



What's What



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G.O. Elects V.C. Council And Accepts Committees

Misses Callahan, Cobb, Peterson To Serve As Student Leaders

Beginning this term's activities, the student council approved the committees appointed by Marion Kramer, G.O. president, completed their elections, and chose a Victory Corps Council.

Constance Peterson, of the eighth term, will serve as student member of the Board of Governors, while Jean Callahan, also an upper senior, will act as Chairman of Clubs. The council also chose Irene Cobb, War Stamp Chairman and Mildred Singerman, Jewelry Manager. Peggy Walzer was appointed Chairman of the class P.T.A. representatives. Marion Kramer also announced that Miss Katherine Kelly, of the Art department, will serve as junior faculty adviser of the G.O.

In accordance with an amendment passed last term at the suggestion of Joanne Thomson, then G.O. vice-president, this semester the Victory Corps Council was elected by the student council. The Victory Corps Council had formerly been elected by the individual terms. In order of their terms, second through eighth, the Victory Corps Council will consist of: Mona Gilbert, Elizabeth Driscoll, Ann Gunning, Marion Sues, Erica Joshua, Vera Marforio, and Shirley Rosenstein.

The committees appointed by the president and approved by the council are as follows: Assembly: Anita Guraturo, second term; Nancy Miller, third term; Joan Greenblatt, fourth term; Muriel Margolis, fifth term; Rose Kopelman, sixth term; Yvette Blumenfeld, seventh term; and Helen Charney, eighth term. Poster: Roberta Winston, second term; Ruth Lindenfeld, third term; Nancy Slattery, third term; Sylvia Kouzel, fourth term; Toni Tita, fifth term; Patricia Gibbons, fifth term; Mildred Kapilow, sixth term; and Claire Skaletsky and Shirley Nash, eighth term. Business: Barbara Schron, second term; Gloria Lapin, third term; Phyllis Schwartz, third term; Louise Passerman, fourth term; Ilene Spindel, fifth term; Frances Lattman, sixth term; Ruth Hirschfeld, seventh term; and Gloria Owens, eighth term. Office Supervision: Ellen Nierman, second term; Ann Modr, third term; Judy Baron, fourth term; Catherine Kides, sixth term; Mildred Singerman, sixth term; Corinne Stockman and Frances Temesy, seventh term; and Jean Callahan, eighth term.

'W.W.' Accepts New Reporters

Raya Spiegel was recently elected associate editor of *What's What*.

As a result of the tryouts, at which a hundred students were present, fifteen girls have been accepted for the reportorial staff. They are: Judith Brod, Arlene Freed, Lois Freeman, Anne Greenberg, Mildred Grossbard, Helen Guggenheimer, Yvette Kagan, Jean Leo, Alice Movitz, Rhoda Rotner, Leona Rubtchinsky, Carol Schiller, Marilyn Suskowitz, Miriam Thalenberg, and Judith Usdan.

Terms Organize Various Projects; Elect New Heads

Having chosen their officers, the terms are fully prepared to enter their respective war activities.

The eighth term banquet committee will consist of Helen Charney, Doris Lochac, Gloria Owens, Constance Peterson, and Jean Ulite.

Completing their elections, the seventh term has selected Roberta Lazoff, treasurer, and Helen Levin, secretary.

Members of the sixth term elected Patricia Saunders as vice-president; Marion McKee, secretary; and Mary Lynch, G.O. Representative.

This semester, Jacqueline Dauber serves the fourth term as president, assisted by Jane Thompson, vice-president. The secretary is Betty Nathan. Joyce Abrams, Judy Bacon, and Norma Kraus will represent the term in the G.O.

The terms forming Hunter's new Junior high have chosen their president, vice-president, and treasurer. They are Ann Gross, of the 8B class, Margaret Adlersberg, of the 8A, and Marcia Goldberg, of the 7B, respectively.

Alumnae Select Many Careers

Hunter College High School alumnae are distinguishing themselves in various fields.

Pearl Primus, dramatic dance soloist, has been appearing at Downtown Cafe Society since last April and recently presented a dance recital at the Ninety-second street Young Men's Hebrew Association. In addition to several dances that Miss Primus performed at Hunter last winter, the program included new interpretations.

Lieutenant (junior grade) Mary Ann Johnson visited Hunter, her alma mater, while in New York on a secret mission from Washington, where she is on duty in the Women's Naval Reserve Corps. Lt. Johnson is commanding officer of 300 enlisted men in the Ordnance department of the Navy. Previously, she held the position of Personnel Director in a chemical plant in Detroit.

Serves In Spars

Ensign Edna Jacobs, of the Spars, is also a graduate of both Hunter college high school and Hunter college. She was formerly assistant to the research director of Biow Company, Inc., N.Y.C. Ensign Jacobs received her commission in New London, Connecticut, in January of this year.

Elizabeth Cannon Aldrich, a former G.O. president of Hunter and a graduate of Radcliffe college, has secured a position in the circulating department of the Boston Herald. She is now living in Cambridge, where she is awaiting the return of her husband, who is a captain in the paratroopers, stationed in England.

Bernice Lorber, alumna of the class of '39, is employed as an economist with the board of Economic Welfare at its New York office.

Big Sisters Entertain Hunter's New Students

In order to welcome the junior high, first, and third termers, the Big Sisters Organization gave parties February 14, 15, and 16.

For all three occasions, the decorations centered around St. Valentine's day, using hearts, streamers, and lace dolls to carry out the theme. The girls, themselves, supplied the entertainment in the form of songs, dialogues, and piano solos. A prize was awarded each time to the girl whom the majority voted the best performer.

Dr. Jean F. Brown, principal of the high school, spoke to the girls, after which refreshments were served.

Lisa Sergio Discusses Fascist Rise To Power

Mussolini's Former Interpreter Warns Against False Leadership

Lisa Sergio, news commentator on Station WQXR, addressed the students and faculty of Hunter college high school on February 15 at the first assembly of the spring term.

Buy Bargain Book

Oh, the Budget Book is a bargain—That's plainer than plain can be—For it paves the road to pleasures Just waiting for you and me.

Oh, the Budget Book is a bargain: It provides a way to have fun, Through many reductions and discounts; Your worries go on the run.

Oh, the Budget Book is a bargain; It will save us many pence. The best things in life may be free, But the next best cost 85 cents.

A Fascist and private interpreter to Benito Mussolini until her flight from Italy in 1936, Miss Sergio, in the hope of preventing a recurrence of the fascist movement after the present war, explained Il Duce's rise to power. She stressed the fact that many statesmen forget the importance of the younger generation and that therefore a demagogue can reach his goal by gaining the support of a nation's youth. Miss Sergio told how, without education and understanding of the political situation at stake, young Italians marched on Rome in 1922. She urged Hunter students especially to choose carefully their course after the war, for, she stated, "behind every great revolution lie the women, encouraging the men to take up arms and fight." "For instance," explained Miss Sergio, "before Fascism, Italian women had to walk miles to secure every drop of water they used in their homes." Mussolini provided running water for every farmhouse. Naturally the housewives would follow the man who gave them this convenience.

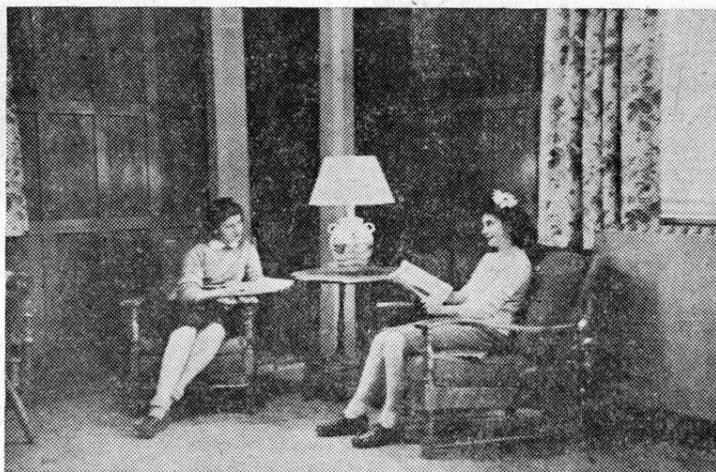
Emphasis On Youth

Miss Sergio also discussed the vital position American youth will hold in the post-war world and emphasized the symbolic significance of the American student in the occupied countries of Europe. She spoke of the many problems the future citizens will have to cope with in determining the condition of the world, and asserted that the rising generation must prepare now for the work it is to do. She warned of the perils involved in fashioning a new world and suggested that youth should make its opinions known when the time for peace conferences arrives.

No Excuse For Fascism

She added that her generation had no precedent for this work and therefore can be partially excused for its mistakes, but that the youth of America have every opportunity to acquaint themselves with democratic policies. "You have free schools, a free press, and free speech." She app- (CONT'D. ON PAGE 3, COL. 2)

Our Council Room's A Cozy Sight, Newly Furnished, Cheery 'N Bright



Finished Product

In the elevator, on a hook, hangs a silver key. The lock it fits opens Hunter's most glamorous chamber—the newly-decorated Council Room. As your radio announcer proclaims, "Something new has been added!"

Our social room formerly was bare and unwelcoming. Now, through the efforts of Miss Katharine Kelly and the P.T.A., the transformers, it is completely refurbished, from a red fire-place to a sign on the door that says: "No Eating!"

Dismal Origin.

The Council room first was originated when the high school was at Ninety-sixth street, and when most of today's seniors were in kindergarten. In 1931, the General Organization decided that the students needed a room for themselves and for their social functions. The president, Alice Barho, and the G.O. faculty adviser, Mrs. Edna Flouton, were confronted with this unusual problem: how to change a storage room in the yard into a high-school social room. Undaunted, they reached into the pockets of the students, teachers, and unnamed special groups, and from them, extracted as much as fifteen dollars!

The store room they chose was a haven for broken desks and chairs, with a white-tiled wainscote, and blackboards that occupied much space. Immediately, the G.O. took action to dispose of the unpleasant furnishings. The blackboards were concealed by brown-painted sheaths of cardboard. Two antiquated oak tables were stained to match the paper "woodwork".

Miracle Makers

They secured some ancient arm chairs with no seats. Ingeniously, the ambitious G.O. members took needle, thread, pins, cloth, and, with sheer determination, wrought miracles. To add to their joys, they discovered an old wicker chaise-lounge and gave it an honored place in the social room.

Pennies From Heaven

Because they had taken such strides with limited funds and facilities, the G.O. president gained permission to spend as much as was necessary. For (CONT'D. ON PAGE 4, COL. 4)

Miss Busch Issues New Bell Schedule

Miss Mildred Busch has issued an official statement giving the bell schedule for February 1944 to June 1944. The schedule is as follows:

- Warning Bell—8:30 a.m.
- Official Class—8:35 to 8:45 a.m.
- First Hour—8:50 to 9:35 a.m.
- Second Hour—9:40 to 10:25 a.m.
- Third Hour—10:30 to 11:15 a.m.
- Fourth Hour—11:20 to 12:05 p.m.
- Fifth Hour—(Lunch) 12:10 to 12:55 p.m.
- Sixth Hour—1:00 to 1:45 p.m.
- Seventh Hour—1:50 to 2:35 p.m.
- Eighth Hour—2:40 to 3:25 p.m.

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Rest And Relaxation

The rush and worry of finals and regents has come and gone, and we are all leaning back now and "taking life easy."

After a hectic year during which we arrived at school near dawn, raced from floor to floor during three-minute change periods, and gobbled our lunch in fifteen minutes, the usual pace seems especially pleasant. Since last February we have become so accustomed to hustling from recitation to recitation and to bolting our food that returning to normalcy is for some rather difficult.

Many find no fault with the longer intervals between classes or with the later rising hour, but complain that the lunch period is seemingly endless. Despite the prevalent feeling among the students that they have "time on their hands," the lengthened lunch hour has proved an eminent relief to the faculty, and rightly so. For, actually, this is the greatest improvement wrought by the revised schedule.

Now that Hunter has once more settled back to its old habits of "quiet and decorum", it naturally follows that it should also reach its former standard of exceptional scholarship and outstandingly diversified extra-curricular activities.

Boost Our Red Cross

Have you ever tried to walk the road to Victory? Ever tried to picture that steep highway with a blazing signpost of Victory at the end?

Our boys are on that road now, but it's not easy to follow, for there are no short-cuts. Although some stretches are paved, they are supplanted by dirt roads with pitfalls, detours, and dead ends. These boys are making good speed, but they can't manage alone. After a hard day's driving they need relaxation and entertainment. In case of collision with "hit-and-run drivers" of enemy forces, the injured demand prompt and efficient medical care. Any boys taken into custody by the enemy are lodged in concentration or prison camps. They require the aid and comfort of packages and letters from home. Some of the drivers crack under the strain; then, their families need sympathy and assistance.

A "Commission of Highway Control" (The American Red Cross) has been set up to manage these tasks. They've always done so. However, the Commission is having some trouble now, because it must have more funds to cover its expenses. The American Red Cross officials and nurses are giving their full devotion without asking any reward save our full financial support. Let's give it to them!

Seven New Teachers Fill Openings; Enter Various School Departments

Graduates Of California, New Jersey, Hunter, Syracuse Join Hunter High School Faculty

To fill openings in Hunter's faculty, seven new teachers have joined the staff this term.

Miss Suzanne Walsh, an alumna of both Hunter college high school and Hunter college, has entered the English department after serving as a substitute during the last year.

Though she was always fond of literature, Miss Walsh's first ambitions were in the scientific field. Since her original desire to be an archaeologist was thwarted by the lack of a financial backer for her expeditions, Miss Walsh turned to astronomy. However, an intense dislike for the mathematics involved curtailed Miss Walsh's interest, and she became an English major.

Times Square Proposal

Another addition to the English department, Mrs. Barbara Stevenson (no relation to R.L.S.) hails from California. Mrs. Stevenson has always been fond of dancing and therefore, upon graduation from the University of California at Los Angeles and at Berkeley as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, she gave several recitals in folk dancing and then taught it for a few years. In addition, Mrs. Stevenson has been very active in the Red Cross. In fact she was scheduled to go overseas with an American Red Cross

unit, when "he" proposed on Times Square. Soon after her marriage, she left her unit and became a teacher.

The Physics department's new member, Miss Edith Perchal, is a thorough Hunterite. A native New Yorker, she attended Hunter college model school, Hunter college high school and Hunter college.

Miss Sarah R. Tirrell, a graduate of New Jersey College for Women, Columbia University, and Yale University is now teaching history.

Miss Martha Farkas, who graduated *summa cum laude* from Hunter college, is also a history teacher. As many of her college friends attended H.C.H.S., Miss Farkas says, she feels "right at home". She adds that she is an ardent Giants fan and that she even bought a bond in order to vote for Mel Ott in a sports poll.

Soldier Son

Another member of the German department is Dr. Elsa Lange, who taught in the school from 1937-1939. She has two children, a daughter who went to Hunter college high school and Hunter college, and a son in the army, who is tall (6 ft. 2 in.), dark and—(Ed. note—the German department office is on the fourth floor). Dr. Lange says that she is very anxious to revise the German club activities and revive *Klub und Klasse*, the German publication.

New in the Art department is Mrs. Madelaine Schlitzer, who before coming to Hunter taught in Chicago, upper New York State, and Long Island. Syracuse University is her alma mater. Mrs. Schlitzer has exhibited her art work in various cities.

Theatre

This year the play-going season offers you laughter and music on an untarnished silver platter. In Michael Todd's newest production, *Mexican Hayride*, the audience finds tuneful comedy, a well-chosen cast, and a series of songs already near the summit of popularity.

Abracadabra

Bobby Clark, the appealing comedian, in the leading role, is entertaining when disguised as a flute player, and his witty nonsense almost literally "rolls 'em in the aisles." In another and even more amusing scene, he dons the brilliant costume of an Indian squaw, while trying to evade a corps of angry Mexican officials.

When not gasping at the straightforward humor, the audience happily lends both ears to the singing of pretty June Havoc. Her charming rendition of "Abracadabra" is indeed memorable. The principal song by Cole Porter, "I Love You", despite its stereotyped title, is destined to gain fame not only among the countless numbers who enjoy it in this zestful presentation but also among those who do not see the show. Included in the lively cast are George Givot, Corinna Mura, and William Evans.

Xochimilcho

Hassard Short, the director of the famed *Carmen Jones*, has staged *Mexican Hayride* with equal skill. The first parting of the curtains reveals decorative costumes, bizarre Mexican motifs, and a brilliant setting. One of the most imaginative scenes in the production is the representation of the Floating Gardens at Xochimilcho, which creates genuine atmosphere of "south of the border".

Mexican Hayride is an example of good neighborliness. By presenting to the New York public the vivid colors of Mexico, the beauty of the landscape, and the humor of the people, Michael Todd has evoked wholehearted appreciation from the audience.

It is a memorable performance; you will sit back and just laugh.

Above The Crowd

Marion Kramer is a young lady with a past! A former Dramatic club president and Big Sister, she is now the *very efficient* president of the G.O.

Ubiquitous

In addition to the enviable talent of being everywhere at once, Marion is also able to maintain a high scholastic average.

Horseback riding is her favorite sport, though she enjoys many others too. However, she adds modestly, "I'm sorry I'm only mediocre in most of them." Her more intellectual pursuits include reading Shakespeare and listening to music.

Diplomatic

With a brother in the army and a sister in the Waves, it doesn't take this vivacious student long to decide that the Marines are her choice as her favorite branch of the service.

After presiding over a G.O. meeting, Marion prefers to dance away her cares and at the same time rest those exhausted vocal-chords. (Diplomacy does not permit her to state her pet peeve).

Sweater Fan

Like many other Hunterites, Marion is an "ardent fan". However, it isn't the movies, museums, or Frank Sinatra that captivate her so; it's the magnetic appeal of sweaters and skirts.

Since college days are not far ahead, Marion has decided to major in English literature, "and," she adds, "any aspect of dramatics—except acting."

As producer, director, or executive, Marion Kramer's accomplishments have made, and will continue to make her—*Above the Crowd*.

That's What

New Slogan

An old, hardened *What's What* reporter was reading the *New York Times* one afternoon. Noting their slogan, she remarked, "All the news that's fit to print."

"So what?" asked her cynical friend, banging relentlessly on a typewriter.

"I was just thinking," came the reply, "you know how the editor always tears our stories apart, adding on, or snipping off?"

"Do I know!" said the scornful typist. "Well?"

"Well, I guess the *What's What* slogan ought to be: *All the news that fits, we print!*"

State Of Officers

Utopia isn't so very far away. All Hunter needs is to have movie stars for class officers, and everyone ought to be perfectly satisfied. How about this combination?

President: Van Johnson—Ah, to sit through a whole official period and watch him smile!

Vice-President: Charles Boyer—Maybe then we'd listen to the notices . . . "Zere weel be a term meeding today, my darlink . . ."

Secretary: Orson Welles, for efficiency.

Treasurer: Ronald Reagan—Would you mind giving him your money?

Sanitary Leaders: Bob Hope and Frank Sinatra—no comment.

Hunterite Detectives

Flash: Hunter is on the way to solving (has just solved) its foremost mystery!

We have unearthed two opinions on the spiriting away of the basement mirror.

- a. Too much vanity isn't good for the soul anyway.
- b. It was the only way to get us out of the basement before night.

Modest Maiden

Many are the trials of the class president, whose heroism has too long remained unsung!

It happened in a second term French class when a teacher, not knowing her students as yet, inquired, "*Qui est la plus intelligente fille de cette classe?*"

The class gazed at their inquisitor with perplexed expressions, and turned, as is usual in times of dire need, to their president.

However, the girls had not taken into consideration that *Madame Presidente* knew no more than they.

"What did she say?" demanded the president.

"I think she asked 'who's president?'"

The president heaved a sigh of relief, rose pompously, and said:

"I am."
 She still doesn't realize why the teacher laughed.

Success

Variety is the spice of life! . . . or so thought the president of a fifth term official class. In order to attain one hundred per cent attendance for her class at term meetings, the president informed each girl that she had been appointed to report to the class on term meeting. The result—the class had 100% attendance!

The Invader

Imagine a sophisticated sixth term class's surprise when, deeply concentrating on Cicero during their fourth period Latin class, they heard a shrill cry. In front of the room stood one of their members, pale, trembling, and mumbling, "A mouse, a mouse!"

Sequel: Miss Marion McCormick, of the Latin department, succeeded in trapping the invader during the sixth hour, to the relief of timid Hunterites.

Exchanges

No Answer

Of course, there's the science teacher who asked, "What happens when a body is immersed in water?" and got the answer, "The telephone rings."
 Lincoln Log

Under Water

There have been lots of morons running around lately, but did you hear about the one who flooded the gym because the coach sent him in as a sub?
 Lincoln Log

Adam's Troubles

What ever trouble Adam had,
 No man in days of yore
 Co-uld say, when Adam cracked a joke,
 "I've heard that one before."
 Passaic, N. J.

Sports Talk

"Join the A.A., and join the fun!" Yes, you'll be hearing—and seeing—much about Hunter's Athletic association this term.

New Plans

Myrtle Entress, the newly-elected subscription manager, and a school-wide poster committee, composed of all term and class A.A. representatives, will be responsible for A.A. publicity.

Plans for this term are already being carried out. Miss Marion Weber, faculty adviser of the group, has announced that the high school gyms will be available Monday and Tuesday afternoons, alternating between basketball and volleyball, and on Tuesday and Friday afternoons for ping-pong. There will be social dancing on Fridays, one week for beginners and the next for advanced dancers.

Basketball

Excitement over last term's round-robin basketball tournament has not yet died down, for some of the greatest upsets in Hunter's athletic history occurred during these bouts. The scores during the elimination games were as follows:

- Juniors vs. Freshmen 27-6
- Fourth term vs. Third term 16-11
- Freshmen vs. Seniors 21-17
- Juniors vs. Third term 15-8

The seniors, whose lusty cries have now vanished from Hunter's gyms forever, were poorly organized because of insufficient practice. Towards the end of their game with the freshmen they warmed up, but 'twas too little and too late.

Semi-Finals

The semi-finals provided an opportunity for spectators to witness genuine sportsmanship in the freshmen-fourth term game. The freshmen won with 10 points to their credit, while the fourth term followed close behind with a score of 9.

Thrilling Game

In the final event, however, excitement reached a new high with the freshmen pitted against the mighty juniors for a thrill-packing game. Rooters who watched this contest, agreed that both teams played an exceptional game, but that the freshmen group surpassed all expectations. Despite the valiant freshmen competition, the juniors triumphed with a score of 14-12.

Dorothy Erler headed the winning team, while Jacqueline Brookes shone as the freshman star. Other members of the victorious team were Rita Challenger, Joan Davis, Sophie Dittman, Annette Hartig, Sallie Heller, Dorothy Lee, and Ann Shiels.

Inspiring

With these examples of fine playing to inspire them, the A.A. is looking forward to an active term in all the sports the organization offers, and, judging from the attendance so far, maybe next term the Health Education department will have classes made up entirely of girls who have had their two left legs unentangled.

German Publication Chooses New Staff

For the past two semesters *Klub und Klasse*, the German magazine, has been compiled by hand. This term, under the direction of Dr. Eva Lange, of the German department, the publication will resume its original form. The staff elected Louise Gegner as editor-in-chief, and Emily Steinbrecher as her assistant. Gloria Gray will serve as art editor, with Alice Bradshaw and Phyllis Babcock as assistants.

Alfred Drake's Motto Leads Him To Success



Singing Star Of "Oklahoma"

Everywhere you go, from the corner drug-store with its juke-box to the locker room in Hunter, you hear the tuneful strains of "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning", "People Will Say We're In Love", "The Surrey With the Fringe on Top", and the many other rhythmic ditties from Broadway's currently successful musical, "Oklahoma". The male lead in this hit is Mr. Alfred Drake, a young man whose climb to fame is based on his favorite motto: "Don't ask how—do!"

Goes After It

"I've always believed that if you want something badly enough, you should just go after it," said Mr. Drake. That this young New Yorker is a man of his word is shown by the story of his career. While still in his junior year at Brooklyn college, he received his first chance, with the offer of a part in a Gilbert and Sullivan revival. "I accepted the offer and understudied each of the four leads until I knew the songs so well, I could even sing them backward; but," he added sadly, "they were such a healthy cast, I had to do my vocalizing backstage and at rehearsals."

Tries Again

Undaunted by this slight setback, Mr. Drake accepted roles in several other musical shows, including "Two Bouquets", "One For the Money and Two for the Show", and the unforgettable "Babes in Arms".

Lisa Sergio Talks; Emphasizes Youth

(CONT'D. FROM PAGE 1, COL. 5) pealed to American youth to use its privileges and not to follow false leadership.

Dr. Jean F. Brown, principal of the high school, opened the assembly by greeting the school. Marion Kramer, president of the G.O., also welcomed the school and presided throughout the remainder of the program. Jean Baker, G.O. treasurer, and Irene Cobb, war stamp chairman, spoke. A group of 7B's, under the direction of Miss Charlotte Hochman and assisted by Myrtle Entress, Eileen Pecker, and Shirley Sonnenshein, of the 7th and 8th terms, sang "The World Has Become A Very Small Place."

After this there came a period when he briefly left the musical stage for the summer stock theatre, in search of opportunities for exercising and perfecting his dramatic ability. Despite his success in more dramatic productions, such as "Out of the Frying Pan", "As You Like It", and "Yesterday's Magic", Mr. Drake returned to a musical as the star performer in "Oklahoma".

Resembles Schoolboy

The first impression Mr. Drake gives is one of efficiency and seriousness. In spite of his informality, he might well be heading a class in English literature rather than standing behind the footlights of a theatre. However, while on the stage, with head thrown back, hands on hips, legs spread apart, Mr. Drake closely resembles a school-boy. This combination of personality, intelligence, and outstanding talent lends him an unusual charm and appeal.

Going To Hollywood

Mr. Drake is at present making plans for his first appearance on the screen, which he intends to make for Columbia studios, with whom he has a seven-year contract.

Sure Success

Without a doubt, Alfred Drake, now a brightly shining Broadway star, will be as noteworthy in his Hollywood career as in his climb to fame on the legitimate stage. His music does more than just "go 'round and 'round"; it is a vital, living part of his makeup.

Several Girls To Take Competitive History Test

With the help of Miss Mary Griffin, several girls from the seventh and eighth terms are preparing for a competitive examination which will be sponsored by the League of Nations. The examination, which will take place on March 24, will deal with the subject of *Post War Organization*, and is open to students of high merit.

Traffic Captain Urges Students To Obey Rules

Squad Formulates New Regulations; Insures Safety

Florence Schmulson, captain of the Traffic squad, urges the cooperation of the students in upholding the following new traffic rules:

1. The 68 and 69 street staircases on the first floor are the only up staircases to be used after the 7 and 8 periods.
2. There is to be no through traffic on the main floor at dismissal.
3. The center staircase in the basement and first floors is to be used by down traffic only.
4. Traffic will be allowed through the archway in the basement.
5. Traffic to and from the assembly is to be conducted in the same manner as rapid dismissal.
 - a. There is to be no talking while going from the college to the high school.
 - b. Classes are to be led by their teachers.
 - c. Classes must proceed in an orderly double file.

Miss Margaret Scully will again serve as the squad's faculty adviser and Hilda Cypser as first lieutenant.

'What's What' Calendar For Feb. 21 — Sept. 8

- Feb. 21, 22—Holiday.
- Mar. 29, 30, 31—Midterm Exams.
- April 7-16—Easter vacation.
- April 18—Midterm cards dist.
- April 19—Midterm cards col.
- April 20—Open school day.
- April 29—Correction of candidates' exams.
- May 30—Holiday.
- June 15, 16—Final exams.
- June 19-22—Regents exams.
- June 23—Session.
- June 26, 27—Session.
- June 27—Commencement.
- Sept. 6, 10:00-12:00 — Condition tests.
- Sept. 7, 11:00—Discharges and transfers.
- Sept. 8—Organization day.

Faculty Honors Eightieth Birthday Of Miss Webster, Ex-Principal

Miss Louisa M. Webster, former principal of Hunter college high school, celebrated her eightieth birthday February 11, 1944.

Before she became principal of the high school, Miss Webster was a teacher of mathematics at Normal college. As head of Hunter, she ably and efficiently managed the school's affairs, until she retired almost ten years ago.

Gives Advice

Although she is now an octogenarian, Miss Webster is unusually agile and active. She is a well-known figure in Hollis, Long Island, where she now resides. Many parents of that community go to her seeking advice and aid in solving their children's problems.

She has a whole hearted interest in education and busies herself coaching youngsters in mathematics. Miss Webster is also instructing several young men who are preparing for examinations for special positions in the armed forces.

An energetic member of her church, of the Associate Alumnae of Hunter college, and of countless other groups, Miss Webster also finds time to work

Clubs Choose New Projects; Elect Officers

Election of officers and the initiation of projects were the agenda of recent club meetings.

Working for the French War Relief will be the main project of the French club for this term. The members also plan to present a play and have decided that the work of the publicity committee is to be voluntary. Miss Dorothy Rothschild will again act as faculty adviser of the group.

The heads of the entertainment and publicity committees of the Latin club are Osanna Damborajian and Doris Adelberg, respectively. Presenting a play and conducting an "Information, Please" quiz constitute their main projects. Mrs. Elsie Kahan will serve as faculty adviser.

Presentations

Gloria Owens is to be president of the Cinema club, assisted by Elizabeth Lenz as vice-president, Celia Spiro as treasurer, and Mary Wood as secretary. The club will present a silent film March 3 in the auditorium. Three other films are also under consideration.

A pin-up boy contest is the project of the Spanish club. Any student may enter her favorite pin-up boy's photograph, but must pay to vote for him. The money collected from the votes will be sent to the War fund.

The Physics and Chemistry clubs have joined, this semester, to form one organization. The newly elected president is Barbara Lipton, who will be assisted by Rose Franck, vice-president, and Gloria Seiburg, secretary-treasurer. As its first project the club went to the Hayden Planetarium February 23. The members also plan to make mirrors and do other scientific work.

Scrap Drive

At a recent party, children in a ward at Bellevue hospital received stuffed animals made by the Social Service club. Filling the position of vice-president of the club is Anita Yellin. This term's project is to be a drive for scrap material.

The Photography club has chosen Adele Hirschberg, president; Anne McIntyre, vice-president; and Rhoda Brettschneider, secretary-treasurer.

Inge Hirschfield, Marcia Greenberg, and Muriel Savod will serve as president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the I.R.C.

for the American Red Cross. Especially since her retirement she has helped this organization and is now a "Grey Lady", a title which is a symbol of her years of untiring service.

Aids Children

In addition, she is on the Boards of Directors of several city hospitals. She spent last summer bringing disabled children from various suburban hospitals to New York City for regular special treatment by skilled surgeons and physicians.

Honored By Faculty

On February 19, 1944 at 3 p.m. a reception will be held at the Roosevelt Houses in honor of Miss Webster's birthday. At that time the Faculty Club will present a token of the staff's esteem with the hope that she may celebrate many more birthdays.

VOX POP

(ED. NOTE—Because of the large number of Letters To The Editor, *What's What* has reestablished the column, *Vox Pop*. We hope to be able to continue it with your assistance. Please drop any contributions in the *What's What* mail box in Room 102).

To the Editors of *What's What*:

If there is a World War III, the millions who suffered and died and are dying in the present struggle will have done so in vain. Human life is not so cheap that we can afford to let that happen. It seems that most people are inclined to leave the matter to the leaders of the United Nations, and just hope for world peace. If that is the case, I fear we will not have it. Men have always dreamed of international cooperation, men have always worked towards it, but without the backing of the masses, of course they never achieved it.

Universal Brotherhood

If we do not build a more stable world, who will? If you want your world to be one of friendship, goodwill, and progress, work to tear down the barriers of prejudice and discrimination which keep us from that goal. We must feel responsible for all human beings, including those who are different or distant from us. Universal brotherhood will not appear overnight, but it will never exist if no beginning is made.

If a whole world can fight a war, cannot a whole world work to maintain peace? It can, if it carries over the spirit, the enthusiasm, the determination, the conviction. It can, if it can be made to see that it pays.

I would ask you, whom I can reach, to do something about it, and when the times comes, to say something about it.

HELGA KRAMER

To the Editor of *What's What*:

Why don't the Big Sisters have votes in the G.O.? If that position is important enough to have five points, is it not important enough to have a vote in the council?

The first person whom a girl really meets when she enters Hunter is her Big Sister, who does everything in her power to acquaint her little sisters with the school, get them interested in its activities, and make them love it the way she does. She represents Hunter to them. Shouldn't she be permitted to represent them in its governing body?

G.O. Fans

The Big Sisters are usually ardent G.O. fans, and they are among those who know it best. Their very lives are built around it. Therefore, they would be able to use their votes wisely; and since they spend almost every spare moment with their little sisters, and know what they want, they could also see that their wishes are carried out. On the other hand, there are girls who never go to G.O. meetings until they become representatives from their respective clubs, and not knowing anything about the procedure, vote blindly. Something ought to be done about

this situation. Votes ought to be given to those who can use them wisely, and not to those who can't. There are many other girls who feel as I do about this matter, among them several Big Sisters. We sincerely hope that the condition will be remedied.

OSANNA DAMBORAJIAN

(ED. NOTE: This letter was shown to Rita Heisler, G.O. Vice-President, whose reply follows.)

To the Editor of *What's What*:

The purpose of this letter is to show why it is not necessary for Big Sisters to hold votes in the G.O. Council.

The point was made that if an office is so important as to receive five points, a vote should be given the holder. This is fallacious on two accounts. First of all, a Big Sister is given five points because of work entailed, not because of her importance. Secondly, the holder of a vote is supposed to be a girl who represents a group. It may be argued that a Big Sister should present her little sisters' point of view. This, however, isn't necessary, since their term officers and the Big Sister Chairman do exactly that.

Club G.O. Reps

In reference to unintelligent voting by club presidents: the G.O. Constitution provides that each club shall have one representative in the Student Council. There is no provision which says that the club president should hold the vote. It is quite possible for clubs to elect G.O. Reps. I'm sure that there is at least one girl in every club in this school who is interested in our student government and who is capable of voting wisely.

Term Vote

If a Big Sister is a girl who is well known for her active participation in G.O. matters, her term may see fit to give her a vote. While the Big Sisters would all use their votes to the best advantage, there are many other girls in the school who work only ex-officio, who could vote just as wisely but do not have the privilege, because no group needs their representation. I hope that this will clarify the situation.

RITA HEISLER

Honor Society Selects Seven New Members

Sigma Gamma Pi, Hunter's honor society, recently elected in recognition of their outstanding service, character, and personality, the following girls: Jean Ellis, Isabelle Koslowski, and Gloria Muscatelli from the sixth term; Joan Greenwald, Mabel Hanson, and Roberta Lazoff from the seventh term; and Gloria Gilberg from the eighth term.

Financial Report of the G.O.
Sept. 1943—Jan. 1944

Receipts	
Balance on Hand	
Sept. 1, 1943	\$ 802.45
From classes	
Budget Cards	\$ 840.45
G.O.	58.79
A.A.	2.25
What's What	4.35
Argus	4.95
	910.79
American Junior Red Cross	83.73
Argus	181.00
Athletic Association	4.20
Lenox Hill Settlement	192.47
Miscellaneous	63.20
National War Fund	146.77
P.T.A. Gift	100.00
Repayment of loan	5.00
School Jewelry	423.90
Sigma—for pins	13.75
Tickets	325.64
What's What	192.90
Total	\$3,448.48

Disbursements	
American Junior Red Cross	\$ 83.73
Argus	495.00
Assemblies	6.03
Athletic Association	25.00
Big Sisters	19.22
Exams and Commencement	6.15
General Organization	96.05
Lenox Hill Settlement	192.47
Loan	5.00
Metropolitan Opera Guild	13.00
Miscellaneous	80.81
National War Fund	246.77
P.T.A. Prize	100.00
School Jewelry	388.00
Sigma for pins	13.75
Tickets	325.64
What's What	465.87
Total	\$2,562.49

Balance, Feb. 1, 1944 \$ 885.99
Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth S. Clark
Financial Adviser of G.O.
February 1944

Honor Pupils Win Latin Certificates

Certificates of merit are awarded each term by the New York City Classical club to the students with the highest averages in each Latin class. Josephine Ablondi, Carol Block, Ann Greenberger, Arlyne Itkin, Olive Roach, Ethel Schecter, and Elaine Weiner received awards for their first term work. The certificate winners for second term Latin were Elizabeth Dreifuss, Elizabeth Driscoll, Joyce Hines, Marie Jaeckel, Dorrieth Leipziger, Sybil Pollard, Rosaline Resnick, Eleanore Ulrich, and Beatrice Zolenge; for the third term work: Phyllis Abrams, Marion Astuti, Judy Baron, Rachel Brajer, Clothilde Sonnino, Illina Stein, and Martha Wechsler.

The highest averages in fourth term Latin were held by Doris Adelberg, Shirley Fishman, Seraphina Galasso, Harriet Gerlitz, Corinne Markowitz, and Cynthia Ozick. Leonilda Altman, Ruth Cohen, Joan Kenny, Vera Poe, and Dorothy Wong were the winners for fifth term. In the sixth term Marjorie Burger, Jean Ellis, Pearl Hanig, Roberta Lasoff, and Dorothy Smith were given the certificates.

Ellen Moers won the award for the seventh term Vergil, and Lillian Bellochi and Barbara Ewald received the eighth term Vergil certificates.

Roberta Lasoff, of the sixth term, also won the silver medal of the New York City Classical club for the highest average in three years of Latin.

Room With History Clothed In Mystery

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two-hundred dollars, there were added to the original storage yard eight upholstered chairs, many comfortable cushions of yellow and green, lamps actually painted in an artist's studio, and woven rugs to cover the barren floor boards. The transformed room also boasted two clear-glass punch-bowls, sixty tumblers, a radio, a full set of dishes, and even kitchen equipment! In addition to this, an adjoining partition was converted into a useful "Gay-Nineties" cloak room, and, for the nominal fee of twenty-five cents weekly, a helpful cleaning woman cleared the room of dust and crumbs.

Ups And Downs

However, just as the Roman empire rose and fell, so did this remarkable council room. The punch-bowls, sixty glasses and all, cracked, the radio was stolen, and the china-ware broken. When the high school migrated to this building, the furniture, ever faithful, bounced along with us in a moving van.

Cozy Corner

Today, the ancient glory of the council room is revived. The gay flowered draperies, printed linoleum, and graceful furniture are new and fresh, although the two antique lamps, except for the shades, are the very same that adorned the old tables at Ninety-sixth Street. It is a room to love and respect; it is a room that will cause you to gasp when you open the door.



Q. If War Savings Stamps should be lost, stolen, or destroyed, can they be replaced?

A. No. They should be kept in a safe place and exchanged for War Savings Bonds at the earliest opportunity.

Q. When do War Savings Bonds mature?

A. Ten years from the issue date.

Q. Can a Bond be issued in the names of two persons as co-owners?



By Gib Crockett.

A. Yes, but only individuals may be so named. Corporations, associations, churches, and lodges may not be named as coowners.

Q. What steps should be taken when a Bond is lost, stolen, or destroyed?

A. The Treasury Department, Division of Loans and Currency, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill., should be notified immediately, reference being made to the series, year of issue, date, denomination, and serial number of the Bond, and the name and address of the registered owner. Instructions as to proof required will then be sent you.

Remember—the longer you keep War Bonds, up to 10 years, the more valuable they become.

Many Hunterites Receive Awards At Commencement

Many students have recently won honors for high scholarship and extra-curricular activities.

Sylvia Beal received the Thomas Hunter prize, awarded to the graduating senior with the best scholastic average of those girls entering Hunter college. The award in honor of Miss Louisa M. Webster was presented to Joyce Marrits, in recognition of her character, personality, and service, while Marion Styles was awarded honorable mention for this prize. The Faculty Memorial prize, given on the same basis, was obtained by Marie Rosati, with Nina Labounsky receiving honorable mention. The P.T.A. granted its award for outstanding promise to Marion Styles.

At the commencement exercises, various departmental awards were presented. The prize for outstanding art work and achievement was given to Mary Corbo. The awards for excellence in biology were received by Marie Rosati and Olga Zill, and Edith Stavisky attained honors for her work in Dramatics. The Leon Pin was awarded to Barbara Ewald, for a high record in English, and to Emmy Numrick for achievement in German. Gilda Agnese, Nina Labounsky, and Mary McIvor merited awards for excellence in French. Honorable mention went to Walette Balden and Ruth Friedman. The Latin prize for Vergil was presented to Barbara Ewald, and Lillian Bellochi was given honorable mention.

Jeanne Arkin and Bernice Shimborg received honors in the field of Social Studies, while Ruth Friedman received honorable mention. Awards were obtained for excellence in mathematics were attained by Ruth Friedman and Eleanor Gaspari, while Muriel Gross and Nina Labounsky were honored for their marks in physics.

Roberta Lazoff won second prize in the New York Classical club city-wide examination in Latin. Jean Ellis was also awarded a book in this contest.

Elizabeth Fondal Heads 'Marianne'

Elizabeth Fondal will serve as editor-in-chief of *Marianne*, the French publication, with Claire Jacobson and Mildred Singerman as her assistants. Barbara Lipton has been chosen secretary.

Miss Rose-Marie Daele, head of the French department, will act as faculty adviser.

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