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HEALD COMMISSION ASKS \$300 TUITION FEE

Just as the NEWS is going to press a number of articles dealing with the report of the Heald Committee are appearing in the daily press. One of its recommendations, namely, that students in the municipal colleges be charged a tuition fee of \$300 a year, is certain to cause grave concern to the Alumni.

Our members are asked for the time being to stand by, ready when called upon to help safeguard for our younger brothers and sisters the precious privilege that was ours of a tuition-free college education for all those worthy of it.

E. ADELAIDE HAHN, *President*

BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON

The birthday party, celebrating the ninety-first anniversary of our College, will be held Saturday, February 18, 1961, at the Astor Hotel. This year no one need be kept away because of Lincoln's birthday weekend plans.

The Grand Ballroom of the Astor provides a wonderful setting for our gala affair, and special rooms are provided for all milestone classes (1's and 6's), as well as the Silver, Gold and Diamond Anniversary groups, to hold pre-luncheon meetings.

Despite rising costs, tickets will be the same as last year — \$6.50 including gratuities.

Luncheon invitations containing the reservation form will be in the mail shortly after the beginning of the new year. Meanwhile, class presidents or representatives, chapter presidents and other group organizers are urged to get their groups together. Space may be reserved by communicating with the

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JANUARY MEETING

All active (i. e. paid-up) members of the Alumni Association are invited to attend a meeting to be held Wednesday, January 4th, concomitantly with the Executive Council meeting, for the purpose of considering the proposed revision of the Alumni Constitution and By-Laws.

Members are asked to bring with them the copy of the proposed revision which appeared in the November NEWS.

E. Adelaide Hahn, *President*

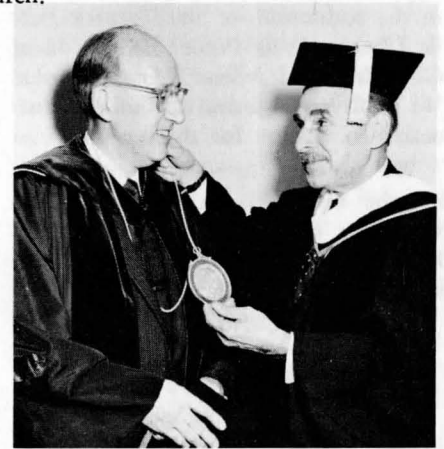
INAUGURATION OF DR. JOHN MENG

Dr. John Joseph Meng was installed as sixth president of Hunter College Monday, October 21, 1960, by Dr. Gustave G. Rosenberg, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education. The ceremony filled the Assembly Hall of the College with delegates from over 250 colleges and universities, the faculties and staff of the College, alumni, students and friends of Hunter. Among the interested spectators were Mrs. Meng and the eight Meng children.

Mayor Wagner greeted Dr. Meng on behalf of the city and described him as a man of "quiet strength, great good humor and untiring energy."

Dr. Thomas Hale Hamilton, president of the State University of New York, delivered the address, "The Dimensions of Knowledge." He mentioned the general concern of the public with higher education and declared that the common man must be educated to bring out uncommon qualities. The view of education has changed since Grecian times when knowledge was

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Dr. Meng with Dr. Rosenberg

SUCCESSFUL HOMECOMING DAY

Hundreds of alumni returned to Hunter College November fifth to participate in Homecoming. Panels were attended by interested and inquiring audiences. Over three hundred alumni and friends lunched together as classes and chapters before the program in the Playhouse.

The moderators in reporting had difficulty in finding a common theme for their panels but the blame, E. Adelaide Hahn explained, was hers. She had invited new faculty members to speak so that alumni would have an opportunity to meet them. She had then bestowed a theme title on each panel to which the speakers did not necessarily address themselves.

Professor Hoxie Fairchild, moderator of the humanities panel, reviewed the interesting papers of Professors Thelma DeGraff, Leslie Marchand and Lester Mansfield. Professor Edna Wells Luetz was able to find a common point of view in what Donald Lybbert, Roger Kamien, Fritz Bultman and Carlus Dyer felt is required of the public when confronted by modern music and modern art.

Professor Abraham Raskin gave a précis of the talks made by Professors Marguerite Holmes, Samuel Korn and Israel Rose. Professor Ruth Goldstein Weintraub found that the social science panel, comprised of Dean Fritz Morstein Marx, Professor Louie Camp and Mr. Peter Juviler, was in accord on how modern man must survive in the modern bureaucratic state.

Our new president, Dr. John J. Meng, greeted the enthusiastic audience of

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Dr. and Mrs. Meng and Family

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virtue. It has passed through the Baconian era when knowledge was felt to be power and the Jeffersonian day when knowledge was held to be freedom, to the present day when knowledge is responsibility.

Dr. Rosenberg presented Dr. Meng as one who possesses excellence in three fields: "as a thinker of thoughts, as a doer of deeds and as a human being." He then gave Dr. Meng the Hunter College medallion as the symbol of his office.

President Meng attributed to sins of omission in teaching the great void he feels exists in college education. The educator should be committed to the discovery and teaching of truth. "Our students are entitled to know and to understand not only the questions which life poses, but the answers which mankind has found to be true and final." Time was when the teaching of ethics and morality was identified with theology but it is the duty of the educator to teach truth. Dr. Meng continued, "We must understand where teaching ends and indoctrination begins; the dividing line between the two must never be crossed."

The benediction was given by Bishop Donegan, who had also pronounced the invocation.

A reception was held by Dr. and Mrs. Rosenberg, Deans Hopwood, Marx and

Rees and President and Mrs. Meng in the lounges on the third floor of the College.

Prior to the inauguration a luncheon was held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in honor of Dr. Meng. Dean Mina Rees presided. The Most Reverend Joseph Brunini, Auxiliary Bishop of Natchez-Jackson, brother of Mrs. Meng, gave the invocation.

Greetings to the new president were extended by Dr. James E. Allen, State Commissioner of Education; Dr. Gustave Rosenberg, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education; Blanche Wiesen, President of Student Council, Park Avenue; the Hon. Joseph E. Schlossberg, Chairman of the Hunter College Administrative Committee of the Board of Higher Education; Dr. John R. Everett, Chancellor of the Municipal Colleges, and our own E. Adelaide Hahn.

Miss Hahn said that when Dr. Meng had come to Hunter in 1949 he had brought with him the sobriquet of "Honest John". In the years he has served at the College, further adjectives have been added and he is known as well as "Fair John, Courteous John, Nice John". Miss Hahn assured President Meng that the alumni stand ready to play their part when called upon.

Dr. Meng responded modestly that "all these unmerited compliments are for abilities not yet demonstrated." He concluded, "Everything you hope for, I will try to do."