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Your Editor has been proved a true prophet, and that even more speedily than she expected.

A few years ago, a very pleasant, polite young undergraduate came to consult us about a Latin course. She explained that planning her program was complicated by the fact that a number of hours each week had to be reserved for the Opera Workshop, where she had a scholarship. We said, "Oh, then you must have a good voice." Modestly, she remained silent.

After that, we often met the young student in the halls, and always received, and enjoyed, the same pleasant, polite greeting. We received it again last January 31, and thrilled with vicarious pride, for this was the occasion of the impressive A.D.A. dinner at the Waldorf in honor of Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday, with Adlai E. Stevenson as the principal speaker, and our young graduate as the singer of the national anthem.

And now for our prophecy. In the ALUMNI NEWS for March, we wrote of the College Birthday Luncheon: "The highly gifted singer, who we hope some day will join our Regina Resnik in the roster of Metropolitan stars, was Martina Arroyo, Hunter graduate and member of the Hunter College Opera Workshop."

And now for the beginning of the realization of our prophecy. On March 30, six singers were named as winners in the 19th Metropolitan Opera Auditions of the Air, each receiving an award of \$1,000. Mr. Rudolf Bing explained that six semi-finalists instead of the usual three were selected because the quality of all was so uncommonly high. And one of the six was Martina Arroyo, Hunter Alumna of the Class of September '56.



MARTINA ARROYO

DC CHAPTER

For the members of the DC Chapter, as well as their husbands, relatives, and friends, the group's activities, during the 1957-58 season, provided a well-rounded program of entertainment and thoughtful discussion. Before the season officially closes, the Chapter has planned a spring "Game Night", and a final luncheon meeting in May.

One of the highlights of 1957 was a visit to Arena Stage, Washington's famous theatre-in-the-round, where an excellent performance of Shaw's "The Doctor's Dilemma" was enacted. Our fund-raising chairman, Norma Ozur, later reported that whereas Shaw's doctor was faced with a "dilemma", our Scholarship and Welfare Fund was enriched that evening by \$87.70.

The first open meeting in 1958, a week after the New Year, was devoted to a discussion of Stocks, Bonds, and Gilt-Edged Investments. The speaker, Mrs. Ruth Gratt Adler, a Hunter alumna associated with the Washington firm of Jones, Kreeger, and Hewitt, offered very sound advice on investments. The lively interest in "where to put your money" may have resulted from the realization of "where that money had gone" during the recent festivities. Mrs. Adler suggested that the Chapter consider investing some money to aid the Scholarship Fund; this plan is under consideration.

On January 21, at the home of Mrs. Hope Efrom, a most gracious hostess, a Chapter reception was held for a group of about 40 Hunter undergraduates, freshmen through seniors, and two faculty members who were visiting Washington. In contrast to last year, when a similar reception was held and a number of the visiting students did not attend, this year every visitor attended, with the exception of one student who was ill. The alumni were much pleased at the turnout. After Janet Mears Nurick, the Program Committee Chairman, introduced alumnae and their husbands to our guests, she led the evening's discussion of students' vocational possibilities correlated with a particular major. Halfway through the evening, a political discussion developed which involved the evaluation of the joint record of Congress and the Administration. It was a memorable evening, and certainly most vocal! Two interesting items were noted about our visitors, one, that about one-third of them were male, and another, that the Political Science Department's Scholarship Fund had contributed \$10 apiece to six of the students to defray part of the expenses of the trip.

The 88th College Birthday Luncheon will never be forgotten by the DC alumni and their guests, but that February 15th Saturday has also been recorded for posterity—weather-wise, that is. It was the day when the BIG SNOW came to the southland, and caused "havoc compounded by confusion". That afternoon, during a gently falling snow, 28 intrepid ladies, organized into car pools, drove a distance of from 10 to 25 miles to celebrate at the charming Old Clubhouse in Virginia.