



*Dr. Mary Latimer Gambrell
Acting President and Dean of Faculty*

On April 8 Dr. Gustave G. Rosenberg, Chairman of the Board of Higher Education, announced that a six-months' sabbatical leave had been granted to President John J. Meng. President Meng had requested the leave in order that he might accept the invitation of St. John's University to become a Special Consultant on Educational Planning for a few months.

Dr. Rosenberg also announced that Dr. Mary Latimer Gambrell, Dean of Faculty at Hunter, would serve as Acting President, during Dr. Meng's absence. Dr. Rosenberg said that the members of the Board of Higher Education had expressed regret that the Board and the City University would be without President Meng's "effective presence" until the autumn, but added that the College will be "in good hands," for Dr. Gambrell knows the College well, having been at Hunter since 1937 and having "served with distinction" as Dean of Faculty since 1961.

Dean Gambrell was Chairman of the History Department at the College before being appointed Dean of Faculty. She is a specialist in American history, particularly the eighteenth century period. She is noted for her study of the history of ideas in America.

Dean Gambrell was born in Belton, South Carolina, and received her Bachelor's degree from Greenville Wo-

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man's College (now Furman University). Her Master's and Ph.D. degrees are from Columbia University. She has also received honorary degrees from Furman and from Queens College, North Carolina. She is a member of the American Historical Association and has served the Berkshire Historical Conference as president, as well as secretary-treasurer.

Dean Gambrell has had wide experience in the administration of academic matters at Hunter, for she has been a member of and chairman of many important faculty committees. In addition to serving the College as Acting President she will continue to carry the duties of her office as Dean of Faculty.

Commenting on her new position Dean Gambrell said, "The office will bring new responsibilities and new opportunities. My associations with Hunter College students and faculty have always been happy ones. I anticipate that those additional duties will be both pleasant and strenuous."

In discussing his leave and new appointment, President Meng said, "The invitation to serve as Special Consultant on Educational Planning to St. John's University is personally gratifying to me. I am particularly pleased by the fact that one of the large private universities of our urban area has turned to the City University for consultation in the review of its academic structure. All universities today have much to give and much to learn from one another's experiences. Our interdependence in these times of essential development and expansion should evoke increasing cooperation among us. If my own years of work in the field of higher education can be of help to St. John's, I will be happy indeed. In turn, I expect to learn a great deal from this assignment which will be of value to me personally and officially when I return to my permanent post at Hunter College."