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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Whereas, our esteemed former Mayor La Guardia, for three terms the Chief Executive of the City of New York, passed away on September 20, 1947; and

Whereas, his deep personal interest in assuring the utmost possible opportunity for free higher education for the youth of this city was controlling in his relationship with this board; and

Whereas, this sympathetic concern for the advancement of higher education reflected itself in notable progress in the status and effectiveness of our city colleges, including the establishment of Queens College and the securing of impressive new buildings for Hunter College and Brooklyn College; and

Whereas, during his administration and with his personal encouragement, the leadership of these colleges attained a distinguished level of excellence; and

Whereas, the total educational service rendered by our colleges during his terms was extended to additional thousands of the city's youth as a result of his interest; be it therefore

Resolved, that this Board of Higher Education record its profound appreciation of his labors in behalf of this city's higher education, and its deep sympathy with his family in this loss of a devoted husband and father; and be it further

Resolved, that when this board adjourns, it does so as a mark of honor, respect, and regard for the memory of Fiorello La Guardia. (Sept. 22, 1947)

HUNTER ALUMNAE HALL

The members of the Hunter Alumnae Hall Committee wish to announce that after November 1st we shall have a new home.

The Board of Trustees of Roosevelt House have generously given their permission to us to utilize some space in the Sara Delano Roosevelt House at 49 East 65th Street. Our office staff will be located at that address, and after we have had an opportunity to furnish the apartment it will be possible to use one of the rooms for small meetings.

Until we can find a permanent residence, the Alumnae Room at College, 302, will be known as the Thomas Hunter Memorial. This room also will be available for meetings.

Because of our limited space, it is necessary to rule that these rooms may not be used by any groups other than those having a numerical majority of Alumnae members.

We should like to take this opportunity to urge every alumna to make every effort to assist us in finding suitable permanent quarters for Hunter Alumnae Hall.

DOROTHY O. THOMPSON

HUNTER'S OWN OPERA

Hunter has had many great events in the past—plays, concerts, movies, dance recitals—but never an opera. Hardly any college has had an opera. But now Hunter is to have one. It is "King Harald—The Life that is Free", telling a stirring original story of Norway in the Viking days which is not without a parallel in our own times. The score is by Professor Anders Emile of the Hunter College Music Department, who on the strength of it has been awarded an honorary doctorate in music by the New York College of Music. The libretto, which, unlike all too many opera libretti, is both beautiful and intelligent, is by Professor Pearl C. Wilson of the Hunter College Classics Department. The dramatic action is to be coached by Miss Helen Hicks of the Hunter College Speech and Dramatics Department. The female chorus consists of selected members of the Hunter College Choir, led by Professor Emile, and the leading contralto part will be sung by Miss Geraldine Marwick, instructor of music in the Hunter College Education Department. Other important rôles will be sung by young professionals. The conductor will be the distinguished musician, Carl Bamberger, who has been guest conductor for the Opera in Chicago and for the Philharmonic Orchestra in the Lewisohn Stadium.

The artistic success of the enterprise is guaranteed by this galaxy of talent, and its financial security is likewise assured by the generous gift of \$5000 from the George R. Tollefson Fund.

The world première of "King Harald" will take place in the Hunter Playhouse on Wednesday evening, January 7, 1948, at 8:30, and there will also be performances on Thursday, January 8, and Friday, January 9. Tickets (\$3.60 and \$2.40) may be had from Dr. Benno M. Lee of the Concert Bureau, and had better be ordered promptly, since in January 1945, when a concert performance of the first act was given, all seats were sold weeks before the event.

DR. BENNO M. LEE,
Hunter College Concert Bureau,
695 Park Avenue, New York 21.

Dear Dr. Lee:

I enclose \$..... for tickets at \$2.40 \$3.60 (encircle one) for the performance of "King Harald" for Jan. 7 8 9 (encircle one).

Name

Address

(Make checks payable to Hunter College)