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## GARDEN DEDICATION

The garden in memory of Helen Gray Cone, Hunter's loved teacher and poet, has been planted after five years of effort and delay, and will be dedicated on May the first, at 4 P.M. at the Hunter Bronx campus. It is a curious and fitting coincidence that this year happens to be the hundredth anniversary of Professor Cone's birth. Mayday was chosen for the dedication because her birthday, March 8th, is too early to see the garden in spring bloom. It is to be hoped that the daffodils, narcissus, azaleas and rhododendron will do their part in making the dedication day a festive one. A prize is being offered for the best sonnet by an undergraduate, and the prize-winning poem as well as some of Miss Cone's flower poems will be read as part of the dedicatory program. Tea will be served. Everyone is invited to

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## CARD PARTY COMMITTEE

Seated: Miss E. Adelaide Hahn, Miss Sibylla Mellor. Standing: Mrs. Helen Taffel, Mrs. Carmen Russo, Mrs. Beatrice Weinberg, Miss Lillian Leight, Miss Margaret Rooney, Mrs. Lorraine Costello, Miss Ruth Ulman, Miss B. Elizabeth Kallman.

## MEMBERSHIP CARD PARTY

Hunter College will be ninety years old on February 14, 1960. Can you think of a better birthday tribute than an Alumni Association that has doubled or tripled itself by that time? This is the goal the Card Party Committee and the Membership Committee have set for themselves. We need your active support to make the dream come true.

The Membership Card Party will be held at Roosevelt House, 49 East 65th Street at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 18, 1959. Tickets are \$1.50 each; \$5 per table. Sponsors, who contribute \$10 or more, are entitled to one table and will be listed as such in our program. If you bring a Hunter graduate, a new member, who pays her dues that day, your guest will be admitted free.

If you cannot attend, please send us a contribution — large or small, or a door prize of any kind, just to swell the fund and encourage our efforts.

We are limited by the size of Roosevelt House and may have to turn down late reservations. Please fill out the blank below and mail it promptly.

Your committee had hoped that every chapter would be represented at the Card Party. We had hoped to present a door prize from each chapter. Brooklyn chapter has donated an electric hair dryer and Bronx is sponsoring a table. We look to the other chapters for their support in making this an all-Hunter success.

SIBYLLA A. MELLOR  
Card Party Chairman

## PRESIDENT SHUSTER TO RETIRE

Formal announcement of Dr. Shuster's retirement was made February 17 by the Board of Higher Education. He



President Shuster

will go on leave the end of next semester, after serving our College with distinction for twenty years.

Next month the NEWS will carry an article of appreciation of our president by Dean Mina Rees. Announcement will also be made of the plans which are being formulated to honor him. The alumni will be pleased to know that they will have the opportunity to participate in several ways.

Meanwhile, one of our number has been moved to celebrate President Shuster in rhyme and we print an acrostic in sonnet form written by Liboria E. Romano '55.

## HAIL AND FAREWELL

God sped Aeneas, when he launched his sail,  
Endeavoring to chart the course most wise  
Over the storm-tossed sea in southern gale;  
Resourcefully, he faced Italian skies.

George N. Shuster, our hero in his turn,  
Educator, scholar, pious and kind,  
Navigated calmly that all might learn  
Sane arts, developing the searching mind.

Hunter College, beloved of New York,  
Unmatched in this expanding universe,  
Selected him, schoolman with three-  
pronged fork:

Teacher of English, author, poet terse.

Egregious president, resigning, read:  
Respectfully, alumni say, "Godspeed."

Miss Sibylla A. Mellor  
49 East 65th Street  
New York 21, New York

- ☐ I will take ..... tickets to the Card Party at \$1.50 each Check enclosed.
- ☐ I will take ..... tables at \$5 a table.
- ☐ I will be a sponsor. I enclose my check for \$10.
- ☐ I will send a door prize before April 5.
- ☐ I cannot attend but I am enclosing a contribution as my share in making the event a success.

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