

# THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

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## CALENDAR, 1937

Wed., May 5—Officers and Directors  
Wed., May 12—Executive Council  
Sat., May 15—Spring Reunion, Election  
Wed., June 16—Commencement Day

## SPRING REUNION PREVIEW

Every year about this time we burst into bloom with a spring flourish ready to read, in flower-writing on the wall. "When spring comes, can our Alumnae Reunion be far behind?"

Already plans are going forward and preparations are nearing completion in anticipation of the annual Spring Reunion of the Associate Alumnae, to be held in the North Ball-Room at the Hotel Astor on Saturday afternoon, May fifteenth, at two-thirty o'clock.

Springtime hints of a light touch, cheery conversation, and refreshing informality. Therefore to lend the correct accent to our traditional Maytime festivity, the program is brief so that classmates and friends may have much opportunity to exchange greetings, renew friendships, and revive fond memories.

Through the generous coöperation of Professor Lambert of the Music Department and Professor Neidhardt of the Department of Physical Education of the College, our undergraduates will be featured in an entertainment which evinces in alluring fashion the talents and charm of the Hunter student. Miss Judith Grossman, soprano, with Miss Shirley Gottfried at the piano, will delight us with songs, while Miss Roslyn Deutsch and Miss Anita Zorzoli, two of the Hunter Varsity Intercollegiate Champion foils women, will present a fencing bout.

It is our privilege to have as guest artist the distinguished tenor, Mr. Li Yen Kung, teacher of music at the University of Peiping. Mr. Li will be accompanied by Miss Mary A. Coolidge. To Mrs. Harry Arnold Day, genuine appreciation for this excellent find.

After the program, tea will be served. Class Representatives as ushers and hostesses have been invited to grace the occasion and to promote friendliness and sociability among the guests.

A most enjoyable afternoon awaits you.

MARY ABBOTT CURTIN,  
Chairman, Alumnae Spring Reunion.

## ELECTION OFFICIALS

The following have been appointed to serve at the Alumnae Election this May:—

Chief Inspector: Miss Grace Styles.

Tellers: Mrs. Ernest John, Miss Mildred Miller, Miss Mary Gallow. I. B. G.

## AS TO THE TENOR

At our Spring Reunion on May 15th, Mr. Li Yen Kung, tenor, will be our guest artist. Mr. Li is just finishing his second year at Teachers College, working for an M.A. in Music, and his second year in the Juilliard School of Music for voice culture and diction. He has been recently initiated into the Sinfonia Fraternity, an American musical organization of high standing which requires strict examinations both written and oral. His nomination required the consent of all the chapters in the country, as Mr. Li is not an American citizen. Last summer, when Mr. John Groth, organist and choir master of the Broadway Tabernacle Church, gave auditions to three hundred people in order to select twenty trained voices to augment the quartet choir, Mr. Li was selected as one of the tenors.

Mr. Li is President of the Chinese Y. M. C. A. of New York and vicinity. He will return to China this year to teach music in the Education Department of The University of Peiping.

JESSIE W. DAY (Mrs. Harry A. Day).

## TEA TO THE GRADUATES

The Associate Alumnae of Hunter College will entertain the members of the graduating class of June 1937 at a Tea in their honor on Thursday, June 10th, in the Bronx Buildings.

Mrs. Leslie Graff will welcome the graduates. President Eugene A. Colligan and Mrs. Walter S. Mack, Jr., Chairman of the Administrative Board, will be guests of the Alumnae and will also address the graduates.

Three members of the graduating class will be duly elected at that time to represent the class on the Executive Council of the Associate Alumnae.

Refreshments will be supplied through the coöperation of the Home Economics Club of Hunter College under the supervision of Professor Orr.

A musical program will be arranged for this occasion by the Music Department of Hunter College.

GENEVIEVE BURKE CROTTY,  
Chairman of Membership.

## A SPLENDID GIFT

The Class of June 1919 has given \$400 to the Associate Alumnae for the use of unemployed graduates.

It is with a feeling of deepest gratitude and appreciation that we accept this generous gift, and trust that it will bring as much satisfaction to the donors as it brings comfort to the recipients.

IRENE B. GRAFF, President.

## GRADUATE GLEANINGS

Dr. Mary Ellen Meade, '18, was recently appointed principal of Tottenville High School, Staten Island. She is the first woman in the history of the New York City educational system to be named principal of a coeducational high school. Dr. Meade's experience and training fit her for this post. It is particularly fitting that a graduate of the largest woman's college in the world should win this honor.

Miss Meade, who was born on Staten Island, received her elementary education in New Jersey and on Staten Island. She attended Curtis High School, being graduated in 1914 at the age of fifteen. Four years later she was graduated from Hunter and started immediately upon her teaching career at Curtis.

In College, although she majored in classics, she had become interested in history, and her teaching under the inspiring chairmanship of Mr. William W. Rogers, now principal of Theodore Roosevelt High School, deepened and matured this interest. She was granted her Master's degree by Columbia University in 1926, and in 1930 was appointed to Thomas Jefferson High School as First Assistant in History. After a year's service there she returned to Curtis in the same capacity. In 1935 she was granted her doctor's degree by Fordham University in the field of political philosophy, and since that time has continued her studies there and at New York University.

Miss Meade's outstanding characteristics are her breadth of vision, her understanding sympathy, and her fine scholarship. These coupled with exceptional executive ability make her work as a teacher and director memorable.

Three of Dr. Meade's sisters are also Hunter alumnae and teachers in New York schools—Margaret C., president of the June 1920 class and a member of the Alumnae Executive Council; Anna M., '22; and Katherine S., '28.

Rose F. Netter, M. D., Hunter '24, Bellevue and New York University Medical College '28, has published an article in the *New York State Journal of Medicine* for December 1, 1936, on "Jaundice and Anemia with Recovery in Successive Newborn Siblings".

A number of graduates of the Biology Department have recently received honors.

The March issue of the *American Journal of Botany* contains the thesis of Dinah Marmer, '35, who has received her M. A. in Botany at Columbia. On the basis of her work in the field Miss Marmer was awarded a Curtis University Fellowship. At present she is well on her way to the completion of her Ph.D. thesis on "Plant Growth Hormones".

A Grant-in-Aid has been awarded to Selma Epstein, '36, for work in Zoology at Columbia.

Marjorie Greene has received an appoint-

ment at the University of Maine. She worked at Radcliffe, on a teaching fellowship, for six months before receiving her present position.

A teaching fellowship at New York University has been given to Ethel Poris, '35. Her Ph.D. thesis will concern the pituitary function and cell types in amphibia and reptiles. While at Hunter, Miss Poris was the recipient of both the Kane Gold Medal and the Woods Hole Scholarship.

Frances Johnston, '37, was recently appointed to the laboratory of St. Vincent's Hospital at Staten Island.

Virginia Costadosi, January '36, has been awarded the scholarship of the Institute of International Education.

The scholarship provides a year in Italy, during which Miss Costadosi will teach, study, and travel.

She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and in her senior year served as Chairman of the Judicial Board.

The Henry Barge Memorial Scholarship in French, given annually to a graduate of Hunter College engaged in teaching languages, has been awarded to Miss Nettie Laminsky.

The Barge Scholarship provides \$450.00, to be used for a summer of travel and study in France.

Miss Minnie A. Scherzinger would like it publicly announced that through an error she was listed on the seating-list issued last February at the Alumnae Breakfast as Mrs. Alfred Scherzinger.

## HUNTER ALUMNAE HALL

The House Committee wishes to thank the groups of our Alumnae who so graciously entertained at our Hunter Alumnae Hall this past season; also to announce that the Woodward Hotel Annex is being attractively renovated and we are negotiating to have our banquet-room enlarged. Good news for next season's social gatherings!

Be sure to get your reservations in early next fall. And remember, a room here is always available for any committee-meetings of not over ten members. V. Y. H.

Upon numerous requests by some of our members, I cite a form for bequests to Hunter Alumnae Hall.

## FORM OF BEQUEST

(To be used in a Last Will and Testament duly pursuant to the laws of New York State)

I give and bequeath to the Associate Alumnae of Hunter College of the City of New York, incorporated on the 18th day of September, 1889, under the laws of the State of New York, the sum of ..... dollars to be used for the purposes of the Hunter Alumnae Hall Committee.

ESTHER G. VALET, Chairman