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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Tempus fugit. It is four years since I first had the honor of election as your President, four years which have been crowded with Alumni activities.

Among the most important developments has been the growth of chapters, new and old, which I am sure have stimulated interest in our organization and in Alumni affairs. The increase in our membership can be in part attributed to the chapters. In the last year new chapters in Baltimore, Chicago, Denver, and South Jersey have been formed, making the present total of out-of-town groups nine.

During the current year we have had a 20% increase in membership. If this growth continues at the same rate each year, my dream of a paid-up membership of 10,000 will soon be a reality.

The key to our future growth in membership is our vital statistics file of graduates now containing over 16,000 corrected names and addresses. We are very grateful to all those who have helped us to compile this graduate record in the last four years. I trust that the effort to obtain the current name and address of every Hunter graduate will be continued, so that one day a complete Hunter College Alumni Directory may be published.

To all the graduates for whom we now have current names and addresses we sent last November an enlarged issue of the NEWS, to draw more Alumni into our organization and to bring them up-to-date on College and Alumni affairs. Through increased budgetary allowances for the NEWS our editor has been able to give us larger issues with reports of interest to us all. In the budget for next year an additional \$500 has been allotted to the NEWS, because we feel it is a vital instrument for our organization.

Larger numbers of our graduates have been attending our social functions — the annual College Birthday Luncheon and the Annual Meeting and Spring Reunion. We have varied the programs for these occasions in the hope of interesting many Alumni, and the response has been gratifying.

I am glad to report that our philanthropic activities have been increasing. The Alumni have presented birthday gifts to the College, as in the past, and have in the last two years added almost a thousand dollars to the special Birthday Fund. The contributions to the Scholarship and Welfare Fund have grown very considerably, both from individuals and from chapters. We are especially grateful to the classes celebrating milestone anniversaries for their very generous gifts not only to the Scholarship and Welfare Fund and to Lenox Hill, but also to the College.

As the Alumni's representative I have had the pleasure of being present at various Col-



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lege functions. One of the most important was the recent groundbreaking ceremony for the Library and Administration Building on the Bronx Campus.

Annually for the last five years I have also had the pleasure of participating in the homecoming of the 10-year Classes. One must take great pride in the record of achievement of these recent Hunter graduates. Plaques are awarded by the College to outstanding members of each 10-year class in recognition of accomplishments in many fields.

I have enjoyed representing the Alumni at Commencement and at special assemblies in the College, particularly on Alumni Day.

I leave office with a great sense of gratitude to all who have helped in Alumni activities, to my fellow officers, to the Board of Directors, to all committee chairmen and members, and to volunteers.

I feel deeply grateful for the privilege of serving the Alumni and for the experiences of office which bring a sense of personal growth. I can only hope that in some small degree, we have helped in the last four years to build for the future of the Alumni Association.

I know that my successor, E. Adelaide Hahn, will have the united support of all the Alumni, and that the coming years under her leadership will bring great growth and good fellowship.

All good wishes for a pleasant summer.

FRANCES ROTH ABRAMS, President

THE SPRING REUNION

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held in the Playhouse of the College on Tuesday evening, May 20. After the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner", Mrs. Abrams welcomed those assembled, and outlined highlights of the Association's affairs during the past year, stressing the remarkable growth in both the number of Chapters and the membership of the Association. President Shuster in greeting the Alumni paid tribute to Mrs. Abrams and expressed gratification over the award to be made in her honor at the June Commencement. The Frances Roth Abrams Award will be given to a student who