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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNÆ PRESIDENT

Greetings to my fellow workers! For that is what we all must be this year. And our year begins in the fall, with the planning of those activities which are to help finance our worthy charities. So fall in line and write to me and say:—"I want to help!"

It is my pleasure to announce the appointment of new chairmen to those positions left vacant by the resignation of former chairmen.

Mrs. Maybella C. Williams will take charge of Alumnae Day.

Miss Eileen Nugent has accepted the chairmanship of the Breakfast.

Miss Jean Lindsay will launch a drive to enlarge the Helen Gray Cone Fellowship.

Other appointments will be announced later.

Get busy! Our bridge is on the calendar for Dec. 15; so there is something all ready for your efforts.

It is with pleasure that I am looking forward to greeting many of you personally at the Executive Council meeting.

IRENE B. GRAFF.

## ALUMNÆ DAY

Wednesday, November 28th, will be Alumnae Day. We are all most cordially invited to return to our Alma Mater on that day to visit within the walls we all love so well. We are welcome to visit our favorite classrooms, listen to our favorite professors, and meet the new members of the staff. There will be a special assembly program held in the Chapel at 11:00 A. M. Seats on the platform will be reserved for the guests.

At three o'clock in the afternoon there will be a meeting of the Association in the Faculty Room. Tea will be served.

MAYBELLA C. WILLIAMS,

Chairman, Alumnae Day.

## CALENDAR, 1934-1935

Wed., Nov. 7—Officers and Directors

Wed., Nov. 14—Executive Council

Wed., Nov. 28—Alumnae Day

Sat., Dec. 15—Bridge

Wed., Jan. 2—Officers and Directors

Wed., Jan. 9—Executive Council

Tues., Feb. 12—Alumnae Breakfast

Wed., Feb. 13—Birthday Celebration

Wed., Mar. 6—Officers and Directors

Wed., Mar. 13—Executive Council

Wed., May 1—Officers and Directors

Wed., May 8—Executive Council

Sat., May 18—Reunion, Election

Wed., June 19—Commencement Day

## A MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE PRESIDENT

To the Associate Alumnae  
of Hunter College:

On behalf of the faculty, the student body, and the administrative staff I cordially greet you and express my appreciation of the splendid cooperation that you have always given in any matters affecting the College. Long may this continue!

With all good wishes for a happy and prosperous year, I am

Sincerely yours,

EUGENE A. COLLIGAN,

President.

## COLLEGE NOTES

In accordance with the philosophy of college education enunciated by President Colligan at the time of his inauguration, a Freshman Week program has been initiated at Hunter. It is an important innovation introduced as part of the plan to carry forward the process of individualizing the educational program of the student as much as is practicable within the complicated machinery of a large student body. According to Dr. Marie K. Gallagher, Associate Professor of the Department of Education and Chairman of the Bureau of Educational Guidance, the basic objective of this period is to anticipate typical difficulties of college freshmen in adjusting themselves to the difference between college and high school.

"Ordinarily," said Professor Gallagher, "the college freshman is plunged from a comparatively sheltered and directed program of work at high school, where the major responsibility is assumed by the administration, into a necessarily freer and more self-directed life at college. For the college to give the same amount of supervision would retard the growth of these young girls in adult attitudes. On the other hand, no college administration to-day can waive the responsibility of providing a transitional experience."

"In dealing with the freshman problems we have learned that many of the tragedies of the freshman year can be avoided if at the very outset students are made conscious of the vital difficulties in the work they are about to undertake."

"The chief difficulty is that at high school much more of the student's time is accounted for by the administration, while at college the student must learn to make judicious use of her time. Much of the study procedure in the high school is conducted in the class-

room, partly through the medium of directed study; but at college the student, with leads established by the instructor, must enter upon a program which is in large part self-directed study.

"It is our conviction that to devote some time in the beginning of the freshman year to instruction in the methods of technique of such self-directed study will be of great value to the student."

Another objective of the Orientation Period is to help the freshman make a selection of a field of specialization.

"This choice," pointed out Professor Gallagher, "is made during the last term at high school, and is usually influenced by factors in the student's immediate environment which sometimes make for wise, and sometimes for injudicious, decisions. It is our hope, therefore, during freshman week, to enable the students to confer with staff members in all departments of the college, and with members of the Bureau of Educational Guidance, who, on the basis of a student's high school record, her freshman test score, personal data, and interviews, will endeavor to assist the student to make a wise choice. The ultimate choice, however, will be the student's."

In order to introduce entering freshmen to the routine of college life, an Orientation Week has been provided by the Freshman Advisory Committee. According to Dr. Gallagher, the basic object of this one-week period is to anticipate typical difficulties of freshmen in adjusting themselves to the college environment.

The program began with a chapel assembly on Wednesday, September 12, at which President Colligan, Dean Egan, Acting Dean Fay, and Ethel Schwartz, Student Council President, addressed the freshmen.

On Monday, September 17, Dr. Philip R. V. Curoe, Associate Professor of the Department of Education, spoke on the college curriculum, supplementing the information the students received in high school. Mrs. Mary Belden James Lehn, Registrar, and Professor Gallagher followed his talk with addresses on Major Elections.

Acting Dean Fay delivered to the students a Dean's Talk on Tuesday, September 18. This was followed by lectures on Adjustment to New Academic Life in College by members of the Educational Guidance Committee. The subjects which received discussion were Time-Budgeting, The Use of the Library, and How to Establish Good Working Conditions. Staff representatives and members of the Bureau of Educational Guidance held conferences with the students on Wednesday and Thursday.

Registration on Friday, September 21, was followed by a social gathering in the Student Hall in the Bronx Buildings.

In a recent letter to the staff, President Colligan thanked the members of the staff for their contributions to the Unemployment

Relief Fund during the past four years, and expressed the hope that these contributions might continue, in order to create a fund for the help of needy graduates.

The Federal Emergency Relief Administration's program gives part-time employment to undergraduates throughout the country, but it does not provide for graduates.

Graduates of Hunter who have been unable to find positions may register in the Hunter College Bureau of Occupations, Mrs. Harriet L. Loewenstein, Director. Mrs. Emanuel van Dernoort is Chairman of the Alumnae Committee on Unemployment.

The F.E.R.A. will give assistance to about 600 Hunter students. Some of these girls are at work upon projects within the college. Among the special projects are:

The cataloguing and arranging of the library of the late Professor Helen Gray Cone.

Practice in clinical diagnosis for educational guidance.

Statistics compiled from examinations taken by entering freshmen.

A file of Hunter graduates.

Research on the place of women on the newspaper staffs of the City of New York.

The cataloguing and arranging of all French books in the library.

The repairing of worn books.

The copying of plays which are out of print or which are available only in manuscript.

Dean Hannah M. Egan was guest of honor at a tea given by the Faculty Club on Tuesday, October 2, in the Faculty Room.

Among the guests were President and Mrs. Eugene A. Colligan and the members of the Board of Trustees.

The hostesses were Acting Dean Anna G. Anthony, Acting Dean Mary M. Fay, Assistant Professor Mary Belden James Lehn, Miss Helene H. Hottenroth, Assistant Professor Isabelle R. Greene, Assistant Professor Elsie R. Kengla.

Professor Higgins and Dr. Curoe represented the College at two important conferences in Albany. On October 18, they attended the annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Universities of the State of New York, and on October 18 and 19, they attended the Convocation of the University of the State of New York.

K. M. LAVELL.

#### A NEW VOLUME

The family of Jeannette Sewell Davis is publishing in her memory a selection of her poems. The book, entitled "Day and Night," is now ready for distribution.

Orders for the book, which will be priced at \$1.50, may be addressed to Edwin H. Davis or Betsey B. Davis, 101 West 58th Street, New York, N. Y.