

### BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY

President John Meng declared it to be an annual joy to greet the ladies and (yes!) gentlemen attending the Birthday Assembly on February 20. With dignified restraint, he permitted mention of St. Valentine, whose day is the College's birthday, to move him to speak only of lovers of an Alma Mater. "Alma Mater deserves affection and support, which alumni always bring to it." He wished the ninety-one year old lady, Hunter College, happiness, success and years of good works.

Blanche Wiesen, president of Park Avenue Council, in expressing undergraduate greetings told of her resolute and overwhelming answer to the legislator who recently stated that women go to college merely to get married  
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### BRONX CAMPUS FESTIVAL

The Bronx Campus celebrated on February 11, with the first Homecoming Festival which that center has ever housed, the tenth anniversary of the opening on the site of a four-year co-educational division of Hunter College.

The celebration, which at its peak attracted over five hundred students, faculty, alumni and visitors, began Saturday afternoon with a basketball game between the women's Varsity team and East Stroudsburg State Teachers College, won by the visitors. A cocktail party, presented by President Meng to alumni and faculty, was held in the Thomas Hunter Lounge. This was followed by a dinner attended by well over a hundred Hunterites. Co-chairmen of this event were Mr. E. Richard Heldeman of the Dean of Students' staff and Harlan Kleiman of the  
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## CHANCELLOR EVERETT ADDRESSES LUNCHEON; DR. MENG PRESENTS MEDAL TO REGINA RESNIK

The day was fair; the ladies, fairer. The Committee had planned exceeding well. The Birthday Luncheon was the success all hoped it would be.

Over eight hundred alumni and their guests gathered in the Grand Ballroom of the Astor Hotel February 18 to celebrate Hunter College's ninety-first birthday. After Dorothy Kostecki '62 sang the Star Spangled Banner, accompanied by Mary Vogt. '62, Dr. Bernard Bamberger, rabbi of Congregation Shaaray Tefila, pronounced the invocation.

Presentation of the birthday cake and the caroling of "Happy Birthday" by youngsters from Lenox Hill Neighborhood House was delightful, as always. Irene Brandon Graff '98, chairman of Lenox Hill Committee, cut the cake.

Rose Sigal Golomb '18, chairman of the Luncheon Committee, presented E. Adelaide Hahn, president of the Alumni Association. Miss Hahn spoke of the early days of the Female Normal and High School and sympathized with those "handicapped by youth" whose memory cannot go back very far.

### Serious Business of Education

Dr. John R. Everett, Chancellor of the Municipal Colleges, spoke of the enormously serious business of education and of the responsibility of Hunter alumni. He said (and we quote with pleasure and wholehearted agreement), "Ours is one of the most distinguished colleges and has one of the most distinguished faculties in the United States and in the western world."

College education, Dr. Everett stressed, is the privilege of a very small minority of the earth's populace and we, alumni of Hunter, were "just plain lucky" to be among them. In these times of severe crisis, knowledge and expertness are required to a degree never known before. Dr. Everett quoted a New York cab driver's Runyonesque defense of women, "Dames is not without merit." It is imperative that the alumnae think of how to implement better educational programs to produce women to help our country survive.

### Basis for Ph.D.'s

The Chancellor mentioned the shortage of properly trained faculty members which faces American higher education. A strong Ph.D. program is based on  
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—James D. Jacobs

SEATED: Mrs. Golomb, Dr. Bamberger, Mrs. Meng, Dr. Everett, Miss Hahn, Dr. Meng, Miss Resnik, Mrs. Graff.  
STANDING: Dean Levy, Mrs. Cherne, Dr. Lewinson, Mrs. Simis, Dean Rees, Dr. Davidson, Dean Hopwood, Prof. Weintraub, Mrs. Abrams, Dr. Stewart.

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## IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Benno Lee, Director of the Concert Bureau at Hunter College, died February 5, 1961.

Twenty years ago Dr. Lee came to Hunter from Vienna. Through his tireless efforts, his excellent musical judgment and his creative planning, the Hunter College Concert Series has become one of the outstanding ventures of its kind in the country.

Dr. Lee possessed a delightful combination of old-world Viennese charm and up-to-date musical sophistication.

We mourn the loss of a dear friend.

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