

SCHOLARSHIP AND WELFARE

At the February 5 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Scholarship and Welfare Fund the Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nominees for election to the Board of Directors of the Fund:

Mrs. Dorothy D. Baumritter • Mrs. Joel Friedman • Mrs. Jacob Larus • Miss Lillian Leight • Mrs. Saul Levy • Mrs. Herman Muehlstein • Mrs. Bernard Trinsey • Mrs. L. E. Weidberg.

Independent nominations may be made by written notice filed with the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jacob Larus, not later than twenty days before the annual membership meeting of the Fund in May. Such notice must be signed by at least twenty-five members of the Scholarship and Welfare Fund. Members of the Scholarship and Welfare Fund are those persons who make an individual and direct contribution of at least five dollars to the Fund during the twelve month period preceding the annual membership meeting.

CATHERINE F. O'HARA, *Chairman*
Nominating Committee

HUNTER PLAYS HOST

With the beginning of the new semester Park Avenue students and faculty were surprised at the influx of many young men. Normally the only male students downtown are art majors. We soon learned that these newcomers are guests of the College.

The Bronx Community College will move into its permanent home, the building which now houses the Bronx High School of Science, in March. Until that time Hunter is permitting the first enrolled class of this new community college to use classrooms, the library and cafeteria in the Park Avenue Building.

Birthday Luncheon Delightful

Over seven hundred alumnae filled the Grand Ballroom of the Astor February 14 to celebrate our Alma Mater's eighty-ninth birthday. On this most pleasant occasion she was sung to by four little boys from Lenox Hill Settlement who preceded a huge birthday cake which was cut by Irene Brandon Graff '98, past president and chairman of our Lenox Hill Committee, and Jessie Rosenfeld '88, the oldest graduate present. She was sung to also—in grander style—by Martina Arroyo '56. She was praised by her president, Dr. George N. Shuster. Gifts in her honor were bestowed by anniversary classes and chapters. The openly declared love for Hunter of our president, E. Adelaide Hahn, and her delightful humor set the tone of the day.

The invocation and benediction were pronounced by the Reverend Richard Fallon of Bishop Dubois High School. He is the son of Marie O'Connell Fallon, class of 1915. Nineteen-fifteen also claims E. Adelaide, and President Shuster is an honorary member, for that is the year of his graduation from another institution. (We did not have male students in those days, alas.)

Martina Arroyo enchanted everyone with her singing. Hers is a voice which has won prizes and will undoubtedly carry its owner to fields of glory. We were pleased to hear that Martina is to sing in "Don Carlos" later this season at the Metropolitan Opera House and that in April she leaves to appear in Austria and Germany.

PRESIDENT SHUSTER'S ADDRESS

Dr. Shuster, speaker of the day, said that in celebrating the birthday of a college one must ask, "Is there still life in the institution?" Basing his reply to this on the six factors which make for a distinguished college, Dr. Shuster believes that Hunter meets the challenge. Many dedicated teachers are on faculty. They have contributed many scholarly works to such publications as the *Proceedings of the Modern Language Association*. Our student body represents every stratum of our city, and now is admitting many from other parts of the state as well. Hunter's role in the education of a whole generation of refugees, who without her would never have had the opportunity to learn the meaning of intellectual freedom, must not be overlooked. The program offered by our College has become more varied with time. We anticipated the drift toward the fifth year program. The excellent leadership of the Board of Higher Education deserves recognition by all and President Shuster asked that we join in paying tribute to Dr. Gustave Rosenberg, now chairman of that Board, and his predecessors, without whom we could not be what we are now.

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First Row: Miss Hahn, Dr. Shuster, Miss Arroyo, Mrs. Strenger
Second row: Rev. Fallon, Dean Anthony, Mrs. Shuster, Dean Rees, Mrs. Thaler
Third row: Dean Hemminghaus, Mrs. Graff, Dean Hopwood, Dean Meng, Mrs. Weintraub

Birthday Luncheon

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The public is brought into activities in association with the College by means of organizations like Friends and Neighbors and the Opera Association. A friendly relationship between the community and the College helps the College prosper.

Lastly, the alumni, whom Dr. Shuster has known since his first day at Hunter College twenty years ago and to whom he avows indebtedness. To cite only one of their activities, the Scholarship and Welfare Fund, through grants to students, offers them a gain beyond price.

EDUCATION IN THE U.S.A.

As to education in the United States as a whole, our country is face to face today with some of her grimmest problems. It is true that most European universities produce better trained linguists and scientists, but we need not despair. We must summon up every resource we possess. We must instil a zest for learning. We must and will improve our educational system. In our country the young generation has been taught citizenship. It is a precious thing and it is good to know that when a youngster stands, places his hand over his heart and pledges allegiance it is to a country he sincerely loves.

When Dr. Shuster concluded his talk, Miss Hahn presented the guests on the dais: Dr. Ruth Goldstein Weintraub '25, Dean Emeritus Ann Anthony '04, Dean John Meng, Dean Minna Rees '23, Dr. and Mrs. Shuster, Rev. Richard Fallon, Frances Roth Abrams '22, Dean Edgar Hemminghaus, Irene Brandon Graff '98, Dean Kathryn Hopwood and Mildred Intner Thaler '42.

GIFTS TO HUNTER

Then came the birthday presents. Frances Locks spoke for the Golden Anniversary Class of 1909, which was the first to receive a recognized Bachelor of Arts degree. They numbered 175 at the time of their graduation. The Class of 1909 presented a check of \$1,550 to the Scholarship and Welfare Fund (hereinafter referred to as Scholarship). Sophie Bloom Hollander represented the Silver Anniversary Class of 1934 which gave Scholarship \$1,000.

Bronx Chapter, represented by its

president Lorraine Woods Costello, made its annual pledge to Scholarship. Brooklyn's president, Elizabeth Lassen, pledged \$150. Nassau-Suffolk's Jo Anne Nigrone Trucks told of the \$400 scholarship it will give to a Long Islander attending Hunter's fifth year program to cover her commutation. For Queens, Harriet Trosten Lewis, its president, pledged \$1,000 to Scholarship. Burgess '44, a House Plan group represented by Dorothy Cohen Ringler, presented \$40. Staten Island's Eugenie Lazarska Cooke gave its check for \$50. Westchester's president, Margaret Rooney, gave \$100 to the Birthday Gift Fund and pledged \$500 to the Annie Hickinbottom Mills Fund of Scholarship. The Lower Westchester Group presented \$25 to Scholarship and \$25 to Lenox Hill. Denver, our youngest and smallest chapter, sent \$10 for Scholarship.

Anita Newman Paschkes, president of 1904, the class to which Vicki Bitterman belongs, gave \$318 to the Samuel Bitterman Fund of Scholarship. The Class of 1948, represented by Rita Heisler Frank, donated \$401.14 to Scholarship.

Miss Hahn read letters received from two alumnae (printed elsewhere in the News) who each had sent a check for \$100 to the Birthday Gift Fund. Finally, Virginia Zuckerman '55, chairman of the Birthday Gift Fund, announced that this year's gift, which goes to the Bronx Campus, is an American flag and a flag of the City of New York. She reported that as a result of this year's solicitation the Birthday Gift Fund has received \$722.65.

EXEUNT SINGING AND GAY

Miss Hahn induced two of her vice-presidents to return to an undergraduate activity (which one now finds rather rigorous) and former Sing leaders Bee Weinberg '22, and Gus Wollheim '27, led the singing of *Hunter, Fame and The Ivy Leaf*.

After the benediction, guests scattered to find friends in all parts of the ballroom. Everyone agreed that Florence Serxner Strenger '28 had with the assistance of her committee done a masterly job of organizing a memorable day. Thanks go to them for the very enjoyable result of their efforts.

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THE

MALE

VIEWPOINT

by Ed Klein and Dick Appelbaum

We remember, just a few years back, when we started at Hunter how severely outnumbered the men were. Through our four years we saw the disproportion decrease as Hunter grew in enrollment and reputation. Although ours wasn't a school sprawling over many acres, with dormitories and a golf course, we doubt if many who attended it will forget it.

We saw the school go through its growing pains as it converted to a co-educational basis. How many teachers just couldn't seem to get over having men in the classroom? How many times did we fill out forms designed for women?

Although we still hear, "You went to Hunter? That's a girls' school!", it's becoming less frequent. The male is finally being accepted as a Hunter graduate in the business world. (—and they said it couldn't be done, eh?)

Because of the history of our college, it is only natural that the alumni be made up predominantly of women. They are the backbone of the organization. (That's a mighty attractive backbone.) They are conducting many wonderful activities. But we think the time has come for some collateral assistance.

Let's start off in a small way. Everyone is interested in what is happening to the men who were graduated from Hunter College. How is the Hunter male graduate being received in the business world and in his chosen profession? Let's hear from you. We'd like your comments about this column, too: what has been said and what you would like to see here in the future. Please mail letters to Ed Klein, 118-60 Metropolitan Ave., Kew Gardens 15, New York.

DID YOU KNOW

that Adele Bildersee '01, former professor of English at Hunter (and much adored by her students), later Dean of Women at Brooklyn College, has not, to the best of her recollection, missed a single Birthday Breakfast or Luncheon since that year?