



SPRING REUNION

at the Waldorf-Astoria

Over four hundred Alumni and members of their families and friends gathered at the Waldorf-Astoria's Starlight Roof in the late afternoon of May 8 to drink a toast to the success of the campaign—the crusade, as the Mayor called it — to maintain free tuition.

It was a grand and gala occasion for the Alumni. Mayor Wagner was guest of honor, and many friends of the College had come to join us, members of the Board of Higher Education and the Board of Education, officers of the other City Colleges and their Alumni Associations, officers of the Community Colleges, high school principals and representatives of civic organizations. Students invited from the College included officers of Student Government and all the recently elected members of Phi Beta Kappa, as well as other seniors.

Alumni President Anna Trinsey welcomed all the guests and spoke of our gratitude to Mayor Wagner for his leadership in the free tuition campaign.

Introducing Mayor Wagner, President Meng voiced

his support of free tuition, pointing out that there is greater need now than ever before for teachers, for educated leaders in every profession.

Mayor Wagner first congratulated the Alumni on their activities on behalf of Hunter, and then spoke movingly about the importance of the free public college in our society. Excerpts from his talk appear, following this report.

Thanking Mayor Wagner for his inspiring words, Anna Trinsey said that he had given us the theme for our cause—the crusade for free tuition.

Following the Mayor's talk, Mr. Morris Iushewitz, Executive Secretary of the Central Labor Council and member of the Board of Education and Trustee of the State University, pledged labor's support of the free tuition campaign. He pointed to the difficulties students in the public colleges upstate will be facing in September when they will be required to pay fees, which in some of the upstate colleges will be over \$500 a year.



Mrs. Isabella Jones



Mr. Morris Iushewitz



Aileen Ryan

Mrs. Isabella J. Jones, Director of the National Committee for Children and Youth, had come up from Washington to be with us. She urged, addressing us, that every child in this country be able to realize his full potential, through an opportunity for higher education.

Aileen Ryan '33, our State Assemblyman from the Bronx, brought greetings, and emphasized that without the chance to attend a free college she would not have been able to go to college at all.

Then Dr. Gustave Rosenberg, chairman of the Board of Higher Education, joined in pleading for the mandate for free tuition. (See his letter to the Alumni below.)

Councilman Robert Low and State Senator Thaler also spoke briefly on behalf of our cause.

President Trinsey asked for volunteers for the Alumni Committee of 100 to work with the Citizens' Committee for Free Tuition in a canvass of City and State in the autumn. Plans for this coming campaign will be drawn this summer.

Alumni and guests lingered late, enjoying the party. This 1963 Alumni Spring Reunion will be remembered, it was agreed.

Present among the Alumni's guests were: Mr. Isidor Auerbach, Principal, John Jay High School; State Assemblyman Abe Bernstein and Mrs. Bernstein; Mr. C. M. Bertollette, Program Director, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Mr. Aaron Brown, Member, Board of Education; Mr. Carl Cherkis, Principal, Prospect Heights High School; Mr. Bernard E. Goldberg, President, Alumni Association of Queens College; Dr. Jay Greene, President, Alumni Association of Brooklyn College; John C. Lackas, Dean of Administration, Queensborough Community College; Morris Meister, President, Bronx Community College; Mr. John J. Morris, Member, Board of Higher Education; Miss Antonia Pantoja,

Executive Director, Aspira, The Puerto Rican-Hispanic Leadership Forum; Blanche Schwartz '37, Principal, Southerland Junior High School; Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Senior (Dr. Senior is Professor of Sociology at Brooklyn College, and Member of the Board of Education); Mrs. Ella S. Streater, Member, Board of Higher Education; Adele B. Tunick '35, President, United Parents Association; Dr. Seymour Weisman of the City College Alumni Association; Mr. Leo Weitz, Principal, James Monroe High School; Mr. Arleigh B. Williamson, Member, Board of Higher Education.

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THE BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

May 13, 1963

Dear Mrs. Trinsey:

I write to express my appreciation to you and through you to the Hunter Alumni Association for extending to me the privilege of addressing your group. This honor is deeply appreciated and I can only repeat what I have said so often that you and Hunter Alumni are a tremendous asset in cooperating with us in our effort to restore the mandate for free higher education in New York City.

I take the position that the Alumni present at your function have returned far more to the City, State, and Nation than the City expended by having given them free tuition. It is fairly certain that a roster of the names and what they do today would prove that point.

My hope is that you and your committee and the committees of the other City colleges continue to join forces in a ceaseless effort to bring about the successful restoration of the mandate.

Sincerely yours,
Gustave G. Rosenberg
Chairman