

# THE ALUMNAE NEWS

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Greetings! As the new President of the Associate Alumnae, I wish to express my very sincere appreciation of the honor you have conferred upon me. My one wish is that our Association may continue to grow in harmony and members. Increased membership is a most vital factor in the growth of any group. Will each of you please consider yourself a member of this Committee and do your share in building up the Alumnae?

Constructive criticism and suggestions will be most welcome. I shall serve to do the best of my ability—man can do no more!

MARY LOUISE DRADDY  
President

## SPRING REUNION

In spite of unpleasant weather a capacity crowd of Alumnae assembled in the Playhouse on May 18th for the annual Spring Reunion. This occasion marked for Dr. Ruth Lewinson, who presided, the completion of twenty-five years of active service to the College in an official capacity, that started when she became a Trustee, and has ended, temporarily we hope, with her fine service as President of the Associate Alumnae for the past two years.

In her address of welcome Dr. Lewinson stressed the importance of the role of the President of the Associate Alumnae, and therefore the responsibility of the Alumnae to choose a good representative. In this connection she feels that not only more cognizance should be taken of the part that the younger women might take in leadership, but also the Alumnae should avail itself of the material that is at hand and start the younger women in activities in order to develop future leaders. Dr. Lewinson stressed too that the Alumnae must steer clear of bias in any form, in the selection of officers, and in any way connected with the activities of the organization, and that it is time for them to become a powerful factor in the City of New York as a voice for good government, and for greater expenditure for free education, etc. The first obligation of the Associate Alumnae is to Hunter College, and then to the Community which gave us our free education.

Dr. George N. Shuster, President of Hunter College, brought news of the College in his message to the Alumnae. During the past year over 156 graduates of the College received scholarships or fellowships in the universities of the United States. Hunter is looking forward to a "family reunion" in the fall when most of the staff will have returned from war service, and expects to have the new class of Freshmen settled in the Bronx buildings, which will be vacated by the United Nations, the meeting of which has brought much publicity to the College during the past spring.

President Shuster feels that the role that

women played during the war was a difficult one, and that Hunter College should have a war memorial "to represent the same kind of service that the men who went away and the ones who stayed behind gave". This, he feels, should take the form of endowments to support the work of the College in drama and music. For this purpose Hunter would need the sum of \$5,000 a year. Dr. Shuster will welcome any other suggestions from alumnae.

War-Time Service Awards were presented by Dr. Lewinson to those who, as members of the Patriotic Service Committee, gave much time and service to the Canteen. The following received awards:

Miss Katherine Burns	Miss Dorothy Oelert
Miss Natalie Finklestein	Miss Jean Paul
Miss Shirley Greenberg	Mrs. Beatrice Powell
Miss Edyth Horne	Miss Ray Richter
Miss Barbara Keller	Miss Miriam Rokeach
Miss Edna Lewinson	Miss Eloise Simonson
Miss Rita Martocci	Dr. and Mrs. Gray
Miss B. Elizabeth Kallman, Chairman	

Mrs. Beatrice K. Weinberg, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers. Since no other nominations had been received, the entire slate was elected. The following were elected officers:

President .....	Mrs. Robert E. Draddy
First Vice-President .....	Mrs. Samuel Bitterman
Second Vice-President .....	Miss B. Elizabeth Kallman
Third Vice-President .....	Miss Marie K. Gallagher
Recording Secretary .....	Mrs. Peter Zaphir
Assistant Recording Secretary ..	Miss Dorothy C. Oelert
Corresponding Secretary .....	Miss Lillian Corrigan
Ass't Corresponding Secretary ..	Mrs. Wilbur D. Thorne
Treasurer .....	Miss Elsie R. Kengla
Assistant Treasurer .....	Miss Babette M. Levy

Mrs. Robert E. Draddy, the newly elected President, was introduced by Dr. Lewinson. After expressing her thanks and asking the support of the Alumnae in the Association's plans for the coming year, she in turn expressed the thanks and appreciation of the Alumnae for the outstanding service rendered by Dr. Lewinson as President for the past two years, and presented to her on behalf of the Alumnae, in appreciation, a solid gold fountain-pen, an onyx ash-tray, and a set of bronze bookends, the latter guaranteed by Mrs. Draddy to be the only pair available in New York.

If the keen sense of humor revealed in her presentation and the persistence shown in achieving her goal of obtaining the bookends are samples of the qualities of Mrs. Draddy as a leader, then the Alumnae may look forward to a very successful year.

The fine playing of Miss Elaine Odesser, '46, pianist, and the excellent singing of Miss Molly Lippenholtz, '47, who was accompanied by Miss Odesser, added much to the enjoyment of the program. After the singing of the Ivy Leaf, led by Miss Lippenholtz, the alumnae repaired to the lounges for a period of fellowship and for refreshments arranged under the chairmanship of Miss Thelma Vint.

DAISY A. CLOUX

IN MEMORY OF OUR OLD BUILDING  
1873 - 1936

LINES WRITTEN DURING  
THE DEMOLITION OF THE OLD  
HUNTER COLLEGE BUILDING

(Reprinted from the 1908 *Class News Letter*)

Wounded at last to death, home that we loved,  
After so many winters braved and borne!  
Now never more shall any little breeze  
Ruffle thy patient ivy. Never more  
Shall Summer come to cast thy leafy veil  
About thee, sitting silent like a queen,  
Crowned with thy tower, dreaming thine old dreams,  
Dreaming of laughing voices and light feet  
Now slower grown or heard on earth no more.  
As birds that, bowered in thy shade, knew first  
The worth of wings, thy children's thoughts return  
To circle sadly in the empty place  
And twitter at the last a small farewell.

MAY MORRIS KELLY, '08