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THE ALUMNÆ BREAKFAST

All planning to attend the Breakfast on February 13th—and who is not?—are urged to reserve their places at once if they have not already done so. Applications should be sent to Professor Marguerite Jones, Hunter College.

LENOX HILL

Lenox Hill was well remembered at Thanksgiving time.

Hunter College students brought some fine red apples and each child received one. The girls of Wadleigh High School gave ten lovely baskets to us to be given to most needy families for Thanksgiving; and the girls of the Hunter College Annex delivered twenty baskets to neighborhood people whose names we supplied. Several cartons of canned goods were also sent over from Hunter College High School, and we think the most needy in the neighborhood were well supplied. Thank you letters were sent to all, as we certainly do appreciate their help.

MIRIAM D. WALSH

Our children are to have a splendid Christmas party on December twenty-third, and, thanks to the Roosevelt, Biltmore, Astor, and Commodore Hotels, they are to have roast turkey that day for dinner. Our Committee is also grateful to the kind and thoughtful friends whose generosity is furnishing the ice-cream, candy, and other "fixin's" for the Christmas Party. It will be a great day for the little ones.

In memory of Mr. P. J. Casey, the Hunter College Committee united with our Alumnae Association, and presented to the Children's Lunch Room at the Lenox Hill Settlement a serving table on wheels, which is a source of great utility in serving meals.

The Hunter College Committee are very much gratified and are pleased to announce that the proceeds of the Autumn Fête held at the MacDowell Club in November, amount to almost seven hundred dollars. M. D. F.

STATISTICS COMMITTEE

The chairman of the Statistics Committee will be at the Alumnae Rooms from one o'clock until five each Wednesday during January, to meet the class representatives.

Kindly bring class rolls and be prepared to offer suggestions to make our Committee a very live one!

If you do not represent your class, and are interested, please come and give us your assistance.

FRANCES M. KRUGER

COLLEGE NOTES

In anticipation of the vote which members are to take in June 1928, upon the continuation of the student Honor System at College, Dean Hickinbottom assigned various members of the staff to address groups of new members on the staff, explaining the ideals and purposes of this system. The Honor System has had a five-year period of trial under the management of a board composed of student and staff members, under student chairmanship. It has established a pledge for each student of purely individual work both throughout the semester and at examination times, and has provided an optional reporting clause. The student body seems very much in favor of the continuation of the system, though certain details of its operation are still a matter of discussion.

On Friday evening, December 16th, the annual debate for the Ottinger prize, conducted under the joint auspices of the Departments of English and of Speech, was held in the Auditorium. Miss Bella Visono, a former Ottinger member and graduate of the History Department, who is now teaching in that department, presided. The question was, Resolved: that the farming situation can be adequately met only by a fundamental change involving the elimination of the middle-man as an independent factor. The three points of view were as follows: 1. Elimination through cooperation. 2. Opposition to elimination. 3. Elimination through government action. Miss Tanenbaum introduced the subject by giving the common ground and summarizing the Garry-McNaughton Bill. The six speakers, the Misses B. Goldstein, D. Slansky, E. Berger, M. Mindera, R. Katzman, and A. Weren, each gave an eight-minute talk, followed by a rapid fire rebuttal in which each point of view was challenged in turn by those maintaining the other two points of view. This was followed by a discussion from the floor and questions to the speakers. Then each participant presented a final summary and rebuttal.

The judges, Mr. Benson Y. Landis, editor of the *Farm Review*, Dr. Lolabel Hall, head of the Economics Department of the Bay Ridge High School, and Mrs. William T. Hade, who conducted the recent intercollegiate conference on debates, awarded the prize of \$100. in equal parts to Miss Goldstein and Miss Slansky, who spoke in favor of economic readjustment. Miss Weren, who was in favor of political readjustment of the situation, received honorable mention. Mr.

Nathan L. Ottinger, nephew of Mrs. Amelia Ottinger, in whose honor the prize was established, made the presentations.

There was a large audience, including a number of former Ottinger prize winners.

Miss Eleanor Standish, Chairman of Varsity for 1927-28, has announced *Rip Van Winkle* as the Committee's choice of play. There is a great deal of interest at College over this drama of the early American period, since this is the first time in the history of the Varsity that an American play has been offered!

The report of the Evening and Extension Sessions, Professor A. Broderick Cohen, Director, has just been released. This announcement shows an increase in service which is not unusual simply because it is in accord with the method of development that this branch of the College has set for itself. A tabulated statement will show the growth in the past year:

	<i>Students</i>	<i>Teachers</i>	<i>Classes</i>
1926	6429	204	412
1927	7876	244	467

In addition to the work which the Extension Division itself presents, it houses and keeps the records for 17 classes conducted by the State Department of Education.

This fall Professor Cohen has concentrated on increasing the courses offered in the Bronx. Hunter now offers 26 courses, 14 academic and 12 methods subjects. The Bronx Borough Wide Association of Teachers announces that City College offers 7 courses, Fordham 10 courses, N. Y. U. 21 courses, as against Hunter's 26. In the spring of 1928 it is planned to increase the number of courses to 39, all of which are offered as afternoon work.

A number of new courses are being offered in the spring. In response to a demand from the teachers, courses in the methods of teaching in the first three years of elementary school, and in the fourth, fifth, and sixth years, will be given, designed to meet the requirements for eligibility for the Board of Education examinations. A course in Methods of Visual Instruction will also be given. Other new courses to be offered are one in Dramatic Criticism for those who desire to write dramatic criticisms, a course in Literary Criticism by Professor Peck of the Day Session, author of the new *Life of Shelley*, and a course in English Historical Grammar by Dr. Anderson of the Day College. Dr. Alexander Green will present Masterpieces of the World's Literature. A new course in adult education, Formulating Group Judgment, is to be given by Professor Loeb of the Day Session. The French Department offers two graduate courses, An Introduction to Research Work on the Romantic Period, and French Medieval Literature of the 14th and 15th Centuries, to be given by Dr. Vaillant and M. Berthelot. Professor Busse, head of

the German Department, will give a graduate course in Studies in 18th Century Literature. Dr. Ceroni's Study of Dante's Divine Comedy has been made a year course. These graduate courses will be of special interest to the eight candidates for the Master's Degree and the 296 college graduates enrolled in the school. It is interesting to note that almost ten per cent. of the Extension Session enrollment consists of students who are matriculated for the Bachelor's Degree.

The Evening and Extension work is definitely coordinated with the day work of the College. Each head of a department endorses every instructor in his subject in the Extension Division, and conferences are held regularly by the heads of departments and Professor Cohen with all the members of each department.

The centers of instruction for the spring term of 1928 are as follows:

MANHATTAN

Hunter College of the City of New York.
Textile High School, 30th Street, between 6th and 7th Avenues.
School for the Deaf, 225 East 23rd Street.
West Side Continuation School, 208 West 13th Street.
Public School 6, Madison Ave. and 85th St.
Public School 27, 41st Street, east of Third Avenue.

BROOKLYN

Brooklyn Branch. Girls Commercial School Building, Classon Avenue, Union and President Streets.
Public School 15, Third Avenue, State and Schermerhorn Streets.

BRONX

Public School 31, Mott and Walton Avenues, 144th and 146th Streets.
Public School 37, 145th and 146th Streets, east of Willis Avenue.
Public School 44, Prospect Ave. and 176 St.
Public School 51, 158th Street, Jackson and Trinity Avenues.
Public School 58, 176th Street and Washington Avenue.
Public School 61, Crotona Park East, Charlotte Street and Boston Road.
James Monroe High School, Boynton Avenue and 172nd Street.

QUEENS

Queens Branch, Jamaica Training School Building, Parsons and Gilman Avenues.
Public School 34, Springfield Road and Hollis Avenue.
Public School 66, 102nd Street and 85th Avenue, Richmond Hill.

STATEN ISLAND

Borough Hall, St. George.
St. George Library, 5 Central Avenue.
Staten Island Institute of Arts & Sciences, Stuyvesant Place.
Staten Island Continuation School, 67 Housman Avenue, Port Richmond.
Public School 15, Grant Street and St. Paul's Avenue, Tompkinsville.

ELIZABETH-VERA LOEB