GRADUATE STUDIES IN THE ARTS AND SCIENCES



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Like the institution of which it forms a part, the Hunter College Graduate Program was established, and continues steadily to expand, in response to definite needs of the community. Recent surveys of Municipal College graduates indicate that many gifted persons are deprived of the opportunity for further study, either because certain curri-cula are not locally available, or because they cannot defray the cost of graduate instruction in private institutions, or because such institutions are already overcrowded. Even when the obstacles are not prohibitive, they are often so formidable as to discourage able men and women from satisfying their intellectual ambitions. Hunter College desires to extend the opportunity for graduate instruction to well qualified persons who might otherwise be unable to obtain it and thus to enrich the human resources of the City of New York. The philosophy of the Program implies that the pursuit of advanced studies is not a civic right, but a privilege for the intellectually gifted. It implies no less strongly that students who qualify for the Program deserve instruction which satisfies the highest standards of teaching professional scholarship.

Toward fulfilling these aims, Hunter College now offers graduate instruction leading to the Master's degree in various Teacher Education Programs, and in addition offers Master's work in certain disciplines within the Arts and Sciences. At present this is limited to Art, Classics, English and Comparative Literature, History, Music, Social Work, Sociology, the Biological and Physiological Sciences, Nutrition, and Rehabilita-

tion Counseling.

Of the two most recent programs, the one which has excited a good deal of interest is that in the Biological Sciences for the training of Research Associates which Hunter gives in cooperation with Sloan-Kettering Institute. The Alfred P. Sloan Fund has provided a \$10,000 subsidy to meet deficits in

this program for the first two years. Courses are given both at Hunter College and at the Sloan-Kettering Institute, a distinguished scientific center for cancer research. It is in connection with this program that an important scientific symposium will take place on February 20 at Hunter College.

Perhaps the newest program that Hunter College offers will be inaugurated on February 1, when the Department of Home Economics will offer the Master of Science Program in Nutrition. This is designed to prepare people for work in public health agencies or as home economists in welfare

programs.

Mrs. James Picker has initiated a graduate student aid fund to help individuals who cannot afford to pay the modest tuition fees of this program. Student interest and response have been overwhelming.

Hunter College welcomes its own gradu-

ates back into these programs.

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FACULTY FACTS

Dean Mina Rees has been elected to the Council of the New York Academy of Science, and has been reelected as a Trustee of the American Mathematical Society. Dean Rees is also serving as a consultant to the Bureau of the Census in connection with the preparation for machine handling of 1960 Census data, and has been reelected as a member of the Advisory Committee in Mathematics to the Director of the National Bureau of Standards.

At the meeting of the American Philological Association held in Philadelphia during the Christmas vacation, Professor E. Adelaide Hahn presented a paper on "A Source of Vergilian Hypallage", Professor Harry L. Levy presented a paper on "Property Distribution by Lot in Present-Day Greece", and Professor Meriwether Stuart was elected a Director. At the meeting of the Linguistic Society of America, also held in Philadelphia, Professor Hahn presented a paper on "Words for chin and knee".

Dr. Robert Halsband, Assistant Professor of English, is at present on leave from Hunter and is acting as Research Associate in English at Columbia. He is on the Editorial Committee of the Yale Edition of the Works of Samuel Johnson; is the editor of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu's The Nonsense of Common-Sense, 1737-38; and is the author of The Life of Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, just published by the Oxford University Press.

PASSOVER ASSEMBLY

The annual Passover Assembly will be held on Wednesday, April 10, at 12:30 P. M., in the Assembly Hall. Alumni are invited.

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