

# THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

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## PRESIDENT COLLIGAN'S RESIGNATION

The following is an excerpt from the Calendar of the meeting of the Board of Higher Education, November 20, 1939.

Board of Higher Education  
City of New York

Attention: Hon. Ordway Tead, Chairman  
Gentlemen

Respectfully I tender to the Board of Higher Education my resignation as President of Hunter College, to take effect at the expiration of my leave of absence on September 1, 1940. This application is presented subject to the understanding that it is not to be regarded as affecting or waiving any of my retirement rights in the Teachers' Retirement System of The City of New York.

You know, of course, that it is hardly necessary for me to tell you how dear the welfare of Hunter College has been and always will be to me.

Yours very truly,

EUGENE A. COLLIGAN.

On motion duly made, seconded, and carried, the following resolutions were adopted:

(a) RESOLVED, That on the recommendation of the Hunter College Administrative Committee, the Board of Higher Education accept the resignation of Dr. Eugene A. Colligan as President of Hunter College to take effect at the expiration of his leave of absence on September 1, 1940.

(b) RESOLVED, That in accepting President Colligan's resignation this Board desires to record its high appreciation of his devoted labors in the development and up-building of Hunter College. His administration has been characterized by special difficulties which complicated an already arduous task. In 1936 the main Hunter College building burned down. It became his responsibility to provide at once adequate emergency quarters in an office building. Immediately thereafter the task of planning a new structure to replace the old was placed upon him. And the initial supervision of the construction of the new Hunter building also fell upon him. In addition, the College has operated under the administrative handicap of functioning in six different units scattered in Manhattan and the Bronx.

The directive labors which all of this involved received President Colligan's untiring and conscientious attention. The College has materially profited by his administration and by his assiduous loyalty to its welfare.

## CALENDAR

Wed., Jan. 3—Officers-Directors, evening  
Wed., Jan. 10—Executive Council, afternoon

## ALUMNAE DAY

Alumnae who returned to College on November 22nd for the twenty-second annual Alumnae Day had special reason to celebrate this year, for it was probably the last time the traditional Thanksgiving and Alumnae exercises took place outside the College proper. By next year, it is expected, chapel will be held in the new building rapidly nearing completion at Sixty-eighth Street and Park Avenue.

The assembly this year marked the introduction of Acting President Shuster to the Alumnae as a group. In welcoming the graduates, Dean Shuster said that it is the aim of Hunter College to draw the alumnae into the life of Hunter and cement them firmly to the institution. The College stands ready to serve women from early youth to far past old age, he declared.

Mr. Richmond Harold Shreve, one of the architects for the new building, told the students and alumnae that the new college was appropriately designed in the form of an "H". He characterized the building as modern in architecture and representative of an "honest, straightforward, effective working machine". Its severity will be relieved by ten marble figures in modern design, typifying the intellectual activities of present-day women, on the Park Avenue and 69th Street sides of the building.

The chapel program, which was arranged by the Traditions Committee under the chairmanship of Lois Uttal, also included a greeting by Mrs. Theodore E. Simis, President of the Associate Alumnae, the reading of the Thanksgiving Proclamation by Ernestine Friedl, President of the Student Self-Government Association, musical selections by students in the Music Department, and singing of college songs by faculty, alumnae, and students.

After the chapel the alumnae were welcomed at a tea arranged by the Faculty Club at which President Shuster was host. Hostesses included officers of the club, faculty, and alumnae; and members of the Traditions Committee served.

A program arranged by the Physical Education Department was presented in the Lexington Avenue gym at 4:30. Modern dance techniques were demonstrated by fifteen students chosen from the classes of Associate Professor Augusta W. Neidhardt, Chairman of the Department; Assistant Professor Eva T. Zuckerman; and Mrs. Eugenie S. Goldberg, who trained the dancers. Four members of the Hunter College Varsity Fencing Team gave exhibition bouts.

Mrs. Jocelyn S. Shmerler was in charge of arrangements for Alumnae Day.

CLAIRE GLASSBURG.

## IN MEMORY OF LEAH WIENER

On Monday, November 20th, 1939, a small group of friends and relatives of the late beloved treasurer of the Class of '95 gathered in a room at the Lenox Hill Settlement to honor the memory of Leah Wiener.

At a special meeting of the class held on October 20th, it was decided to endow a table as a memorial to her at the Settlement, Miss Wiener being the third member of the class to be thus remembered. As November 19th was Leah's birthday, the nearest date was chosen for the ceremony.

In a small room made cheerful by a vase of lovely red roses sent by Mrs. Max Wiener, her beautiful life was recalled by words of her friends and by a short musical program.

Mrs. Heft played portions of the "Moonlight Sonata", and Miss Anne Wiener poured forth her rich young voice, giving honor to her great-aunt in some of the latter's favorite songs. Miss Julia Kane read a suitable poem. In conclusion Miss Ruggiero, accompanied by Miss Sylvia Gershowitz, sang Schubert's Ave Maria with great feeling.

At one point Mrs. Mulligan introduced Mrs. Alice Isaacs Popper, who said a few words in appreciation of the generosity in time, strength, and means of another classmate, Mrs. Edna Necarsulmer, who left us several years ago, and for whom also a table had been endowed.

Mrs. Graff, as Chairman of the Lenox Hill Committee of the Associate Alumnae, explained to those present the great usefulness of the Settlement to the people of the neighborhood.

MARY E. S. DAVIDSON,

Secretary.