

claims her as one of her own. Immediately after graduation, Tony became a member of the President's Office staff. This was the start of her outstanding career of service, under four Hunter presidents. In 1942, upon Amy Kimball's retirement, Tony became the President's secretary, for Dr. Shuster. She handled very large volumes of work, meeting problems arising in the President's office with thoughtful consideration and winning the confidence and support of all the staff. Always unperturbed, always objective in point of view, she kindly gave direction, guidance, advice in many matters.

In 1952, after ten years as the President's secretary, Tony was honored at a reception given by Dr. Shuster. In a verse dedicated to her, Dr. Shuster wrote of the "secret Jehle good cheer lotion", and asked God to "bless her and keep her wonderful ways." Later in his address to the Faculty on the occasion of his retirement, Dr. Shuster said, "May I remind you that a great part, a vital part of what Hunter is today is due to the sterling contribution by the members of the Administrative Staff. They have been dedicated far beyond the point of duty; they have been stricken with moon-madness, which in some languages is called love, for Hunter." This was Tony Jehle's dedication.

On October 30 last, President and Mrs. Meng and the Administrative Staff Association of the College gave a college-wide reception for her on her retirement. Among those who came to honor her were Dr. Gustave Rosenberg, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, President Gideonse of Brooklyn College, President Meister of the Bronx Community College, Mr. John J. Morris, Mr. Joseph Schlossberg, Mrs. Ruth Shoup, Mrs. Ella S. Streater, Dean Carman and Mrs. Carman, and staff members of the Board of Higher Education. Earlier in October the Department Chairmen of the College had also given a farewell party for Tony.

She well deserves the joy and relaxation her new leisure will bring; but she will be sorely missed at Hunter.

—Madeline E. Stretz '29

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Helen Reilly



Helen Reilly '14, a native New Yorker, was the daughter of President Kieran. In 1914, before her graduation from Hunter, she married the late Paul Reilly, an artist-cartoonist. Another talented member of the Kieran family is her brother John, the well known sports writer, naturalist, and "Information, Please" expert.

After Helen's marriage to Paul Reilly, they made their home in Westport, Connecticut, where their four daughters grew up. Following her husband's death, Helen moved back to New York, but for some years she also maintained a cottage on Cape Cod. The last few years of her life she spent in Albuquerque, N. M., where she died last summer.

Her daughters are Katherine Reilly; Mrs. John Curtiss, Jr., a well-known writer of mysteries under the name of Ursula Curtiss; Mrs. A. Wilson (Mary), who wrote several successful mysteries under the name Mary McMullen; and Mrs. William Earl (Helen Margaret).

Helen Reilly got her plots for the Inspector McKee stories from police files and the pattern of lives about her, but she found that often she had to simplify actual cases, for they would be too incredible as fictional works. Some of her recent books were *THE CANVAS DAGGER* (1956), *DING DONG BELL* (1958), *NOT ME, INSPECTOR* (1959), *FOLLOW ME* (1960), *CERTAIN SLEEP* (1961), and her last, *THE DAY SHE DIED*, which is being published posthumously. At one time, Helen Reilly served as president of the Mystery Writers of America. She had a very wide following among readers of the detective story.