

# THE ALUMNAE NEWS

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## JUNIOR ALUMNAE

Considerable interest in bringing younger alumnae of Hunter College into active and integrated association with the Associate Alumnae and with the College and one another has stirred many recent graduates to develop a program of organization and purpose for a Junior Membership which would best serve the needs and aspirations of the Alumnae, the College, and the young graduates. The proposed program is as follows:

### AREA I

- The Associate Alumnae proper
- Membership drive
  - Alumnae Scholarship Fund
  - The ALUMNAE NEWS

### AREA II

- The College
- Vocational guidance
    - To work directly with the Office of the Dean of Students in such matters as orientation classes.
    - To work directly with the Bureau of Educational and Vocational Guidance in such matters as statistics and employment opportunities.
    - To work directly with the Placement Bureau in such matters as actual job placement.
  - College curriculum  
To participate on a faculty-student-alumnae committee.
  - Undergraduate extra-curricular activity
    - To give student-government moral and financial assistance.
    - To work with the college class group to assure its becoming an effective alumnae group after graduation.
    - To work towards an effective Alumnae-Commencement Week.

### AREA III

- The Internal Junior Program
- Social activities
    - To assure yearly reunions.
    - To plan dances, parties, lectures, theater parties, and concerts.
  - A semi-annual publication

This plan was accepted at a special meeting of the Board of Directors on September 14, 1950. It was also agreed that the Junior Membership would receive one-third of all dues which it is directly responsible for collecting. A motion was made by Miss Ruth Lewinson, and passed by the Board of Directors, to grant the Junior Membership \$250.00 with which to begin their program.

The former chairman pro tem. of the Junior Membership and the present pro tem. officers met with Miss Lewinson on

September 21 to outline the constitutional delineations of this group. At the present time, graduates of 1945 through 1950 are eligible to join the group. Approximately 200 graduates have pledged membership to date.

The following pro tem. officers will remain in office until June 1951: Chairman: Rubie Saunders (218 Jefferson Place, Brooklyn), June '50. First Vice-Chairman (in charge of Area I): Elizabeth O'Brien, January '49. Second Vice-Chairman (in charge of Area II): Harriette Kilpatrick, January '49. Third Vice-Chairman (in charge of Area III): Anne Stern, June '46. Secretary: Helen Brown, June '49. Treasurer: Mrs. Yvette Gordon Hyman, June '46.

FLORENCE ROSENFELD  
(former Chairman pro tem.,  
and Honorary Chairman)

## WHOM DO WE HELP?

You have wondered why a student who has the privilege of free higher education and an opportunity to seek part-time work should require financial assistance? Would you be interested in knowing about several typical predicaments in which our Hunter students have found themselves? To date we have been able to help only a few, but as the Alumnae Fund grows we hope to extend assistance to more.

We shall mention here just a few:

A student about to begin her last semester and preparing to begin her Student Teaching Course is suddenly faced with serious financial problems. Her father, the wage-earner, has been hospitalized and his savings drained for hospital expenses. The student has a part-time job, but does not receive sufficient remuneration to sustain her during the emergency. She must either transfer to part-time study during the evening and forfeit her opportunity to complete the requirements for the teaching license until some future date so that she can carry a full-time job, *or* continue in day session through the emergency period with a little financial assistance. The girl is helped, a teacher is certified at least six months earlier than she might otherwise be, and Hunter's proven value to a future alumna is strengthened.

An outstanding sophomore, of superior accomplishment both in scholarship and in student activity, forced by the family's financial situation to maintain herself in part by a part-time job, is temporarily limited in her activity by an appendectomy and its after-effects. Her doctor and the college doctor agree that she must reduce her program and give up her job for the remaining two months of the term. The

## IN MEMORIAM

Hunter's oldest living graduate, Harriet Rutter Eagleson, '71, died on June 12 at the age of ninety-five.

Harriet Rutter was one of the famous Twelfth Street girls chosen to come along with their principal, Lydia Wadleigh, to the new Female Normal and High School when it opened on February 14, 1870. After her graduation in 1871, she attended another young institution, Vassar College, for two years.

She maintained a lifelong interest in Hunter's affairs, and as our oldest graduate often cut the Birthday Cake at the Alumnae Breakfast. She was also active in the affairs of All Angels Church, and was a patron and subscriber of the Metropolitan Opera and a patron of the Haarlem Philharmonic.

Her husband, William Eagleson, died in 1920. She is survived by a daughter, Miss Jessica R. Eagleson, and a sister, Mrs. Gilbert C. Reynolds.

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