

THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S CHAT

You can make the college life of the students happier and fuller.

You can repay the substantial debt for the fine free education which you received.

You can be a part of a large group of birthday guests and well wishers for your Alma Mater.

All these things you can do if you make the most substantial contribution that your means permit to the Jubilee Fund which we are seeking to raise, and which must be in hand within the next thirty days. Our goal of \$10,000.00 is a modest one when considered in the light of our numbers. We are far from attaining it and we need anything that you can spare.

I am happy to report to you that by reason of a notice which I inserted in Medical Journals I had a response from twenty-two of our graduates who are practicing medicine. A notice in the Law Journal brought a response from fifteen of our graduates who are practicing law. A notice in the Key Reporter brought the names and current addresses of one hundred and twenty-five Hunter graduates who are members of Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. We are eager to build up our statistics. We want to know what our graduates are doing, and we want their married names. We would therefore welcome any such information as any of you can give. Since the questionnaires in connection with the Jubilee were not signed, the information on them does not serve this purpose. Please, therefore, drop us a line at the Alumnae Rooms and let us know what you are doing.

It seems likely now that we may be able to open the College buildings on Friday evenings for Alumnae members only, who wish to participate in group folk and gymnastic dancing and swimming. This is essentially planned for recent graduates, but there is no age limit. There will be a small term fee to cover the instructional and janitorial cost. On this point, more definite information will be available later. In anticipation of setting up this program, we would like to know how many of you are interested in such a project. Please send a card to the Alumnae Rooms with your name, your current address, and your year.

As President, I was deeply gratified at your support of the Bridge, the Northrop Movie, and the Lenox Hill Sale.

Every effort now must go to making the Jubilee the best occasion of all.

RUTH LEWINSON, President.

CALENDAR, JANUARY

Wed., Jan. 3—Officers and Directors

Wed., Jan. 10—Executive Council

OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE PROGRAM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1945

10:30 A.M.* Official opening of the Hunter College Exhibit at the Forty-second Street Library. (Prominent speakers.)

12:30 P.M.* Opening of the Historic Exhibit in the lobby of the Little Theater at College. (Under the auspices of the Alumnae and students.)

2:30 P.M.* An Academic Symposium, "The Cultural Forces in America", in the Little Theater of the College.

7:30 P.M.* A Gala Jubilee Banquet at the Waldorf Hotel (a great family Birthday Party of Alumnae, students, and faculty). (Plans have been made for about 1,000 guests. Send in your request for tickets early so that you are assured of a reservation. Your men folk are welcome too.)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1945

11:00 A.M.* Formal Birthday Chapel in the Main Assembly Hall at College with Academic Procession, choir, and prominent speakers.

1:00 P.M. Luncheon for the honored guests of the College.

3:00 P.M. Student Birthday Party and Tea in the Lounges of the College.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1945

Celebration of the Silver Jubilee of the Hunter Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

6:00 P.M. Informal dinner at College.

8:30 P.M.* Initiation of new members.

This briefly is the outline of scheduled events. In the next issue of the News we shall list in detail all speakers and programs.

*Alumnae members are invited to all functions so marked. Seating capacities are limited. Please send in your request for reservations at once. Specify all events you would like to attend. Tickets will be sent in order of reservation until the quota has been reached. Address all such requests to Hunter Hall, 204 West 55th Street, New York 19, N. Y. Hunter extends a cordial invitation to all Alumnae to join in this festive occasion.

HELEN L. SIMIS, Chairman,
75th Anniversary Committee.

DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

The climax of our Diamond Jubilee will be the dinner held at the Waldorf Astoria on Tuesday evening, February 13th, at 7:00 P. M. The tickets are \$5.50 each, including gratuities. Dress is informal. The program will be most interesting, pleasantly short.

Come with your classmates, husbands, beaux, friends, or come alone—BUT—come! The full program will be ready, we hope, for next month's News. Don't wait—send your order now. MARY LOUISE DRADDY.
611 West 156th Street, New York 32.

IN MEMORIAM

Mary Alice Warren, alumna, sister of an alumna (Christabel Flood), and mother of two alumnae (Grace Warren Sturge and Gladys Warren Joy), died on November 23rd, Thanksgiving Day. She was a member of the Class of '80. Her younger daughter writes of her as follows:

"Mother enjoyed good health up until the end when a paralytic stroke caused two days' illness and she slipped away easily, with no pain.

"She loved her country home at White Plains. After two months of glorious fall weather there she closed her home to come and stay with me, here in Boston, for the winter.

"She had five wonderful years with Grace and her family staying at the old homestead as refugees from wartorn London. Now Grace has returned (sailed last August) and is happily reunited with her husband in their London house. The building has been miraculously spared. Only recently a V-2 bomb blew out some windows and their front door, but no person was injured."

Emma G. McCague was a member of the Associate Alumnae, and at one time its Vice-President. For a time she was Faculty Adviser of Pan-Hellenic. I know she was a loyal Hunterite, for much of my own devotion to College was due to her inspiration. I don't believe any Committee Chairman ever appealed to her without receiving a generous response. Before I graduated from College I served on Miss Kallman's Bazaar Committee. Mrs. McCague never failed to make a cash donation to that committee. Years before I thought I'd ever be Chairman of any Committee, including our Spring Card Party, Mrs. McCague paid for her tickets and sent them to me with the suggestion that I give them to some one who couldn't otherwise attend.

Emma G. McCague was an inspiring teacher. I remember her in the old building in Room 6B—a dull, cheerless room with too many girls and too few chairs. But that room was the bright spot of the day. We Freshmen sat spell-bound and worked like Trojans not to fail her. I remember whispering to my neighbor that first morning, "I'm going to enjoy this course. And I'm going to like her." Most of the girls in 6B, that September morning in 1921, became the English Majors of June 1925. Yes, she was stern and she made us work for every mark we got. But we became better women because we learned not to shirk. Every last one of us knew she was fair to the nth degree. She was wise; she was understanding and sympathetic. She was never too busy to help us solve our problems; never too busy to say that one word that would help a struggling student through a difficult time.

Long before it was necessary to be tolerant, she was the most tolerant person I ever knew. Her religious beliefs were very deep,

a part of all she did and said. They taught her that "we are all God's children". And she taught that truth to many of her old girls who are more tolerant to-day because they knew her.

I'm writing this the day after Thanksgiving. I am very grateful for my memories of our friendship. There are no books to testify to her fine mind, her gracious spirit. She was too busy helping others to have time to write. But I believe she's left a far greater memorial than any book, in the hearts of all who knew her, worked with her, and called her friend.

SIBYLLA A. MELLOR.

THE CLASS OF '93

The Class of '93 reports with deep regret the death of one of its outstanding and beloved members, Joanna A. Reed, one-time Instructor in Latin at Hunter College. Her gracious personality, keen mind, and delightful sense of humor endeared her to all of us.

FANNY GILLET MACLEAN.

Harriet I. Corbett, Class of '93, who died this summer, is remembered as a devoted teacher, an understanding friend, a deeply affectionate sister and aunt. Her modesty, her unfailing interest in others, her quiet strength and complete renunciation of personal claims, made her a rare and beloved personality. She will be missed by her classmates.

C. A. G.

THE CLASS OF '94

At a reunion of the Class of 1894 a special tribute was paid to the memory of Mrs. Otto Hahn. "Her beautiful life as mother, teacher, social leader, and inspired editor; her fine enthusiastic support of worthy projects; her splendid loyalties to the principles of humanitarian and democratic procedures, and her sympathetic espousal of all great causes make her an enduring example of all that is best in a Hunter graduate.

"The beauty of her life will survive as a loving benediction.

"God's gift of memory,
Which none can destroy."

THE CLASS OF '01

The Class of 1901 regrets to report the loss of some of its enthusiastic members:

Emily Hill, D4, who was our gifted contribution to the 1900 Christmas Play.

Eleanor Hessels, EC5, who worked so loyally to bring out the Naughty Ones for the 1941 Reunion.

Dora Brand of C4 and Jane Hawkshaw of E4, who were with us at our last Thanksgiving Eve celebration.

Jennie Friedman of E4, who helped us bring out the girls of her section.

Rae Siegel of B4.

We hope to see many, many of our Naughty Ones gather together for the great celebration in February. Come out and let us be seen and heard. Too long have we been hidden away.

TILLIE J. REISER.