FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This copy of the News—which we hope you will enjoy—is going to all Hunter graduates for whom we have addresses. You know that all Hunter graduates are members of the Alumni Association. We would like to direct to every graduate a copy of every communication that we send out, but unfortunately we cannot afford to do this until the millennium comes and every graduate is an active (i.e. dues-paying) member. Speed the millennium! The sum of $5.00 ($3.00 for this year’s graduates) is not large; and the more members that pay it, the more we can do for the Alumni and for the College.

Meanwhile the active members will receive a separate notice of the Homecoming, but this is the only announcement of it that will be sent to the others, so that we urge them to read the accompanying program with care. We do hope to see many of our graduates, whether active members or not, on this occasion. Those who plan to attend the luncheon are reminded that reservations—and, if necessary—cancellations, must be made in advance.

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We also hope to see many of our graduates at the Alumni Luncheon on February 13, when we shall celebrate Hunter’s 90th anniversary as an institution, and Dr. Shuster’s 20th anniversary as a president. We shall also pay a special tribute to President Shuster in connection with his widely and deeply regretted retirement. We are proud to announce that the speaker of the day will be Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

And finally, we hope to see many of our graduates at Alumni headquarters in Roosevelt House. The College has generously granted to the Alumni the use of a large room on the ground floor, so henceforth we shall have pleasant quarters in which to receive you.

E. Adelaide Hahn
Profile of Professor Harry L. Levy
New Dean of the Bronx Division

by Kathryn L. Hopwood
Dean of Students, Park Avenue

Harry L. Levy, Professor of Classics and dedicated server of Hunter College's good causes for more than a quarter century, became Dean of Students at the Bronx Division on September 1. I am delighted to be invited to write about him, speaking not only of a warm colleague and friend, but of a fine scholar and administrator.

It would indeed be presumptuous for me to "welcome" Dean Levy either to his special responsibility of close contact with students or to any other aspect of Hunter College life. I suppose there is no one who has given of his talents more unstintingly in more kinds of service than Dean Levy.

THE SCHOLAR

He brings to his new appointment the discipline of classical training supplemented by extensive and varied practical experience. His doctorate in Latin and Greek (Columbia) was followed by post-doctoral research at Harvard in Latin and a diploma in Chinese from the U.S. Army Military Intelligence School at Yale.

His list of publications on Latin and Greek literature is impressive and has earned for him recognition by appropriate learned societies. He has been a member of the Legislative Conference for the City Colleges, has directed the Ford Seminar in College Teaching, and has been Chairman of the Trustees of Hunter College Graduate Scholarship Fund.

Through the years he has been a member of numberless committees contributing to the welfare of students, faculty, and college life. In 1951-53 he served as Dean of Students at the Bronx Division in the U.S. Army. He holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

"THE FLAVOR OF THE MAN"

Yet the description of Dean Levy's versatility in scholarship, service, and administrative concerns does not catch the flavor of the man himself. He has a remarkable combination of ebullience and incisiveness which sparks the duller moments of academic discourse. He is capable of warmth without sentimentality and of debate without rancor.

Best of all, he has a great dedication to two "causes": students and Hunter College. He has proved himself in the loyal service of both.

THE EXTRACURRICULAR LEVY

If I had to name the most favorable milieu for a Dean of Students to go home to of an evening, I should select an association of cultural anthropologists. A Dean of Students spends so much of his energy maintaining a balance between the status quo pressures of his society and the inner directedness of undergraduates that it is salutary for him to be reminded now and then that his chief responsibility may be something other than encouraging students to conformity.

Dean Levy has the special good fortune to have as his helpmeet a cultural anthropologist of distinction, Dr. Ernestine Friedl of Queens College, a Hunter alumna. With his wife he recently spent a year studying the culture of a modern Greek village, and this summer the Levys have again visited their community.

"Abeunt studia in mores," Sir Francis Bacon reminds us. If this be so, we may expect from Dean Levy in his new responsibility the fulfillment of a consummate challenge to his inquiring mind and his large spirit.