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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

I hope that we are all returning to our winter activities with renewed energies, despite the trying summer weather.

A number of our Chairmen continued in the summer to work on plans for the coming year. The new President of the Scholarship and Welfare Funds, Vic Bitterman, already has a number of projects in view for the Funds. The election of Mrs. Bitterman to the Presidency—she was one of the originators of the whole enterprise to help undergraduates—is a loss to the Executive Council, for she was for a long time Chairman of the Committee on the Council. But the Council's loss is the Funds' great gain. We are all deeply grateful for Vic Bitterman's long-continued service to the Alumni.

Our indefatigable Louise Draddy is now President of the Association of Neighbors and Friends of Roosevelt House. A full program of activity for the year is already planned.

I want to express a special word of thanks to our Committee on Constitutional Revision, Anne Trinsey, Chairman, and Ethel Berl, Lillian Corrigan, Irene Graff, and Adelaide Hahn. Theirs was a stupendous task, as I learned, sitting with the Committee. So much was accomplished in six months. I think that we may all feel that we now have a good working instrument in the constitution that was adopted at the Annual Meeting last May. To clarify the relation of Chapters to the main organization, a meeting was held in Westchester in July, at the home of Mrs. Cano. Mrs. Winer, the President of the Westchester Chapter, various members of the Chapter's Executive Committee, Miss Corrigan, Chairman of the Committee on Chapters, Mrs. Trinsey, and I attended. There was fruitful discussion of various matters.

A special word of thanks is due too to Anne Mackey, Treasurer, and Anne Loop, Assistant Treasurer, who in the summer finished the monumental job of preparing the records for the Auditor. And thanks, too, to Ray Miller, who has continued, as Chairman of the Committee on Finance, to look after our investments.

Our own editor, Adelaide Hahn, continues to serve us faithfully. I hope that with increased membership we can afford to spend more money for the NEWS and have an enlarged and illustrated monthly, as our Editor wishes.

To all who have helped in the work of our organization, my heartfelt thanks. May we all continue to serve the Alumni and the College in good faith. I am looking forward to a fruitful year.

FRANCES ROTH ABRAMS
President, Alumni Association

FROM THE SWF PRESIDENT

At the last annual meeting of the Scholarship and Welfare Funds of the Alumni Association, held on June 2, the Board of Directors elected me President. This project, which was started by me six years ago, is very close to my heart. Despite the great expenditure of energy, time, and effort by the Directors and our many friends since 1949, we have not yet reached the half-way mark. I pray that, with the cooperation of the Alumni Association, our twelve Chapters, and the anniversary classes, it will not take six more years to reach the goal set — \$250,000.

We are deeply appreciative of the splendid work of the Queens, Bronx, Washington, and Westchester Chapters. The Queens Chapter has contributed \$1,000 annually since its organization several years ago. We hope all the other Chapters will follow the fine example of Queens. Remember, every dollar helps a needy student.

It is interesting to note the tremendous advance in interest and support evinced in the past three years by members of the Alumni, especially Executive Council Representatives, and by the Faculty and Administrative Staff of the College. I appeal to all my loyal friends to continue the interest and support manifested in the past, and I urge those who have overlooked us so far to help us now, for it is never too late to help a worthy cause. We shall welcome constructive suggestions, and those who make them are assured of prompt action.

The Board has been most fortunate in having had Louise F. Draddy as its President for the past six years. Her charm, wit, and kindness have endeared her to all of us.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of the Board for the honor they have conferred upon me. I promise to give the best that is in me to help promote the progress and success of our Scholarship and Welfare Funds.

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At the Annual Meeting of the Scholarship and Welfare Funds of the Alumni Association of Hunter College, held on June 2, elections were held. The new officers are as follows:

President—Mrs. Samuel M. Bitterman
Vice-President—Mrs. Cornelia S. Amster
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Anna M. Trinsey
Corresponding Secretary—Miss B. Elizabeth Kallman

Treasurer—Miss Laura Guggenbuhl
Assistant Treasurer—Miss Ray L. Miller

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors;—Mrs. Frances R. Abrams, Miss Marie K. Gallagher, Mrs. Jacob Larus, Miss Ray L. Miller, and Mrs. Seymour R. Thaler.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Luise Haessler, Chicago A.B. ('06) and Ph.D. ('34), died on July 8 at St. Luke's Hospital at the age of eighty-nine. She taught German at Hunter College from 1907 to 1930, and then became the first German Department Chairman of the newly-opened Brooklyn College, serving in this capacity until her retirement in 1937. After her retirement she devoted herself to her two great interests, music and language, concentrating in the latter field on Chinese. No one who had ever been either a student or a colleague of Professor Haessler's (the writer was both) could forget her forceful, forthright personality, her complete candor, her ever-ready generosity, or her boundless energy.

A memorial meeting in her honor will be held on Monday, Nov. 7, at 5 P.M., in the Student Lounge of the Walt Whitman Building, Brooklyn College.

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