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Anne Anthony, Dean of Students at Park Avenue, plans to retire at the end of the current academic year in order to travel and do other things for which no Dean has time. She has richly earned, in her many years of wonderful service, the right to leisure and fun; but Hunter is selfishly desolate at the thought of losing her. We know that hosts of Hunterites, both graduates and undergraduates, will want to join us in offering our thanks and good wishes to one who has truly been a great Dean, and we as editorial spokesman for the Alumnae will try to voice something of what so many feel in a later issue; fortunately, the time for good-byes has not yet arrived. But for the moment we are concerned with the question of her successor.

A fine faculty committee, appointed by the President, is working on this difficult problem. We as an alumna, and (perhaps even more) as a faculty member, would deprecate any tendency on the part of the Alumnae to exercise pressure or otherwise interfere in matters that belong primarily to the domain of the faculty. But on the other hand we as a faculty member, and (perhaps even more) as an alumna, believe that, once more as a spokesman for the Alumnae, we should set forth here a belief and a hope that we have heard voiced by many — not exclusively alumnae. This is that for this particular post an incumbent should be chosen, as has always been done in the past, from the band of Hunter's graduates: a belief that such a one *should* be chosen, and a hope that such a one *will* be chosen.

For many important positions on the faculty, especially teaching positions, it is surely desirable to seek candidates outside the college and also outside the city, for in-breeding can lead to stagnation and de-

terioration. But we do not think that the post of Dean of Students is such a position. We think that the Dean of Students, in contemplating Hunter's many traditions and institutions, some important, some unimportant, but all precious, and in appraising Hunter's student activities, fostered by a Self-Government Association which has always enjoyed a remarkable degree of liberty and responsibility, should be one who can say with just one significant change from the words of Aeneas, "which most happy events I myself saw, and of which I was a great part." We know that whoever is ultimately chosen as Dean of Students, we and our fellow-alumnae will work with her loyally and lovingly, and she with us; but we do venture to hold — and we know that many others hold — that one who is to be so closely associated with the Hunter girls of the future should be one who is closely acquainted with the Hunter girls of the past, as no one can be so well as one who has once been herself a Hunter girl and a leader of Hunter girls.

Our Alumnae President, whose mind is truly fertile in the production of good ideas, has proposed that one part of the celebration of Hunter's eighty-fifth anniversary on February 14, 1955, take the form of a specially enlarged, and perhaps illustrated, issue of the News in February. In preparation for this, we are keeping the January number as small as possible; and a number of items, including many Graduate Gleanings, are being reserved for next month.

THE ARCHIVES

In September 1954, mindful of 1970 as the Centenary of Hunter College, the President of the Associate Alumnae, acting for the Association, alerted a survey of the sixteen cases of memorabilia in the store-room of the Alumnae Rooms. One by one, these collections are to be re-catalogued and installed in permanent form, to provide material for ready reference or required exhibitions.

The collection at present under installation is a group of the diplomas of Normal College graduates from 1870 to 1898, attesting to their having passed "the *academical* and normal requirements of the Regents of the State of New York". The earlier diplomas entitled graduates to teach without Board of Education examinations, while later ones received probationary licenses for two or three years.

Other cartons hold intriguing material of most varied types.

RISA LOWIE, Chairman of Archives
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BEQUESTS

Our President, Mrs. Abrams, requests that bequests be made to the Scholarship and Welfare Funds rather than to the Associate Alumnae.