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LAST CALL FOR LUNCHEON

Have you your ticket for the Alumnae Luncheon on Feb. 12th, at the Hotel Astor? If not, hurry and get it, for none will be distributed after Feb. 7th. By that date all money must be in, and all the names of guests at the tables.

Be sure to come at 12:30 to meet the officers of the Association and the Guests of Honor. Luncheon will be served at one o'clock sharp.

Apply for tickets to:—

Mrs. Leslie Graff (Chairman)

Irvington-on-Hudson.

Tel. Irvington 573

OUR MOVIE PARTY

A moving picture performance and entertainment will be given by the Associate Alumnae at the Plaza Theatre, Madison Avenue and 59th Street, on Monday morning, February 23, at 10 o'clock. The performance will be one especially suitable for children.

The proceeds will be distributed among the Lenox Hill Settlement, Northrop Memorial Camp, the Patriotic Service Committee, the Bureau of Occupations, and the Graduate Gift Committee.

Tickets may be obtained by mail from Florence Goldstein, 254th St. and Newton Ave., New York, or at the Alumnae Rooms. The prices are:—Box Seats \$1.00, Orchestra Seats \$.75.

Give the children an opportunity to enjoy a pleasurable morning, and at the same time help to fill our quota for our united philanthropies.

Committee on Activities for Funds.

ANOTHER THEATRE PARTY

There have been so many requests for another theatre party, that the Committee on Activities for Funds, to supply the demand, is planning one for March. If you are at all interested, and will send your name and address to Florence Goldstein, 254th St. and Newton Ave., New York, she promises that you will have immediate information as soon as the play is chosen, so that, if you wish, you may order your tickets well in advance.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Henry R. Diedel, Chairman,
336 West 95th Street.

Miss Margaret Henry.

Mrs. J. A. Higgins.

Mrs. John C. Heintz.

Miss Jeannette Seligmann.

Mrs. Philip H. Hartmann.

Miss Anna M. Hunter.

ALUMNAE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Alumnae Membership Drive is over and the results most assuredly justify the undertaking. During the drive, which extended from December 1 to December 15, 1924, two hundred and ten Hunter graduates joined the Associate Alumnae. This splendid result was achieved only through the co-operation of many members of the Alumnae and through the untiring efforts of the members of the Committee on the Drive. The Chairman wishes particularly to express her thanks to the sub-chairmen, representing the classes from June 1920 through June 1924, and to Mrs. Elliott, whose constant interest and participation in the drive helped so greatly to sustain the enthusiasm of the committee.

The younger Alumnae of the College offer this testimonial of their desire to make the Associate Alumnae an increasingly vital organization.

Mina S. Rees, Chairman,
Membership Drive.

THE PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

The Patriotic Service Committee held a meeting in November to take action on an appeal from the Soldiers and Sailors Club of this city.

This Club is the outgrowth of the War activities. A large house at 261 Madison Avenue has been rented for its use.

The basement contains the restaurant; the parlor floor is used for dances and games; the second floor contains the library, billiard room, and lounge; the third and fourth floors are dormitories. Dances are held on two nights a week at the Club House, and once a month a Grand Ball is given at the Hotel Plaza. At each of these functions young ladies are needed, as they are also on Sunday afternoons. The men are all in the service of the Government, either the navy or the army.

Knowing well the temptations that surround these young men on their arrival in the city, and being most favorably impressed by observations made on the occasions of several visits to the Club by different members of the Committee—all of whom were enthusiastic over the work—the Committee decided to secure partners for the Thursday dances, and for the present to ask members of the last seven years to attend them. So far the response has not been encouraging. It has been very difficult to reach the members of the various classes. Our President felt it was a work that would appeal to the younger members of the Alumnae, and it probably will when they know more about it.

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Thursday, February 12th, is a holiday, in honor of the Birth of Lincoln. Monday, February 23rd, is a holiday, in honor of the Birth of Washington. The Alumnae will celebrate both occasions, the first with a Breakfast at the Astor, the second with a Moving Picture Performance at the Plaza. All loyal Alumnae will surely want to attend both celebrations, and there is still time to obtain seats for both. For the Breakfast, apply to Mrs. Graff, Irvington-on-Hudson; for the Movie, apply to Mrs. Goldstein, 254th Street and Newton Avenue, Riverdale.

A complete and excellent account of the Ottinger Debate, duly sent by Miss Helen Kunte, has had to be held over until next month because of lack of space.

CALENDAR, 1925

Tues., Feb. 3. Finance Committee.
Thurs., Feb. 12. Alumnae Breakfast.
Sat., Feb. 14. College Birthday.
Mon., Feb. 23. Moving Pictures.
Fri., Mar. 6. Choral Club Concert.
Sat., Mar. 7. Patriotic Service Committee.
Wed., Mar. 11. Executive Committee.
Tues., Apr. 7. Finance Committee.
Thurs., Apr. 9. Tea to Seniors.
Wed., Apr. 15. Alumnae Day.
Tues., May 5. Finance Committee.
Wed., May 13. Executive Committee.
Sat., May 16. Reunion. Election.
Sat., May 23. College Greek Play.

OPEN FORUM

Dear Madame Editor:

We hear much about game conservation, but there is one kind of game that seems to have no closed season in the News: I refer to our pocketbooks. It is quite proper that they should occasionally be hunted, but once in a while it would be delightful to pick up a copy of the News and find that there were no demands to stand and deliver.

Yours sincerely,

Jessie Oliver Diedel

(Mrs. Henry R. Diedel).

COLLEGE NOTES

Last month we promised to tell you in our next report of some of the hundred and one meetings that go to make the Hunter student's life a very full one.

Let us see how Miss Hunter spends her week. If she does not happen to be a member of the Student Council, the *Bulletin* staff, or the *Echo* staff, which meet respectively on Monday, Thursday, and Friday at one o'clock, nor of the Orchestra or the Choral Club, which hold weekly rehearsals, she has practically nothing to do with her recess periods and her late afternoons but listen to lectures and addresses of various kinds!

To be sure, she may begin the week by listening to music, if so she will. Every other Monday the Music Club gives her the privilege of hearing some first-class musician. Among the distinguished performers who have entertained at College recently are Abram Chasans, pianist; Leon H. Fox, violinist; and Leon Perlo, barytone. Since these recitals may be supplemented by attendance at the fine Chamber Music Concerts given at College every Wednesday evening through the generosity of Adolf Lewisohn and the efforts of Professor Fleck—the concerts being preceded by a course in music appreciation—Miss Hunter may indeed be considered fortunate in the musical opportunities open to her.

Most of the Departmental Clubs—and of course Miss Hunter feels it her duty and her privilege to belong to at least one—meet either Monday or Tuesday at recess, sometimes for the private and more or less informal conduct of business, more frequently for an open meeting to which a speaker is invited. The students themselves may do the talking, as in the case of the English Club, which is occupied this year with the study and discussion of modern American poetry. Or a member of the faculty, with a word to say on some subject not directly included in the syllabus of his or her given courses, is gladly welcomed by the students: thus M. Dupont, just after Anatole France's death, gave the French Club a thoughtful discussion of the great French writer's views and work; and Professor Cooper not long ago entertained the Political Science Club with an account of her recent visit to Corsica. Often a distinguished outsider is invited. The Auditorium was crammed and jammed the day the Mathematics Club invited the entire College to hear a delightful talk by Professor David Eugene Smith of Columbia on Books and Book-Making. The Italian Club has had the pleasure of hearing from Dr. Maltese, who spoke on "Rome through the Centuries", and from Mr. Samuel Miller of Colgate University, who read excerpts from his brilliant essay on "Italian Poets as Warriors of Song", which won the first prize awarded by the Italian Intercollegiate Association for the best Italian essay on some phase of Italian life or culture. The Pre-Medical Association was honored by an address from Dr. William

Steinach of the Bellevue Medical School.— Sometimes, when a particularly elaborate entertainment is planned, when the program is expected to be unusually long or the audience unusually large, the time of meeting is shifted from the hurried and rather informal recess period to the late afternoon. This was the case when the Classical Club invited the other language clubs to hear our gifted alumna, Amelia Josephine Burr, give a reading from her own poetry; and also when the German Club extended to the whole College the rare privilege of attending a song recital by Mme. Marie Mattfield of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

On Wednesday, Miss Hunter does not usually try to arrange or to attend meetings at recess, since this period is generally abridged to make up for the extra length of the Chapel hour. But then during that very Chapel hour she has an opportunity to hear long and highly interesting addresses. Three recent Chapel periods proved particularly delightful. One was a student assembly held on November 5, at which the speaker was Dr. James T. Shotwell, formerly Professor of History at Columbia University, and now Director of the Division of Economics and History of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Dr. Shotwell spoke on the Protocol of Geneva, a subject which he is indeed well qualified to treat, having served as chief of the history committee of the Peace Conference and joint author of a treaty for disarmament.—The second of the three assemblies in question was one arranged by the Hunter Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, in response to a request sent to each chapter by the United Chapters that an assembly be conducted for the purpose of acquainting the student body, and especially the new freshmen, with the aims, standards, and ideals of the great honorary fraternity. The chairman was Professor Gray, president of the Hunter Chapter, and the speaker was Professor John Erskine of Columbia University, who delivered a most eloquent and inspiring address on Scholarship.—The third assembly was the formal assembly held just before Thanksgiving. Our own President Davis was the speaker on this occasion, and his theme was President Coolidge's Thanksgiving Proclamation, which had just been read, in accordance with time-honored custom, by the President of the Student Council. The high ideals embodied in his plea that we as a nation, since we have so much to be thankful for, ought to find still further cause for thankfulness in our opportunity to help other nations that are less fortunate, surely struck a responsive chord in the hearts of his hearers. The assembly closed with two musical numbers, admirably rendered by the Choral Club and the Orchestra.

On Thursday at recess Miss Hunter may participate in informal debate on a variety of subjects at the Discussion Club, or she may attend the Forum conducted by any one of the three religious associations of the College,

the Newman Club (formerly the Barat Club), the Y. W. C. A., and the Menorah. Through the instrumentality of these three organizations, famous leaders of every faith have addressed the College. In addition the students are brought into contact with the members of the Newman Clubs, Y's, and Menorahs of other colleges. Various other activities beside the procuring of speakers are carried on. The Menorah conducts Biblical and Hebrew classes; the Y. held a bazaar just before Christmas; and the Newman Club on Christmas Eve distributed Christmas baskets to twenty needy families.

On Friday there is just one more Forum for Miss Hunter to attend—a general Open Forum for the whole College—and this is so popular an institution that she is lucky if she obtains a seat, or even a perch on a window-sill. Recent speakers have included Henry Alsburg of the Provincetown Players, Helen Arthur of the Neighborhood Playhouse, Saliendra Nath Ghose of the Society of Friends of Freedom for India, and our own alumna, Miss Olive M. Jones, former president of the N. E. A., who gave an illustrated lecture on the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

The success which the students achieve in carrying on their forums and club activities characterizes practically all their self-government enterprises. Next month we hope to tell you in detail of the workings of the all-important Student Council—also to give you information in regard to some of the doings of the faculty.

Meanwhile this time we cannot forgo just one word on the subject of dramatics, although after our extended discussion thereof in last month's News, we had not meant to refer to it so soon again. But at the time of writing this, we simply cannot help it, for the week just past—the one just before examinations—has been filled with talk and thought of plays and players, as the Oral English Department, the Classical, the French, and the German Departments, and the Make-Up Box, have all been conducting try-outs, for the following plays respectively: "Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing", Sophocles' "Antigone", Marivaux's "Le Jeu de l'amour et du hasard", Lessing's "Minna von Barnhelm", and our own Alice Glasgow's "Orientale". Here's hoping to see the Alumnae at every one of them!

E. A. H., '15.

HUNTER COLLEGE CHORAL CLUB CONCERT

March 6th, 1925
(8:15 P. M.)

Miscellaneous numbers by

Brahms, Rimsky, Korsakoff, Forsyth, and others.

Assisting artist

Walter Thalen, Clarinetist

Tickets \$1.50 (reserved), \$1.00, \$.75, \$.50.

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