every student an opportunity to study and perform the music of the masters, classic and modern. Sections of the choir appear on radio and television, and the entire group gives two major concerts a year with visiting glee clubs. The roster of famous glee clubs includes Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Amherst, Bowdoin, Hamilton, West Point, and many others.

On May 6th the Choir will sing with the Rensselaer Glee Club and Orchestra at Troy, N. Y., and on May 20th the same concert will be repeated at Hunter College.

ANDERS EMILE

### SPEECH AND DRAMATICS

The Department of Speech and Dramatics will soon have a Clinic for Speech and Hearing. Professor Moe Bergman, who formerly did similar work for the Veterans' Administration, will organize Department plans for the speech difficulties of the hard of hearing. Some preliminary work has been done, and the Department hopes that space and money will soon be provided for the help of those whose speech is affected through hearing impairment. Students and community will be served by the Clinic. The Department has reason to believe that both the City of New York and outside organizations will aid in the project.

ARTHUR L. WOHL

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The Department of Physical Education introduced a twenty-four credit major in 1938, and has recently set up a graduate program. Most of our graduates have become Physical Education teachers in the secondary schools of New York City, Westchester, and Long Island; and some have become registered Physio-Therapists scattered throughout the U. S.

On the Bronx Campus we have a beautiful building with five gymnasias; combat, wrestling, and exercise rooms; and a swimming pool. Outdoors we have glorious fields for hockey, soccer, softball, and archery; also, believe it or not, eighteen tennis courts.

Both boys and girls can choose from gymnastics, apparatus, stunts, badminton, basketball, golf, tennis, and swimming. In addition, the girls have body mechanics, volley ball, field hockey, and fencing; and the boys have baseball, softball, track and field, soccer, touch football, wrestling, and boxing. Folk, square, and ballroom dancing are coeducational.

We now boast three Athletic Associations — one in each center for girls, and one for boys. The girls have brought fame and honor to the College by their repeated winning of the Intercollegiate Championships in Fencing and their record of "wins" in basketball; and the boys are now developing their teams and making their mark in intercollegiate sports.

AUGUSTA W. NEIDHARDT

### HUNTER'S HISTORY

The Lantern Press, 257 Fourth Ave., have announced the forthcoming publication of *Hunter College: Eighty-Five Years of Service* (256 pages), by Professor Emeritus Samuel White Patterson, formerly of the College Education Department, a history of the College from its beginning, with a foreword by President Shuster. The price is \$3.50.

Many Alumnae will surely want to own this book. An added reason for purchasing it is the fact that the author has generously promised all royalties as a contribution to Student Aid.