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With the June News, appearing late in the month as usual in order to include last-minute news of the current academic year, we are "signing off" for the summer. We shall be in the mails once again in October. Meanwhile, a happy vacation to all our friends!

CALENDAR, 1953

Wed., Oct. 7 — Board of Directors
Wed., Oct. 14 — Executive Council
Wed., Nov. 4 — Board of Directors
Wed., Nov. 18 — Alumnae Day

FACULTY FACTS

Dr. Mina S. Rees, Director of the Mathematical Sciences Division of the Office of Naval Research since 1949, will become Dean of the Faculty at Hunter College on Sept. 1. Dr. Rees graduated from Hunter *summa cum laude* in '23, after serving as President of the Student Self-Government Association; she won the A.M. from Columbia in '25, and the Ph.D. from Chicago in '31. She taught in the Mathematics Department at Hunter from 1926 to 1943, becoming an Associate Professor in 1940. In 1943 she obtained a leave of absence in order to take part in the National Defense Program, and her services won recognition from both England (the King's Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom) and the U. S. (the President's Certificate of Merit). Her appointment as Dean was unanimously recommended, after study of many possibilities, by a faculty committee consisting of Professors Harold H. Clum, Hoxie N. Fairchild, E. Adelaide Hahn, and Madge M. McKinney, with Acting Dean Herbert N. Otis as chairman.

In recognition of his magnificent services as Acting Dean of the Faculty, his colleagues honored Professor Herbert N. Otis with an enthusiastic party at Roosevelt House on June 2.

Professor Pearl C. Wilson of the Classics Department, who will retire on Sept. 1 after 28 years at Hunter, was honored on May 29 by a Department Dinner attended by over a hundred. Professor E. Adelaide Hahn was chairman, and Miss Florence J. Bloch secretary-

treasurer, of the committee that planned the affair, at which Professor Hahn served as mistress of ceremonies. The program included tributes from President Shuster and a number of "old girls", scenes from plays that Professor Wilson had directed and in several cases written, and songs from the opera *King Harald*, of which she had composed the libretto. Professor Wilson was presented with an electric phonograph and an order for records.

Professor Wilson will continue in active service until the eve of her retirement, as she will give a course in Classical Literature in Translation at the Summer Session. There will also be offered the usual intensive courses in Greek (by Professor Thelma B. DeGraff) and in Latin (by Dean Harry L. Levy), each covering a year's work in six weeks. A similar course in German will be offered for the first time this summer, taught by Professor S. Etta Schreiber.

A committee with Dean Harry L. Levy as chairman has been formed to raise funds for the purchase, and presentation to the Hunter College Libraries, of an appropriate collection of books, to be known as the Jacob Hammer Memorial Collection, in memory of the late Professor Jacob Hammer of the Classics Department, whose sudden death on Feb. 24 deeply shocked and grieved the College. Contributions should be sent to the committee treasurer, Professor Frederick L. Zimmermann.

Professor Leo Gurko was one of thirteen faculty members of colleges and institutions in this city to receive a year's fellowship from the Ford Fund for the Advancement of Education.

Miss Carolyn Eisele, '23, has been doing extensive research in Washington and Cambridge on the activities of Charles S. Peirce as a historian of science; this was made possible by a grant of \$1000 from the American Philosophical Society. She is a member of the Executive Committee of the newly-formed Metropolitan New York Section of the History of Science Society, as is also another Hunter alumna, Miriam Friedman Drabkin, '35, who has been teaching Latin at City College for the past year.

At the annual Girl Scout luncheon, Professor Henrietta Tichy of the English Department was awarded a special citation by the Girl Scout Council of Greater New York for her interest and service.

At the election held in May for a Teacher-Member of the Teachers Retirement Board, Professor J. Hobart Bushey of the Mathematics Department was elected by a large majority.

A series of four televised program on the rôle of the municipal colleges in the community has just been given over DuMont Television Station WABD. Hunter's turn came on June 1. The participants were President Shuster, Acting Dean Otis, and the SSGA President, Miss Rosalind Utah.

On May 21 President Shuster and several guests participated in a discussion of "Hunter College and the Liberal Arts Tradition". The program also included a showing of the film "695 Park Avenue".

E. A. H.