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## THE SPRING REUNION

The Annual Spring Reunion will be held at the Hotel McAlpin on Saturday, May 19, at 2:30 P. M. The room used last year—which was so favorably commented upon—has been engaged for the afternoon.

An unusual group of entertainers will appear in musical, dancing, and pantomime numbers. Many may find the omission of speeches an innovation. The committee is planning a short program to insure ample opportunity to chat with old friends and to become better acquainted with new ones.

May we remind you that this is the meeting at which the biennial election of officers is held? We hope for a representative attendance and a representative vote.

MINA S. REES,  
For the Reunion Committee.

## COLLEGE NOTES

This year's College Varsity Play, *Rip Van Winkle*, maintained the high tradition of success that has been established. The production was under the direction of Mr. William H. Bridge of the Speech Department and of Miss Edna M. Wells of the Art Department. Dorothy Gillam, who was so impressive a Prospero last year, was the delightful Dutch hero of this year's play. The entire performance progressed with remarkable smoothness and finish. The acting in even the minor parts was well conceived and consistently faithful in characterization. The performance was presented in a very high key and found an audience most responsive to the humor of the text. Visually, also, the play was a joy. The outstanding scene was the home of the gnomes with its delicately mystical lighting and its merging of the actors into the scenery so that at times the little gnomes were solid rock, at others, the quaint creatures long associated with Hendrick Hudson. Miss Eleanor Standish was the student Chairman of the production.

The next two events of undergraduate importance are both musical.

The Choral Club Concert under the Faculty Advisership of Professor Frances Dütting, and with Mr. A. Y. Cornell as director, was given on Monday evening, April 30th, with the assistance of a number of student soloists, and was a highly successful performance.

The College Sing, the greatest event of the year, under all-student-management, takes place this year on May 4th at the Metropolitan Opera House. So great has been the demand for seats that those sections which

were not to be put on sale have had to be opened up. There is the usual delightful mystery as to the plans of each class, and many are the closed doors behind which rehearsals are being conducted with tempestuous energy.

Miss Katherine B. Mattison, Chairman of the Social Committee, has arranged a new method of acquainting junior and senior students with the Alumnae Association. Because of the great increase in the number of students, it has not been feasible to continue the teas. Instead of this, the Social Committee this year took two tables at the Alumnae Breakfast, to which representatives from each department club were invited.

The plans for the new building have so far progressed that the details of the first three units have been opened to the College Staff for inspection in Professor Hill's office. The spaciousness of the building, the details of comfort for both student and staff which have been planned, and the external beauty of the design have aroused a great deal of enthusiasm.

The Evening Session office has been enlarged to include rooms on the second floor, where the Director, Professor A. Broderick Cohen, is to be found in Room 201. The summer courses, under the auspices of the Extension Division, include three travel courses, one in classics, one in history, and one in art. These courses provide for European travel with experienced couriers and under competent instructors, and college credit is granted for work done under these conditions. Professor Cohen looks forward to announcing in the fall the list of courses leading to the degree of Master of Science in the Extension Division. At present, the degrees of B.A., B.S., and M.A. are offered. With the working out of the sequence of courses, students of sciences will be able to pursue their graduate work at Hunter College.

The Eastern Public Speaking Conference was held this year at Yale University during Easter week. Professor Prentiss of the Department of Speech was chairman of the division "Speech Problems." A number of members from the Speech Faculty attended this convention.

Professor Lillian M. Snow represented Hunter at the April conference in Cleveland of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars.

ELIZABETH-VERA LOEB

### VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE

The Vocational Guidance Committee of the Faculty consists of representatives from each Academic Department of the College, including Education. The over-crowded eligible lists for teaching positions make it imperative that many of our students seek other professional or vocational outlets. In any case, students feel the need of personal advice on the choice of their major, minor, and optional subjects, in order that they may make the most of their years spent in college.

Because of the large numbers, this is a difficult practical matter to handle, especially as the students are scattered in three annexes besides the main building; but the Committee is trying the plan here described as an experiment.

The Committee is preparing a conservative list of various types of positions that college women with the necessary personal qualifications might hope to attain with a reasonable degree of assurance. These lists will be placed in some accessible spot in the building for student reference. The Committee wishes to move cautiously in preparing these lists. It has no desire to encourage a student to chase an *ignis fatuus*, or to raise in her mind expectations that have a large chance of being blasted later. The Committee is frankly feeling its way, and promises nothing but a friendly cooperation with the student in the attempt to solve her problem.

The Committee is of the opinion that the students' needs would best be served by an extension of the Bureau of Occupation to include a Graduate Placement Bureau, employing a Field Secretary who could devote her whole time to the making of contacts between the professional and business world and Hunter College.

HARRIET H. KEITH, Chairman  
Committee of Faculty on Vocational Guidance

### LENOX HILL

The daily average number of children coming in to lunches is higher than last month. Now that the families are settled in their new homes, they are gradually coming back again for lunches.

The kindergarten has increased considerably in the last month, and the little tots are still having meals in the kindergarten room, away from the buzz and noise of the older children.

The children watched the development of the bazaar given in the gymnasium at the end of the month, and we noticed longing looks and many hints that they wanted to go. Accordingly Mrs. Casey, who always comes forward, sent the money for twelve tickets, so that those longing ones could go too, and they certainly did enjoy it. We once more thank our Fairy Godmother.

MIRIAM D. WALSH

### ALUMNAE HALL

Is there lying on your desk a lavender booklet or a slip from the Alumnae Hall Committee that has not yet been filled out?

If you are intending to send a contribution toward the Endowment Fund for a larger and better equipped Alumnae Hall, we should appreciate your sending it in during the month of May, if possible. June finds us all so busy with present duties and future plans that this little slip may be altogether overlooked if not rescued now and attended to.

In a letter dated June 26, 1926, Mr. Louis Marshall says, "Nothing would please me more than to be told at an early day that the remainder of my subscription has become payable." That means a gift of \$7500. Is not that worth working for, worth giving for?

It has been a great pleasure to note the generous contributions sent by alumnae in distant lands, though they may never see Hunter Alumnae Hall. Manitoba, Arizona, Texas, California, Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri, have all been heard from, and even far-away Japan, where there is a graduate who has three daughters at college in this country. I hope they will visit Alumnae Hall if they are anywhere in this vicinity.

J. W. D.

You are cordially invited to attend a morning Bridge and Luncheon to be held at Hunter Alumnae Hall on Thursday, May 10. (Bridge and luncheon \$1.00.)

The game will start at 10:30, and luncheon will be served at one o'clock. Please notify the secretary, Mrs. Keiley, not later than two days before the date of your attendance.

MRS. WM. VALET,  
Chairman of Maintenance

Some fortunate alumnae enjoyed a delightful get-together-meeting at the Alumnae Rooms, 204 West 55th Street, on Thursday, April 19th. The party began with a delicious luncheon delightfully presided over by the two hostesses: Mrs. William B. Ingram, Chairman of the Alumnae Hall Committee, and Mrs. William Valet, Chairman of the Maintenance Committee. Delicious waffles, browned to perfection, were prepared by Mrs. L. L. Keiley, the Secretary and Hostess at 204 W. 55th St., with a rapidity equalled only by the celerity with which they were partaken of by the delighted guests. Then followed Bridge, with lovely prizes, won respectively by Mrs. Elliott and Mrs. Popper. Tea was served at five o'clock.

Any alumna wishing to get up a small party is advised to go to Alumnae Hall. There can be found every comfort, even hangers for coats, and the three gentlest, most attentive, gracious, and generous hostesses it has ever been my lot to meet.

The Editor