

his almost slavish following of the dramatist's text and thus catches the spirit and the significance of the whole episode. Also the nine measures of the off-beat note played during the scene by the English horn as if to point an accusing finger at the unfortunate lady, is superb in its blood-curdling effect. The director's bringing her back in this aria to the actual scene of Duncan's murder is a stroke of genius.

In dealing, then, with Shakespeare's plays as libretti for the three Verdi-Shakespearian operas, one could very readily say with the fine eighteenth-century classical

scholar, Richard Bentley, commenting on Alexander Pope's translation of Homer, "A pretty poem, Mr. Pope, but you must not call it Homer." So with Verdi we must not call his Shakespearian operas "Shakespeare." We do not go to the opera house to see Shakespeare performed. For this we resort to the legitimate theater.

These Shakespearian operas are typically Italian in every aspect. Verdi uses the dramatist's material to give him a magnificent foundation for his unsurpassable Italian operas, and we must rejoice that he had the supreme genius to do so.

Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Hunter

Beatrice F. Hyslop

The society of Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776, at the College of William and Mary, in Virginia. Not until a century later, in 1875, were women elected to membership—for the first time by the Phi Beta Kappa Chapter at the University of Vermont.

One hundred seventy colleges in the country (out of over two thousand) today have Chapters of the Society, which are established upon the United Chapters' approval of local applications for charters.

Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Hunter was chartered in 1920, the Golden Jubilee year of the College. Petition for the charter was sponsored by twelve members of the faculty, under the leadership of Professor George Meason Whicher, then the chairman of the Classics Department. Other members of the petitioning faculty were Gertrude Bishop Austin, Edward Sandford Burgess, Elizabeth Brownell Collier, Philip Raphael Vincent Curoe, Dora Wilhelmina Davis, George Samler Davis, Luise Haessler, Elizabeth Mathews, Sarah Rush Parks and Frida von Unwerth. These faculty members had been elected to Phi Beta Kappa by the colleges from which they had been graduated. This tradition continues; new members of the staff and faculty elected to Phi Beta Kappa before coming to Hunter become members of Nu Chapter.

Undergraduates are elected annually to the Chapter on the basis of their records. About ten per cent—the top ten per cent—are elected from each graduating class. This year the number elected is 125, a record figure.

In addition to electing undergraduates, a Phi Beta Kappa chapter has the privilege of electing honorary

members, and alumni members who were not elected as undergraduates, but who have subsequently given outstanding service or who have made an outstanding contribution to scholarship. In the last three years President Meng, Dean Hopwood and Dean Gambrell have been elected to honorary membership by Nu Chapter; Professor Ruth Weintraub '25 and Dr. Charlotte Friend '44 to alumnae membership.

Nu Chapter has sponsored special programs and receptions, open to the public. During the current term there was a Phi Beta Kappa reception on Bronx Campus on February 19. Dean Nygreen emphasized, in addressing those present, the aspects of character and scholarship which election to Phi Beta Kappa signifies. Professor Eisele gave a lively discourse on great moments in the history of the College, and the writer spoke on the history of Phi Beta Kappa.

On March 3 the speaker at a reception at Park Avenue was Dr. Roy Nichols, Vice-Provost of the Graduate Faculties of the University of Pennsylvania and Phi Beta Kappa Senator of the Middle Atlantic Region to the United Chapters. His theme was "Scholarship, 1776 and Now." He contrasted the broad liberal scholarship of the past with today's specialization and orientation toward the vocational, which presents a special challenge to the role of Phi Beta Kappa as a guardian of scholarly values in our contemporary society.

At the annual initiation this June of newly elected members of Nu Chapter, Vera Micheles Dean, Professor of International Development at the Graduate School of New York University, was the speaker.

Officers of the Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa serve for three years; from 1961-1964 they have been: Beatrice F. Hyslop (Department of History), President; Carolyn Eisele (Mathematics), Vice-President; Virginia Staudt Sexton (Psychology), Recording Secretary; Roslyn Hayes (Psychology), Secretary-Treasurer; Ruth Walker (Chemistry) and Dorothy Naiman (Physiology), Council Members at Large.

The new officers elected in May to serve until 1967 are: Carolyn Eisele, President; Virginia Staudt Sexton, Vice-President; Nathan Stoller (Education), Recording Secretary; Calvin Edwards (English), Secretary-Treasurer; David Gordon (English), Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; Dorothy Lampen (Economics) and Ralph L. Ward (Classics), Council Members.

During the last three years the Phi Beta Kappa membership on both campuses has been drawn together, and a wider participation in the activities of Nu Chapter has been elicited. As the older members of the Faculty retire the newer younger members must participate, and there are hopeful signs of cooperative effort for the next triennium, 1964-67.

Today, about 125 members of the Hunter College faculty and staff and about seven hundred alumnae and alumni members form the active list of Nu Chapter members. All those who were elected as undergraduates—many more than seven hundred since 1920—may maintain their ties with Nu Chapter by paying annual dues of \$1.00. Every Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Hunter is cordially invited to affiliate with Nu Chapter by writing to the new Secretary-Treasurer, Calvin Edwards, at 695 Park Avenue.

A note on the outgoing and incoming Presidents of Nu Chapter.

BEATRICE F. HYSLOP

Professor Beatrice Hyslop, a distinguished member of the History Department at Hunter, joined the Faculty in 1936. She has been cited as a Chevalier of the Legion of Honor by the French Government which has also published two books by her—*Répertoire critique des cahiers de doléances de 1789* and *Supplément au répertoire critique des cahiers de doléances de 1789*. Two other books, *French Nationalism in 1789* and *A Guide to the General Cahiers of 1789*, were published by Columbia University Press. She has also published numerous articles and book reviews.

After graduating from Mount Holyoke she studied at Columbia where she got her Ph.D. Holyoke later gave the D. Litt. degree in recognition of her contribution to historical studies. She has twice had Fulbright Awards for study in France as well as a grant from the American Philosophical Society. Currently she is working on a manuscript to be published, with a grant from France.

CAROLYN EISELE

On May 11, 1964, Carolyn Eisele '23, associate professor of Mathematics, was elected president of Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa at Hunter, for a three-year term. She had been vice-president of the Chapter since 1961.

Carolyn has gained renown for her work in the history of science and mathematics. This spring she received two research grants, one for \$1000 from the American Philosophical Society (which had given her a grant some years ago) and one for \$12,600 from the National Science Foundation. These awards will enable her to edit several still unpublished mathematics manuscripts by Charles S. Peirce, and to continue her work on her book on Peirce as mathematician.

In numerous articles on aspects of Peirce's work she has demonstrated this great American philosopher's range of thought and accomplishment in the fields of logic and mathematics, and in the history of science. In other articles and published studies she has thrown light on various developments in the history of science and mathematics.

Since 1961 she has been chairman of the national Screening Committee, under the Fulbright-Hays Act, which reviews applications for university-lecturing and post-doctoral research awards in the history of science. Carolyn was one of the founders of the New York Section of the History of Science Society, and its chairman, 1959-1963.

GUGGENHEIM FELLOW

Irving Howe, Professor of English in the Graduate Division of the City University (see Spring 1964 issue of the *Quarterly*) has received a John Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship for the year 1964-65 for a study of the idea of modernism in European and American literature during the past hundred years.

Professor Howe was born in New York in 1920 and was graduated from the City College of New York. He was the first winner of the Kenyon Review Fellowship for Literary Criticism in 1953, held the Christian Gauss Seminar Chair at Princeton University in 1954, and has since been awarded the Bollingen Foundation Fellowship, the Longview Foundation Prize for Literary Criticism and the National Institute of Arts and Letters Award.

Among the books he has written are *Sherwood Anderson: A Critical Biography*, *William Faulkner: A Critical Study* and *Politics and the Novel*. His most recent book, *A World More Attractive*, was published last year.

Professor Howe is a regular contributor to *Partisan Review*, the *New York Times Book Review*, is editor of *Dissent* and a contributing editor for *The New Republic*.

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