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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Miss Marguerite Barre, Miss Margaretha M. Brohmer, Mrs. Leo Burger, Miss Elsie Kengla, Miss Helen Sullivan, and Mrs. William Valet, met at Hunter Alumnae Hall on Tuesday, November 4th, and nominated the following as members of the Board of Directors:

(Mrs. Ephraim) Selma L. Berliner
Miss Jenny Hunter
Miss Margaret G. Plumb
Miss Helen Witmer.

ESTELLE FORCHHEIMER,
Chairman of Nominating Committee.

SENIOR TEA

The semi-annual Tea in honor of the members of the Graduating Class will be held on Friday afternoon, January eighth, from three until six o'clock, in the South Lounge of the College Building.

All Alumnae are cordially invited not only to join in the festivities, but also to meet their very newest sisters.

I should appreciate hearing from all those who would care to serve as hostesses at this time.

ETHEL F. BAUM, Chairman.

THE ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

What can be more relaxing in these days of strife and stress than a few hours spent with old friends, a delightful luncheon, and a happy combination of song, music, and short speeches! Next year, the same friends may not be with us, and undoubtedly there will be more rationing and less of everything (except taxes!); let us enjoy our blessings while we may, and make this February thirteenth one of our pleasant memories of the years to come. Gather your classmates together, and make your reservation early, by January thirty-first if possible.

The following Alumnae are serving on the Committee thus far: Miss Ethel Baum, Mrs. Ethel Berl, Mrs. Samuel Bitterman, Mrs. Michael F. Curtin, Dr. Dorothy Doob, Mrs. Madeline Fillerman, Mrs. Leslie Graff, Mrs. John Heintz, Mrs. John G. Horgan, Mrs. Joseph T. Mulligan, Mrs. Theodore E. Simis (ex officio).

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(Mrs. Robert E. Draddy), Chairman.
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CALENDAR, JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Fri., Jan. 8—Senior Tea
Wed., Jan. 13—Executive Council (after'n)
Wed., Feb. 3—Commencement
Sat., Feb. 13—Alumnae Breakfast
Wed., Feb. 17—Birthday Celebration

HINDUSTANI AT HUNTER

Never before has our need for experts in foreign languages been so forcefully brought home to the thoughtful. To our soldiers and other nationals abroad, an ability to use and understand the language of the country may be a matter of life or death. When victory is ours and we meet the representatives of other countries at the peace table, we shall want our own loyal citizens to figure among the interpreters. And after peace is made, let it be hoped that America, instead of lapsing into parochial isolationism as she did after World War I, will accept her responsibilities and her opportunities as a great power and meet the other powers on common ground in the fullest diplomatic, commercial, and educational intercourse—for all of which we shall need personnel trained to use the languages of other countries and other continents.

We who to a great extent had not even attained decent control of the commonest languages of Europe now must secure as quickly as possible mastery of strange tongues of Asia, Africa, and Australia. Fortunately linguistic scholars had, in the interests of research in never-recorded and fast-disappearing American Indian languages, worked out a scientific system for the speedy acquisition of any language, no matter how different or how difficult, with accurate pronunciation, fluent speech, and correct idiom. The American Council of Learned Societies, through its Intensive Language Program, is sponsoring the introduction in various institutions of higher learning of courses in exotic languages conducted by this new method, which involves direction by a skilled linguistic scholar assisted by a native informant.

The undersigned is proud to announce that a course of this type will be introduced at Hunter this February. The subject will be Hindustani, the leading language of northern India; and the teacher will be a brilliant young linguist, Dr. H. M. Hoenigswald. The class will meet daily, probably at ten o'clock, for an hour's session with Dr. Hoenigswald, and will also have four additional hours weekly of drill with an Indian informant. Alumnae may enter the class, which will carry eight credits toward the A. B. or A. M. Except for regularly matriculated undergraduates, there will be a charge for the course; but well-qualified applicants who cannot afford to pay may be granted tuition scholarships.

Those interested should consult the undersigned as soon as possible.

E. ADELAIDE HAHN,
Chairman of Department of Classics,
Hunter College.