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THE WAVES AT HUNTER COLLEGE

On the night before New Year's Day, I was thinking of Tennyson's "Ring out the old, ring in the new". And on the morning after, it rather suddenly became obvious that the Navy was going to make the phrase apply to the Bronx unit of Hunter College. Like nearly every other college for women, we had offered our services to the Waves. but it may as well be confessed that we were a bit startled by the alacrity and completeness with which our offer was accepted.

Plans were immediately made for moving the students down town. The Board of Education coöperated by making available to us the building hitherto occupied by P. S. 76. This is rather old-fashioned, except for plumbing and heating, but is a sturdy antique which the Board had hoped to use as an annex to the High School of Industrial Arts. We sincerely appreciate the courtesy—indeed it literally prevented us all from succumbing to collective despair. To-day the old school seats have been replaced with collegiate chairs, classes are functioning, and one gathers that students and instructors working there are finding the experience decidedly beguiling.

Dr. Jean Brown, Principal of our High School, found a solution for every difficulty proposed to her. Her teachers and pupils rise earlier each morning, and complete the regular class-day by 1 P. M. This gives us the opportunity to use the building for college classes during the afternoon.

The "Palace on Park Avenue" has had to make room for more students. Dean Anne Anthony is gradually being outfitted with a new office, and the Registrar has "doubled up" to make room for Miss Ball and her assistants. The manner in which the Registrar's office has managed to juggle the schedules to provide not only for the migration but for the changes made necessary by a revised curriculum is matched in educational history only by the genius of Mr. Fleischmann, Custodian Engineer, in extricating our property from the clutches of the Navy.

Finally, we have been assured of help in making the alterations at the Roosevelt Houses which are required by the Department of Buildings. There are still numerous details to think about before the Houses will be ready, but I sincerely hope that much needed room for extracurricular activities will be available there soon.

Meanwhile the Navy has been very friendly and coöperative. The officers in charge have had to cope with complex and serious problems, but they have always found time to consider what was on our minds. I am sure that the relationship will be most cordial, and that Hunter as a whole is grateful

for a signal opportunity to render service in war time. In a few months the number of young women receiving military training in our Bronx unit will probably exceed 9,000. This largest of the "training schools" for women will serve the Navy, the Coast Guard, and the Marine Corps. We rather envy them the springtime campus, but after all we still have Park Avenue.

GEORGE N. SHUSTER.

PUBLIC LECTURES AT COLLEGE

The annual Earle Lecture, financed by part of the proceeds of a fund left by Elsie Earle in memory of her sister Josephine to foster the study of Greek at Hunter, will be held at 4:30 on Friday afternoon, April 2nd, in the High School Auditorium, 68th Street and Lexington Avenue. All are welcome.

The speaker will be Major C. Bradford Welles, formerly Professor of Ancient History, now Professor of Military Science, at Yale University. His subject will be "Education for Pleasure". It is an inspiring thing to those who believe in the eternal verities and values of liberal education, that an officer of the U. S. Army, confronted with the grim realities of war, is still ready to stress the culture and the pleasure to be derived from the study of the humanities.

E. ADELAIDE HAHN,

Chairman, Department of Classics.

To mark the celebration of the Thomas Jefferson Bicentennial, the Department of History is sponsoring an address by Professor Jacques Maritain on "Thomas Jefferson on the Ideals of the Declaration of Independence", on Tuesday, April 13th, at four o'clock, in the Auditorium. Professor Maritain, a member of the Catholic Institute of Paris and of the Institute of Medieval Studies of Toronto, is widely known as a philosopher and as the author of such distinguished volumes as "Three Reformers", "Freedom in the Modern World", and "Religion and Culture".

DOROTHY BURNE GOEBEL,

Chairman, Department of History.

SPRING SALE FOR LENOX HILL SETTLEMENT

Please note change of date—Wednesday and Thursday, April 14th and 15th, at Hunter College, Room 305.

Dolls, animals, charming baby clothes, aprons, many pretty things for Easter, and home-made cake and cookies.

Be sure to come and help your Committee to raise the money for the children's work at the Settlement.

Donations may be sent to the Chairman at 41 W. 83rd St., or to Hunter Alumnae Hall. IRENE BRANDON GRAFF, Chairman.

SPANISH ALUMNAE

At a meeting held in the Alumnae Rooms to welcome the new graduates interested in joining the ranks of the Spanish Alumnae, the guest speaker of the evening was Professor Gonzalez-Lopez, who discussed three famous Spanish writers, Concepcion Arenal, Rosalia Castro, and Emilia Pardo Bazan, and their contribution to modern Spanish Literature.

Plans for a theater party were formulated, and arrangements have been made for an Easter Party to be given for the children of the Day Nursery of San Jose de la Montana, 432 West 20th Street. Refreshments will be served and entertainment will be provided for the children. Each child will receive a gift from a member of the Alumnae who has adopted him or her for the day.

Those interested in joining our group may inquire of the undersigned for particulars.

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