

# THE ALUMNÆ NEWS

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## ALUMNÆ BREAKFAST

There is a great stimulus to morale in these war-weary days in keeping up happy traditions when possible.

After much thought, it was decided not to break the tradition of the Alumnae Breakfast. We were unable to go to the Astor, because of a rise in price of almost 50 per cent. The affair this year will be held in the East Ball-Room of the Commodore Hotel. The date is February 12, 1944.

The price of the tickets will be the same as usual—\$2.50. We may have to cut down a bit on a few of "the extras", but we promise you good food, good company, and a fine program.

Begin to reach your friends now. Remember that pleasant memories are among the things no one can take from you! Let this Breakfast be one of them!

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## COME TO THE TEA

Members of the Executive Council and members of the Membership Committee are urgently requested to serve as hostesses at the tea in honor of the graduating class to be held on Wednesday, January 19th, from 3 P. M. to 6 P. M., in the South Lounge at College.

Please communicate with Professor Margaretha Brohmer at College if you will serve.

MARGARETHA M. BROHMER,  
Chairman,  
Alumnae Tea for Graduates.

## AN APPEAL FROM THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It is possible that some of the Alumnae have postal card collections of places of historical interest that they would be willing to contribute to the picture file of the Elementary School. These should be sent to Room 626, 695 Park Avenue, New York 21, N. Y.

We have appreciated the juvenile books that were sent in answer to an earlier appeal, and our library now has over ten thousand well chosen books. The circulation is greater each week than in many local branch libraries. Our greatest need is for picture books or simple stories written in French or Spanish. These are difficult to obtain now, but in great demand by the six and seven year old children who are learning to speak these languages.

FLORENCE BRUMBAUGH,  
Principal.

## THE NEW HUNTER COLLEGE CURRICULUM

Hunter College has grown old—as age goes for American women's colleges—learning as well as teaching many things. She has never been static; and though the acquisition of a new building or a new president has naturally aroused more widespread public interest, within the College's own walls it has always been realized that changes in curriculum too are matters of the highest importance demanding keen thought and careful study.

As is well-known, the institution which began on February 14, 1870, as the Female Normal and High School, though it speedily—and happily—changed its name to Normal College, was not completely a college for many years. How could it be? New York could not boast of anything in the way of a secondary school system back in 1870, and students were admitted directly from the elementary schools—to be sure after schooling seemingly more intensive than the elementary school graduate of to-day can boast, and with readiness for training of a far sterner sort in "college" than is demanded by the high schools of to-day. Those Normal College girls of long ago were given the training which, thanks to President Hunter's vision, was deemed best calculated to equip them as teachers, that is, a strictly academic and liberal type of education; and that his dream was a true one seems to be proved by the huge and noble part that Normal, and later Hunter, graduates have always taken in the city's school system. The course thus organized for them was soon extended from three to four years, and then to five, with the four-year "Normal" and the five-year "Academic" course existing side-by-side for a time. Soon after the turn of the century came a sixth year, and then in 1906 a seventh, with the natural result that the elementary school graduates of 1907, who had expected—at least so far as the old "T. D. N.C." girls went (as the present writer can testify, having been one of them)—to enter "Normal College" in September 1907, found with surprise that they were entering Normal College High School instead. The first four years of the Normal student were spent there, in a fully-organized and admirable academic high school; the last three were spent in the College Department, in work leading to a now at last fully-recognized A. B. degree; and by the time those same T. D. N. C. girls, who had now learned to call their old school the Model School instead of the Training Department, got into the College proper, they found it a fully-organized liberal arts college, with six majors, Math-

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Roosevelt House celebrated its first Christmas week with a varied program, beginning on Thursday, December 23rd, when three students from each resident group, the Directors of these groups, and the House staff trimmed the Christmas tree in the Picker Room and then had supper together. The religious clubs held open house on Monday, December 27th, from 8 P. M. to midnight, and the social clubs on Tuesday, December 28th, from 8 to 10; both parties included entertainment of visitors by resident groups, guided tours of the House, and a final Christmas-Chanukah celebration around the tree. Guided tours were also planned for Wednesday, December 29th, for students from 2 to 4, and for outsiders from 4 to 6; and in the evening of the same day the Polish Cultural Club gave a Christmas party for members of the Polish armed forces. On Thursday, December 30th, a tea tendered by Mrs. Ruth G. Deiches, Secretary of the House, to the student officers of the resident clubs brought the Christmas festivities to a happy close.

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