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## A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Eagerly we look forward to 1938, in the hope that it will bring happiness to the world, and surcease from strife. There is no sentiment more beautiful than that contained in the words—"Peace on Earth. Good Will to Men." Let us therefore cherish that sentiment above all others so that it shall guide our every act, and bring to fruition the hope of the world—Peace and Happiness.

And that is my wish for you!

IRENE BRANDON GRAFF,  
President.

It is with pleasure that I announce that Mrs. Julia Van Dernoot has consented to take the chairmanship of the Legislative Committee. We are fortunate indeed that one so well equipped is willing to give us of her time and ability.

I. B. G.

## ALUMNAE BREAKFAST

The Committee in charge of the Alumnae Breakfast, to be held on February 12th, is most eager to interest members of the Alumnae and other graduates of Hunter College who for various reasons may have temporarily lost their enthusiasm for the social side of the Alumnae Association, or who because of many interests and demands on their time have not attended the Breakfasts.

To those friends of Hunter we are now appealing, and we feel certain that a large number will respond to our call for attendance at the next Breakfast. Let us all work hard and pull together to make our annual party a social and financial success.

Please have checks accompany reservations and send them in not later than January 15, 1938. Tables seat ten persons. When reservations of less than ten are made, please state year of graduation so that you may be congenially placed.

Time of Breakfast, Feb. 12th, 12:30 P. M.  
Place—Hotel Astor.

Price—\$2.50 per ticket.

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## CALENDAR, JANUARY-FEBRUARY

Wed., Jan. 5—Officers and Directors

Wed., Jan. 12—Executive Council

Wed., Jan. 26—Commencement

Sat., Feb. 12—Alumnae Breakfast

Wed., Feb. 16—Birthday Celebration

## COLLEGE NOTES

The annual Alumnae Chapel of Hunter College was held on November 24th, at the Central Synagogue, 55th Street and Lexington Avenue, at 11 o'clock. President Colligan welcomed the former students to their old Alma Mater. Mrs. Leslie Graff addressed the gathering. Professor E. Adelaide Hahn, Head of the Department of Latin and Greek, paid a tribute to the late Professor George Meason Whicher; and two students, Lucille Ryan and Tippins Brown, read two of Professor Whicher's poems. Joyce Gale, President of the Student Council, read President Roosevelt's Thanksgiving Proclamation. Vocal and instrumental music by the students completed the program.

The seventh semi-annual Pre-Admission Program began with two assemblies in the auditorium of the Julia Richman High School, held on Thursday evening, December 2, and Monday evening, December 6, for high school students applying for admission to Hunter in February, 1938.

At these assemblies, which more than 1,200 students and their parents attended, the entrance requirements and the new curriculum of the College were explained and the students were advised on the election of courses. Speakers were Mrs. Mary Belden James Lehn, Chairman of the Committee on Admission; Professor Marie K. Gallagher, Chairman of the Bureau of Educational Guidance; and Professor Philip R. V. Curoe, Chairman of the Curriculum Study Committee.

After the assemblies, departmental conferences between the prospective freshman and a representative of the department in which she had indicated her first choice of a field of specialization were scheduled for the weeks of December 13, January 3, 10, and 17. At these conferences the individual problems of each student are discussed and advice on election of courses is given by the departmental counsellors.

The Pre-Admission Program, which was started in December 1934, under the direction of President Colligan, as an attempt to integrate high school and college experience, has proved very successful. The percentage of change from one field of specialization to another during the first term has decreased from 8% to less than 2% of the class, investigations made by the Bureau of Educational Guidance have shown, and the work of the students has indicated that they have been more judiciously and happily placed in a program of studies than were those who in the past did not have the advantage of the Pre-Admission Program.

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We have three opportunities of celebrating the College Birthday this year. Two days ahead of time, on Saturday, February 12, we shall gather at the Astor for our traditional Breakfast. On the day itself, Monday, February 14, we shall travel to the Bronx Buildings for a tea in our honor at four, followed by a performance of Hunter's own operetta. And two days afterwards, on Wednesday, February 16, we shall join the students of the Lexington and Park Avenue Buildings at the regular Birthday Chapel.

Here's hoping we shall meet in great numbers on all three occasions.

And here's to Hunter, three times three!

## "A SCHOLAR AND A LADY"

The diploma granted by a school in New Hampshire more than eighty years ago to Lydia F. Wadleigh certified that she was "a scholar and a lady." She was also a teacher who had a unique experience and distinction as a pioneer, here in the very midst of the great city. Before there were any public high schools in Old New York (that is, Manhattan and the Bronx) this scholarly lady-teacher from New England conducted a "senior department" for girls who wished to go beyond the elementary bounds. When the Normal College for the Training of Teachers was organized she was made "lady superintendent" of the institution; and when the first high school for girls was established, her name was given to it in recognition of her pioneering work.

Today, the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of this widely known school is being gratefully celebrated by nearly five thousand students now in attendance and by many more thousands of graduates. "Wadleigh" has approximately sixteen thousand graduates, among whom are great numbers of teachers and professional women; but she is also "mother" of all the other high schools for girls in Manhattan and the Bronx. The present building is overtaxed and the celebration will not only review the glorious work of the past but will also look forward to a new and adequate building before the jubilee year is reached—ten years hence.—From the *New York Times*, Dec. 11, 1937.

# THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE CLUBS OF WESTCHESTER

Plans are being made for a united meeting of twelve college alumnae groups, including Hunter, to be held on January 11th, at the Contemporary Club, White Plains. With the "Far Eastern Scene" as the subject, the speaker will be Dr. Ch'ao-Ting Chi.

Mrs. John C. Heintz, representing Hunter, invites all alumnae residing in Westchester to communicate with her at once at P. O. Box 140, Mamaroneck, N. Y. Mrs. Heintz also wishes to announce that the Westchester Hunter Alumnae plan to have at least two tables at our Breakfast on February 12th.

VIOLA Y. HARTMANN.

## A IV OF 90

That age is but a convention and can be dropped at will was demonstrated in a delightful way at the annual luncheon of A IV of '90 held on November 17th at the Hotel Croydon.

This annual gathering, never once omitted through the changing years since A IV was graduated, has been a striking testimonial to the deep roots of old associations and early school friendships. This occasion, however, was a special one, for the call was heard beyond the immediate circle of the old girls. Not only did it bring them together, twenty strong and as active and energetic as if they were at least twenty years younger, but—and here is where time was utterly flouted—it brought two of the teachers who had taught the class in the far-off days of Training School.

There was Mrs. Tunis wearing her eighty years as jauntily as she did her bonnet; she had come by train from Boston especially to see the little girls who had been hers in the third and fourth years of primary school. And there was Mrs. Douglas, formerly Miss Rutter, beaming on us with the old remembered smile of kindness and affection; she had taught these same small children when they had left Mrs. Tunis's hands. They peered into our faces to see us as we looked back of the years, they called us by our childhood names, they recalled little incidents of the class-room, they told us of their own lives, of their struggles and successes. It was strangely touching to be able through the eyes of these older women to get again glimpses of ourselves as little children, and to realize that in spite of the lapse of time we were still young to them and still loved as part of their cherished past.

Are the teachers of our children and of our grandchildren, we wondered, going to remember *them* with like affection, and are they in turn going to be so remembered? Or was there something peculiarly personal and close in the relationships between pupils and teachers in the old, old days of Training School?

INEZ C. POLLAK.