

# THE ALUMNAE NEWS

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## A NEW POST FOR PRESIDENT SHUSTER

President George N. Shuster has received a new distinction and a new responsibility. As was recently announced by American High Commissioner John J. McCloy, President Shuster has been named Land Commissioner—i.e., State Commissioner—for Bavaria. He and Mrs. Shuster will sail for Germany early in July. E. A. H.

## A NEW HONOR FOR MRS. DRADDY

The Scholarship and Welfare Fund Committee is happy to announce that once again our President, Mrs. Robert E. Draddy, has been singled out for a signal honor. On June 14th, at the Commencement ceremonies at Fordham University, New York, the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters will be conferred upon her. We all share in this distinction bestowed upon a fellow Alumna by so great an institute of learning. We are proud of this outstanding addition to an already remarkable wreath of achievement laurels.

MRS. EPHRAIM BERLINER, Secretary

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

In the name of the Alumnae, I would like to thank Miss Thelma Vint most heartily for a very enjoyable program at the reunion, so important to all Alumnae. Two particularly delightful innovations were the Ukrainian Bandurist Ensemble and 11-year-old Emil Pizzingrillo. The Bandurists, dressed in the colorful costumes of their ancestral country, presented a selection of six varied and tuneful old Ukrainian melodies. Young Emil, a student of the New York School of Music, gave two accordion selections.

Appreciation is also due to Miss Vint for the refreshments after the performance.

Dr. Shuster's gracious words of greeting warmed the heart of every one present.

Our gratitude is also extended to Dr. Helen E. Witmer and her mother for the beautiful hand-crocheted cloth which they made and donated to the Alumnae.

And finally, I wish for all the Alumnae a very happy and enjoyable summer.

MRS. ROBERT E. DRADDY, President

## CALENDAR, 1950-51

Wed., Oct. 4—Board of Directors, 8:15.  
Wed., Oct. 11—Executive Council, 4:15.  
Wed., Nov. 1—Board of Directors, 8:15.  
Wed., Nov. 15—Alumnae Day.  
Wed., Jan. 3—Board of Directors, 8:15.  
Wed., Jan. 10—Executive Council, 8:15.  
Thurs., Feb. 15—Birthday Celebration.  
Sat., Feb. 17—Luncheon, Waldorf-Astoria.

VIOLA LURCH COX

## STAFF AND STUDENT SUPPORT OF PRESIDENT SHUSTER

(It is possible that some members of the Alumnae may have seen, or at least heard of, the attacks on President Shuster which were published in the *Compass* and the *Mirror* after the announcement of his appointment as Commissioner to Bavaria. Documents of similar import were circulated among staff members and students. In response statements were issued by both groups. Believing that this important matter is of concern to our graduates as well as to our faculty and our students, the NEWS prints both these statements.—Editor.)

## FACULTY STATEMENT

(The following statement, prepared by a group of members of the Hunter College staff, was signed by 163 staff members on the first day of its circulation. Opportunity was provided for the subsequent addition of other signatures, and the original number has now been considerably augmented; but at the time of our going to press, the final figure was not yet available.—Editor.)

The undersigned, members of the Hunter College staff, deeply troubled by the circulation of a pamphlet containing excerpts from President Shuster's writings and conclusions drawn from these excerpts, have asked the President for a statement on the subject. The President has made the following statement, which he has authorized us to quote:

"My writings on Germany, which cover the period of the past twenty years, constitute an indictment of the brutality, the inhumanity and the viciousness of the Nazi regime. They have always been so regarded by the overwhelming majority of critics and historians. My analyses of conditions obtaining in Germany during the early 1930s, however they may now be judged in the light of subsequent events, represent a conscientious attempt to trace the origins of Nazism to their sources and to give an account of what was happening at the time. They were in no sense of the term justifications of this nefarious movement or of those who were its leaders. Indeed, they were violent pioneer attacks on Hitlerism. That there may now be found in them remarks which, regarded as separate utterances, can give offense to some while failing to mirror my present point of view, is true. I think that an honest critic will weigh them in the light of the context in which they appear. Perhaps it should also be added that it was only after my personal efforts to help prevent the seizure of Austria and my share in the appalling

up addresses, and was unceasing in following up leads to find addresses of members of the class. At the time of her death she had succeeded in locating all except about 25 of the original 150.

It was through her efforts that the Class of 1909 in late years always had a goodly representation at the annual Breakfast. Then she planned a yearly afternoon tea reunion for the class. This has been highly successful and greatly enjoyed.

Her latest effort in behalf of our class was the compiling, editing, mimeographing, and mailing to each of the members of a semi-annual bulletin of news items on the present activities of the Class of 1909. This more than anything else has been instrumental in holding our members together in closer bonds of friendship and affection.

Words cannot tell how we shall miss our beloved Germaine. God in His providence has seen fit to take her from our presence, but her spirit will be with us as long as one of the Class of 1909 lives. In memory of her may we remain faithful to Hunter and to the Class of 1909.

HELEN W. GRIBBEN, '09

A contribution of \$150.00 in memory of Sadie Blumenfeld Gordon, January '15, has been given to the Scholarship Fund through the Westchester Group. Friends and former teachers at Mrs. Gordon's school made this contribution. Miss Anne Escott of Portchester was in charge of the fund.

L. C.

The son of Mrs. Joseph Pellicane (Catherine Cuccia, Jan. '16), Lt. Robert R. Pellicane, a pilot attached to the Headquarters Squadron of the 52nd Fighter Wing, Air National Guard, was tragically killed last month when his fighter plane went out of control and crashed near the Westchester County Airport in Harrison.

ELISA MARAN LODATO

One of the most distinguished graduates of the Department of Classics, Alice E. Kober, Jan. '28, died on May 16 in her home in Brooklyn, at the age of forty-three.

Directly after graduating from Hunter, Miss Kober had expressed her determination to study Minoan, the still undeciphered language of Crete; and to this purpose she adhered. After winning her Ph.D. in Classics from Columbia in 1932, she bent her energies upon this baffling problem, and soon won recognition as one of the active workers in the field. She published a number of articles and reviews, mainly in the *American Journal of Archaeology*, and in 1946 was awarded the signal honor of a Guggenheim Fellowship, which she used for study abroad, in Crete itself and in England, where she worked with Sir John Myres on the still unpublished material left by the late Arthur Evans. She was really making

progress, and surely her sane and careful methods of research will be found to have played a part in the ultimate solution of the mystery, whenever that comes.

Miss Kober taught in the Classics Department of Hunter College from 1928 to 1930, and in that of Brooklyn College from 1930 on, receiving a well-merited Associate Professorship in January 1950. She was also in charge of the Minoan Research Center at the University of Pennsylvania. Illness had kept her away from her teaching duties since September 1949, and during her last months she was unable to leave the house; but in a telephone conversation only a few weeks before she died, she told the writer that she was still working on Minoan.

She was always a loyal alumna of her old Department. In March 1948 she delivered the Department's annual Earle Lecture, telling a fascinated audience of her Minoan researches; and as one of the first members of the Hunter Chapter of the national honorary classical fraternity, Eta Sigma Phi, she was among the speakers at the dinner in the fall of 1948 which marked the Chapter's twentieth anniversary.

She is survived by her mother and her brother.  
E. A. H.

#### CONCERT SERIES

Our 1950-51 Concert Subscription Series promises to be the most remarkable of an already remarkable series of Series. The Director, Dr. Benno Lee, has really outdone himself. The program follows (all concerts are on Saturdays at 8:30 P. M. in the College Assembly Hall):

Oct. 14—Adolf Busch and Rudolf Serkin  
Oct. 28—Vladimir Horowitz  
Nov. 11—Zino Francescatti  
Dec. 9—Lauritz Melchior  
Jan. 6—Erica Morini  
Jan. 20—Artur Schnabel  
Feb. 3—Ljuba Welitch  
Feb. 17—Alexander Brailowsky  
Mar. 3—Jussi Bjoerling  
Mar. 17—Nathan Milstein  
Mar. 31—Regina Resnik

The recital by Busch and Serkin will be their only joint appearance in New York during the season 1950-51. The concerts of Francescatti, Melchior, Morini, Schnabel, Welitch, Bjoerling, and Resnik will similarly be the only New York appearances of these artists during the same season.

A subscription for all the eleven concerts costs \$55.20, \$42.00, \$34.80, or \$27.60. A subscription for any nine of the eleven costs \$45.60, \$34.80, \$28.80, or \$22.80. They may be obtained at the Hunter College Concert Bureau (Room 116), which is open from 10 to 1 and from 2 to 5:30 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, from 10 to 1 and from 2 to 7 on Wednesdays. Mail orders are accepted. Checks should be made payable to Hunter College Concert Bureau.