

### NEW GRANT TO HUNTER

A five-year grant of \$125,000 from the Avalon Foundation has been made to the College for the planning and establishment of Masters Programs in Nursing. These programs are to be offered to well qualified college graduates interested in public health nursing and clinical nursing.

### CHAPTERS, ANYONE?

This month we greet a new chapter, Fairfield County, the formation of which was assisted most generously by President and Mrs. Shuster. Other chapters are in the process of being organized. Bergen County, New Jersey, and Miami, Florida, are almost ready to join us. Should you reside in the vicinity of either one, you can with impunity and felicity (and without a doctor of divinity) seize the opportunity to become a charter member.

Alumni interested in any information about chapters—already formed or yet to be—should write the Alumni Office, 49 East 65 Street, New York 21. Our executive secretary knows all and is delighted to tell all all.

### SCHOLARSHIP AND WELFARE

The officers and Board of Directors of the Scholarship and Welfare Fund wish the alumni membership the best in the New Year. We remind our friends and loyal contributors that gifts of any amount to the Fund will be a welcome aid to our needy, deserving students at Hunter. Please send donations to Mrs. Seymour Thaler, President, Scholarship and Welfare Fund, Alumni Association, 49 East 65 Street, New York 21.

## Celebrate the College's 90th Birthday Luncheon at the Astor, February 13

The big rush is on. Reservations are coming in fast for what we expect will be the biggest gathering in the history of the Alumni Association. Invitations to the Ninetieth Birthday Luncheon which will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor on Saturday, February 13, 1960, have been mailed to all alumni for whom we have an address.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is coming to celebrate this happy occasion with us. She will make the principal address of the day and we know that her many admirers will want to be present to hear her message.

If you have not already done so, detach the convenient reservation form on your invitation and send it with your check to the Alumni Association office at 49 East 65th Street. Tickets are \$6.50 each, including gratuities.

Get in touch with your classmates, sorority sisters, department members, fellow house-planners and make up a table. Only \$65.00 for a table of ten. You will have a wonderful meal, hear a wonderful person, have a wonderful time.

This year we honor the milestone classes with a "0" or a "5". The classes of '00, '10, '20 and '35 are already planning large turnouts. What about you and your class?

Reservations must be received by February 4, 1960, if you wish to have your name appear in the printed seating list which tells your friends where to find you at the luncheon.

FLORENCE S. STRENGER '28, *Chairman*

## Charter Flight Plan

### Details of Seven Country Tour

Dues-paying members of the Alumni Association and members of their immediate families have been responding with alacrity to the announcement of the charter flight to Europe which the Association is sponsoring this coming summer. The amazingly low round trip fare of \$275 is understandably attracting applicants.

Plans are for a Transworld Airline Super H Constellation plane to leave New York for London July 20. Return flight will be made from Paris August 22. There are 93 seats on the plane and reservations are being taken on a first-come, first-served basis. A waiting list will be compiled also. A deposit of \$100 per person is required no later than January 15. Complete payment will be due May 20.

If 25 of the passengers are interested, a seven country tour is available at the additional cost of \$543 per person. During the thirty-three days a great number of exciting places will be visited. The tour will start with three days in London and a trip to the Shakespeare country. There will be stops in Ostend, Brussels and Antwerp. Rotterdam, the Hague and Amsterdam are next. Onward to Utrecht, Arnheim, Cologne, and Baden-Baden. Through the Black Forest to Zurich and Lucerne. On through the Brenner Pass to St. Anton and thence to Italy, visiting Cortina, Venice, Padua, Bologna, Florence, Perugia, Rome, Pisa and Rapallo. On to Nice, Cannes, Avignon, and finally four days in Paris.

For those taking the land trip accommodations with private bath at good first class hotels will be provided. Continental breakfast, table d'hôte luncheon and dinner will be included throughout, except in London, Paris and Rome, where there will be only continental breakfast and either luncheon or dinner. Transportation between airports, hotels and piers will be supplied. Land touring will be by motor-pullman, fitted with reclining seats. On sightseeing tours, entrance fees and charges are prepaid. Tips to waiters and porters and government taxes en route will also be covered.

Arrangements for the trip are being handled by Noto Travel Service, 475 Main Street, New Rochelle, New York. Telephones: New Rochelle 2-8660, Kingsbridge 8-2070. Application should be made to Mrs. Estelle Noto, who is able to supply all details and any information travellers may want.

. . . Happy New Year . . .

## THE PRESIDENT REMINISCES

Twenty years ago George N. Shuster had been in Hunter College exactly once. This fact we learned in a chat with the President recently. He knew very little about Hunter then but he came with a purpose, which the faculty shared: to make Hunter as good a college of liberal arts as one could. This has been and is the central purpose of the College and undoubtedly will remain so.

Dr. Shuster has great pride in the faculty. It is one which is interested in scholarship but does not lose sight of its main purpose, teaching. Research is encouraged, yet scholarly application does not detract from the excellent teaching the College offers.

The record of Hunter College is remarkable, President Shuster continued. The College has changed a great deal and has gained stature. Hunter is now a five-year institution rather than strictly four years. When Dr. Shuster came to Hunter there were three candidates for the master's degree. Now there are 2,500.

An increased number of formal courses are now offered. Informal activities at the College have expanded. The College-sponsored concert series, the encouragement of groups not part of the College to use its facilities, the great increase in adult education, our School of Social Work, the nursing program—all these have enhanced Hunter and its place in the community.

At one time, Dr. Shuster reminisced, transferring all of Hunter to the Bronx was contemplated. A campus with sixteen buildings on it was envisioned. Fortunately this was not done and the dual campus — not too unusual — has resulted.

Adult and evening courses are still centered downtown. The Bronx campus seems too far away for many working people. In addition, it was not found easy to gather a faculty to teach in the Bronx at night. In time this may change and the Bronx buildings, as well as those on Park Avenue, will be used for this purpose.

There was a time when the Bronx campus was much more in the public eye. This was in the days of the United Nations occupancy. Some of the public did not realize that Hunter had turned the buildings over to the U. N. and was not playing host to it. Letters came protesting the installation of a bar for the use of the United Nations members. However, one letter of that period which President Shuster remembers read, "Dear Mr. President: What is the most popular cocktail you serve?" This query came from a bartender.

Another memory Dr. Shuster has is of the era when the Foundling Hospital was across the avenue from the College. Dr. Shuster was working late at the College one evening when a



watchman found the "bundle on the doorstep" which proved to be a baby, left on the west side of Lexington Avenue, rather than the east. The watchman commented. "They sure start in early these days."

The relationship between the College and the Alumni Association is a good one, but individual alumni could, President Shuster feels, do more for the College and the College has the right to expect this. Ivy League colleges publish astonishing figures of contributions made by their graduates and "friends" of those institutions. Dr. Shuster remarked that he has had pleasure over the years from glowing letters of gratitude which have continued to come unsolicited from many graduates who realize and acknowledge what Hunter has been to them.

Twenty years ago George Shuster had been in Hunter once. Today he could make no attempt to count the times he has been there. It is our impression that he leaves Hunter College with a feeling of accomplishment. Certainly those who have been interested in Hunter believe it has gained through having had him at its head. Later this month a convocation at the College will honor Dr. George N. Shuster, fifth president of Hunter College, as he retires. It is simple to predict that many complimentary words will be said. It is equally simple to predict that all these words will have been earned.

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