

## Caedmon Founders Address Reunion Installation of New Officers

**S**PRING REUNION of the Alumni Association, held at the College May 17, began with the singing of "The Ivy Leaf", featuring the voice of Augusta Cooperstein Marcus. E. Adelaide Hahn opened the business meeting with the annual report of the Alumni President, a condensation of which follows this article.

An unscheduled addition to the program occurred after the report in the form of a tribute to the outgoing president, who entered Hunter fifty years ago and who has given her talents and energy to the College so unstintingly ever since. Speaking for the alumni were Florence Raider Zimmerman, first vice-president, who made the presentation to Miss Hahn of an exquisite gold necklace, the gift of Alumni friends, and Augusta Truell Wollheim, third vice-president, who had written some light verse for the occasion.

Visibly affected by the homage, Miss Hahn then introduced alumnae Barbara Cohen Holdridge and Marianne Roney Mantell, founders and directors of Caedmon Records Inc., who sounded as enthusiastic and inspired as the poet who gave his name to their unique firm. In a witty alternation, the ladies told of their early struggles and, though they did so modestly, of their remarkable achievements. "When we graduated (as humanities majors, with a lot of Latin, Greek and even some Sanskrit), we were obviously unfit for anything except to form a record company." Their one concern has been to make available good literature "in a form which people who were not readers of poetry would understand and love and in which the others would love it even more." Financial success has been "totally irrelevant". (What is one to make of the fact that the best selling Caedmon items at Harvard University are Mother Goose and Greek readings by Professor Pearl C. Wilson, in whose class the Caedmon girls met?)

Caedmon is now embarking on a new venture. It is entering the selling field. The sale of records will be handled in alliance with Houghton Mifflin and the main target will be schools.

Excerpts from a recording by Dylan Thomas and of Macbeth and Finnegan's Wake were played. Mrs. Holdridge and Mrs. Mantell then announced that they are presenting to the Alumni Association one of each of the two hundred records in their catalog. This generous gesture was applauded by the audience.

There followed the election and installation of officers by outgoing President Hahn. The new officers rose as names were called: President, Anna Michels Trinsey; 1st Vice-President: Meta Aronson Schechter; 2nd Vice-President: Ethel Garfunkel Berl; 3rd Vice-President: Anna Meade Heine; Treasurer: Celia Davinsky Zanger; Assistant Treasurer: Yvette Gordon Hyman; Recording Secretary: Beatrice Schmerer Broido; Assistant Recording Secretary: Grace Campus Krajcovic; Corresponding Secretary: Isabelle Freund Weill; Assistant Corresponding Secretary: Florence Bromberg Sider.

President Trinsey added her tribute to Professor Hahn and apprised the audience of her aims, including the creation with the other colleges of a "City University Club House", in which the alumni of the four senior members of the City University would find a common meeting place. Extracts from her speech appear in this issue.

A social hour in the North Lounge, prepared by Reunion Chairman Florence Bloch and her committee, ended the evening and the year. —U.S.

### EXTRACTS FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

... My own first purpose will now be to go on a talent hunt, to consult with our Chapters, to visit local schools and colleges and various club groups, to try to meet some of the thousands of Hunter graduates, now men as well as women, who have not been in close contact with us. We should bring them together, to encourage their participation in our whole Alumni development program, for our mutual pleasure and benefit.

For we stand at the crossroads, rather, we are approaching a great milestone, the 100th birthday of the College. It is not too early, I think, to begin to plan for 1970, to set up an Anniversary Program Committee and a Development Fund Committee, to include support of the new Graduate Study Fund and the achievement of the \$250,000 goal of our Scholarship and Welfare Fund, as well as other

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### ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP AND WELFARE FUND

The annual meeting of the Scholarship and Welfare Fund was held on the evening of June 4, 1962, at Roosevelt House.

The president of the Fund, Miss Catherine O'Hara, presided. Reports were presented by Dean Hopwood and Dean Levy of the College, and Mrs. Zanger, chairman of our Fund's Committee on Grants.

The election of members of the Board of Directors was held, the slate of the Nominating Committee being accepted.

A musical interlude was provided by a gifted young pianist, Sam Sanders, a Hunter College graduate. A reception followed.

### REPORT OF PRESIDENT HAHN

The year just completed, 1961-1962, has been a fruitful one for the Alumni Association of Hunter College.

The College authorities have cooperated with us in full measure. President Meng was on hand to greet us at the Birthday Luncheon, and he graciously talked over our problems

with the Chairmen of the Liaison Committee, Ethel Garfunkel Berl and her successor Augusta Truell Wollheim; Mrs. Wollheim of the Liaison Committee induced him to award \$3,000 for the use of Mrs. Wollheim of the NEWS. Dean Hopwood worked with us unceasingly. At the Home-

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new goals, in our future plans. The Scholarship and Welfare Fund has been the most ambitious undertaking of our Alumni in the last decade, and the most successful and rewarding. Over 500 undergraduates have already been helped by the Fund.

But there are further large untapped resources of aid and support among our graduates for various other good purposes. Reports in the Alumni NEWS, at Birthday Luncheons, at College receptions, indicate how distinguished are the services and accomplishments of many of our graduates, how much they could be counted on to give us, by way of counsel and cooperation, if we could reach them all.

To get to know the whole Hunter family, to bring them together in an Alumni house — the hope and dream of the graduates who marked the 50th anniversary of the College by raising over \$125,000 for an Alumni House— this goal may at last be realized. I had thought for some time that I would propose a plan, for consideration by our Board of Directors and Executive Council, for a City University Alumni Clubhouse for the graduates of the four City colleges. Now there have come expressions of interest in just such a plan from Dr. Greene, president of the Brooklyn College Alumni, and Dr. Weisman, executive secretary of the City College Alumni. Only through a cooperative enterprise could a project of this kind be carried out today. I believe that this will be one of the keys to our success in bringing the Hunter family together — the key to the City University Alumni Clubhouse door.

Working together, we can develop a great program of social and cultural activities, a great program of increased services to our College and our City.

I suggest that we take a leaf from President Kennedy's book, the Peace Corps service ideal, that we organize new voluntary community services, by Hunter graduates, to the schools, to local philanthropic groups, and to our City's government. We all have debts to pay in terms of service to our society, particularly perhaps those of us who have enjoyed the benefits of a free college education. Many, of course, have long since paid those debts.

... On behalf of all the new officers may I add that we are grateful for

## CHANCELLOR RESIGNS POST

After serving for two years Dr. John R. Everett, first Chancellor of the City University, has submitted his resignation from that post. He is leaving the University to become senior vice president of Encyclopaedia Britannica. The reasons for the change are, according to Dr. Everett, "overwhelmingly personal and financial".

The Board of Higher Education searched for three years before it appointed Dr. Everett. Once again it faces the problem of finding another candidate. Dr. Gustave G. Rosenberg, chairman, said, "We are grateful for the tremendous impetus the chancellor put into the creation of the City University." It is the intention of the Board to "go forward with the plans for development which Dr. Everett and his staff envisioned with the Board."

## SUMMER COURSES AT CITY UNIVERSITY

The senior colleges of The City University of New York will offer 230 courses in teacher education graduate summer sessions. Hunter, Brooklyn and Queens will offer day courses; City will offer them in the late afternoon and evening. Listings may be obtained by writing to the Division of Teacher Education, 535 East 80 Street, New York 21, or by telephoning TR 9-3600, Extension 747 or 711.

Hunter College will conduct a Vacation Demonstration School for about one hundred exceptional children in connection with an extensive group of courses in special education for children who are either gifted, physically handicapped or mentally retarded. An institute for teachers of foreign languages in the elementary schools will be available.

City College will conduct a workshop in intergroup relations in cooperation with the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Graduate teacher education sessions are scheduled for June 19 to August 10 at City College, June 28 to August 2 at Brooklyn College, July 2 to August 10 at Hunter College, July 2 to August 6 at Queens College.

the opportunity to serve our Alumni, grateful too for their friendship and good will and support.

ANNA MICHELS TRINSEY  
President

## IN MEMORIAM

The death of Professor Augusta W. Neidhardt on May 17 shocked her many friends and former colleagues.

"Neidie" had retired in 1958 after forty-five years of service on the faculty of Hunter College. She was a grad-



uate of the Class of 1912 of Hunter College and took her graduate work at Teachers College of Columbia University.

During the years in which she served as Chairman of the Department of Physical Education, the program of studies for the major in Physical Education was initiated and developed for men and women on both the graduate and undergraduate levels. In addition, the extensive facilities of the Department of Physical Education at Park Avenue were planned and completed under her guidance.

Professor Neidhardt was always deeply interested in the professional growth of the students in the Physical Education major. She also served on the College Committee for the selection of students entering service as WAVES. When Hunter welcomed the veterans, her guidance encouraged many of them to select Physical Education as a vocation.

Her colleagues, students and friends knew her as a gracious, charming woman, always conscientiously striving for perfection whether the task was routine or special. She was proud to serve the Alumni Association on the Executive Council and Board of Directors, and as a member of the Board of Directors of the Scholarship and Welfare Fund.

All her friends and colleagues will miss her active interest and, more deeply, will feel the loss of her friendship.

## MISS HAHN'S REPORT (Cont'd)

coming, the former Dean of Faculty, now Dean of the Graduate School of the City University, our own Mina Rees, addressed us on the graduate work; her successor as Dean of Faculty, Dr. Mary L. Gambrell, greeted us on behalf of the College; and the Department Chairmen were featured on the program.

The Alumni Association in its turn has tried to be of service to the College. The Directors voted unanimously to support, in order (1) free tuition, and (2) funds for the new Graduate School. Before election the Alumni President obtained from all three important candidates for the Mayoralty, Messrs. Gerosa, Lefkowitz, and Wagner, letters in support of free tuition for publication in the News. Later an admirable document prepared by the Chairman of the Alumni Committee on Free Tuition, Anna Michels Trinsey, was printed in the News and circulated at College. Representatives of all four municipal senior colleges expressed their views at meetings with Dr. Rosenberg (who likewise warmly favors free tuition) and Chancellor Everett; and on February 20 they traveled to Albany to interview legislators and others, Hunter being represented by its President and Mrs. Trinsey, also by Mildred Intner Thaler, wife of State Senator Thaler, whose contacts and experience were particularly valuable. The group returned depressed, for the bill mandating free tuition which Mayor Wagner, true to his pledge, had had prefled, was manifestly doomed because of Governor Rockefeller's opposition. However, we must try again next year.

A happier note can be sounded in a report on the establishment of the Reba and Max Richter Free Loan Fund of at least \$125,000, obtained for the College by our devoted Irene Brandon Graff; also on the progress of the Scholarship and Welfare Fund, under its President, Julia Lopez Cherne, now succeeded by another faithful worker, Catherine O'Hara. The number of contributors, the amount of contributions, and the number of named scholarships, have all increased; and the sum of \$539 was realized in a single day through an exhibit of paintings by the late Estelle Levy. The Directors voted henceforth to present an annual Birthday Gift to each of the two College centers instead of alternating as formerly; the 1962 Birthday Gifts, provided by the committee under Virginia Zuckerman, were a set of the New English Dictionary for the Graduate School at Park Avenue, and a Webcor record-player with some fine records for the Bronx. Plans are under way for the Centennial Fund in preparation for 1970.

Deeply interested in the question of the ban on speakers temporarily imposed by the Presidents of the municipal colleges, the Directors commended the attitude of President Meng, who regretted the ban but felt that what appeared to be the existing law must be obeyed. There was general gratification when it was finally decided that the law did not necessitate such drastic action, and that decisions in regard to speakers should henceforth be left to the individual College Presidents.

The business of the Alumni Association, while it should always be primarily service to the College, of course, includes many other details. In this connection the officers have been most helpful. The three

Vice-Presidents all deserve special thanks: the First, Florence Rader Zimmerman, also serves as counsel (succeeding another distinguished and loyal alumna, Ruth Lewinson); the Second, Beatrice Kohn Weinberg, has represented the Alumni at several important meetings, and has continued her gracious services as Chairman of Hostesses at the Luncheon; and the Third, Augusta Truell Wollheim, has doubled, or rather tripled, as Editor of the News and as Chairman of the Liaison Committee. Yeoman service was rendered by the Recording Secretary, Beatrice Schmerer Broido; the Corresponding Secretary, Isabel Freund Weill; the Treasurer, Cecilia Aide; and their respective Assistants, Helene Goldfarb, Evelyn Davidson, and Yvette Gordon Hyman. Fortunately, the two Secretaries and the Assistant Treasurer have consented to serve another term; the others will be missed. A special tribute should be paid to Miss Aide, who after six years in the onerous job of Treasurer was prevented by illness from accepting renomination. In her demanding work she was ably assisted by Mrs. Hyman as Chairman of the Auditing Committee, by Mr. Hyman as the official Auditor, and by Ray Miller as Finance Committee Chairman.

The Board of Directors has rendered loyal and effective service at its numerous and often protracted meetings. The Executive Council too has been faithful and helpful. Helen Hochfelder Taffel and her assistant Ruth Ulman have built the Council up almost to full size; the next step is to bring attendance up also.

In general the Committee Chairmen have nearly all fulfilled their duties admirably. Two committees dealing with important Alumni business may be mentioned here. For the Membership Committee, Professors Helen V. Downey and Anne Bartlett Tipton labored faithfully at recruiting undergraduates in the Bronx and at Park Avenue respectively; it was hoped that the Co-Chairman, Glenda Axel, would help outside the College by bringing other young graduates into the fold, but as this did not work out, the indefatigable Sibylla Mellor was brought in to serve as coordinator for the whole committee. The special Committee on Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws had been functioning ever since Mrs. Abrams' administration; the present President, who had been a member of it since its inception, can testify to its thoughtful and faithful service under Chairman Anna Michels Trinsey and Vice-Chairman Gertrude Hackes Hanauer. It reported originally in 1960, but completion of its entire report was delayed by lack of a quorum at several special Alumni meetings. The President had hoped to finish up the almost completed job at the 1960 Reunion, but was told on the previous day that the rest of the committee members had conferred together and were requesting a postponement, which she of course granted, though with some regret at not seeing through this important work during her term of office.

In regard to business, a word of appreciation is in order for the performance of her multitudinous duties by the Office Manager, Mrs. Muriel Kuhn (chosen last year by the Committee on Personnel under Norma Lippman Newmark). Mrs. Kuhn has performed the work of the unfortunately non-functioning Committee on Chapters and has supplemented the work

of the Committee on Membership (a very large proportion of dues already received for the fiscal year beginning June 1, 1962, are from new members). Two of her truly outstanding achievements have been the refurbishing and refurbishing of the Alumni Rooms at Roosevelt House, which have now become orderly and attractive centers for work and play; and the corrections and additions of the graduate files, maintenance of which constitutes a most significant service to both Alumni and College (the number of address plates has been increased by Mrs. Hahn from 21,952 to 34,944).

So much for the business of the Association. Now for its pleasure.

Important social events for the year include the Homecoming (an innovation by the present President which seems to have met with approval) on November 4; the Luncheon on February 17, attended by 801, with Congresswoman Edna Flannery Kelly '28, as speaker, and Robert White '59, singer, and with an exhibit of essays and note-books by old Hunter girls, arranged by the Archives Committee under Isabel Freund Weill, as an additional charming feature; and the Reunion on May 17, with a brief business meeting preceding a joint talk by the distinguished founders and managers of Caedmon Records, Barbara Cohen Holdridge and Marianne Roney Mantell, both '50. For the smooth running of the Homecoming and the Reunion, we must thank the Reunion Committee under Florence J. Bloch; for that of the Luncheon, the Luncheon Committee under Rose Sigal Golomb. The College invited the Alumni to the Birthday Assembly on February 14 (at which Mina Rees spoke and Meta Aronson Schechter of the Golden Class called the roll, and which was followed by a tea arranged by Miss Bloch), the newly organized Bronx Campus Section in the Bronx on March 3, and the 1952 Homecoming on March 29. On each of these occasions, our Association was graciously recognized by an invitation to its President to deliver a greeting.

The Chapters, which make a tremendous contribution by supporting our undertakings and increasing our membership, have held many social affairs as well as engaging in other activities. Your President was happy to be invited as a guest of honor to delightful gatherings of the Bronx, Staten Island, Westchester, and New England Chapters.

The Alumni sponsored the AAUW luncheon-meeting (formerly the Barnard Forum) in February, as usual with its representative Miriam Freithal Larus (also faithful Ivy Pin Chairman), and the luncheon in May in honor of retiring Associate Superintendent of Schools Ethel Huggard '13.

An agreeable and economical annual event is our flight to Europe, organized by Lorraine Woods Costello with help from the Noto Travel Bureau. This year we are taking advantage of the new Group Travel Plan; those participating will leave for London on July 5 and return from Paris on August 27.

All Alumni activities, whether involving business or pleasure, have been recorded in our Alumni News, under the able Editorship of Augusta Truell Wollheim, herself at once a businesslike and pleasant

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deliciously wacky short . . . a thing of superb and witty spoofing."

**1957** JULES BELFORD, who received his M.A. from Columbia in 1961, has been an assistant in philosophy the past year at the University of Missouri. He has an assistantship in philosophy at the University of Minnesota for 1962-63.

**1961** RICHARD O'TOOLE has been commissioned second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and assigned to Englin Air Force Base, Florida, for duty.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**1885** HATTIE ROTHSCHILD, April 1962, in her ninety sixth year. "Most of her forty-two years of teaching had been in P.S. 76, across the way from College. Here she was a pioneer in the ideal of giving service to the children's families in order to render a rounded education to the individual child. Surviving are her sister, Carrie Rothschild Wakeham '90, and her niece, Gertrude Hackes Hanauer '16."

**1892** TERESA GUTMAN GOODKIND (Mrs. Martin), April 1962.

**1900** ETHEL REICH WALD (Mrs. Armin), April 1961; mother of Malvina Wald Weitzner '29. "Loved ones leave us, but the wisteria vine is now bearing the lovely blossoms which remind me of our college."—MW

**1901** HATTIE M. STRELITZ, April 1962.

**1910** ELIZABETH D. MORAN, April 1962.

**1920** LOUISE M. FAUSER, March 1962. "A retired lawyer, she had a keen mind and a gentle heart concerned with the welfare of orphans and poor children."—B.M.

**CALENDAR**

Wed., Oct. 3—Executive Council  
Wed., Oct. 10—Board of Directors

**Special Events**

Sat., Nov. 3, 1962—Homecoming at the College, Park Avenue  
Sat., Feb. 16, 1963—Birthday Luncheon

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person. In this most successful management of a most important enterprise, she has been aided by the Assistant Editor, Gertrude C. Smith. The one regrettable detail is the fact that the rising cost of the News, due to increase in number of pages, of copies, and of Chapters reporting, has resulted in the cutting, or even cutting out, of various interesting articles, and the inability to introduce many attractive features at present existing only in the Editor's fertile brain.

Besides financing our own extensive (and expensive!) activities, the Alumni have continued to contribute to their two special philanthropies, Lenox Hill and Northrop Camp, through two specially devoted Chairmen, Irene Brandon Graff and B. Elizabeth Kallman. Lenox Hill had a successful dessert bridge and sale on April 11. Northrop Camp this summer will substitute bungalows for tents; particularly gratifying is its appointment of a former camper as nature counsellor.

In conclusion, it may be said that the Alumni Association has truly accomplished much. To the outgoing President, its

needs seem to be primarily three. We need more publicity: despite the efforts of our Chairman of Public Relations, Eleanor E. Reilly, newspaper coverage has been woefully scant. We need more commodious quarters: perhaps promising is the proposal for a City University Club-House sent by the Brooklyn Alumni President, Jay Greene, to the outgoing Hunter Alumni President, which she reported on to the Directors on May 9, but action on which was postponed at the request of the incoming President. And above all we need more money: the Luncheon and the News will inevitably show a deficit so long as they are required to bear their own mailing costs; we want a bigger and better News (better only because bigger); the Office Manager has urged, and the Directors have approved, the appointment of an extra member of the office force, to do sorely needed routine "chores" at a gratifyingly low salary. Is the solution the raising of dues?

Meanwhile your President thanks the ever loyal and cooperative members of the Alumni for giving her the opportunity to serve for four years, and for entrusting her with a post which has brought her both honor and happiness.

E. ADELAIDE HAHN

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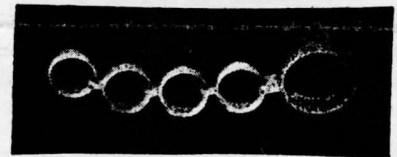
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