

ALUMNOTES

HUNTER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

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A SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN MAY

The 4th Annual Reunion of the HCHS Alumnae Association got under way as scheduled at 2 PM on Sunday, May 16, in the Hunter Elementary School Building. In fact, for some visitors it was a little ahead of schedule due to a misprint in an ad.

Fanny Kaufman Casher '28, Reunion Committee Coordinator, chaired the meeting, first introducing Rose Weisen Reiss who gave the report of the Nominating Committee. As reported in ALUMNOTES, the nominees were: for president, Mildred Speiser '49; for vice president, Susan Schiffres Nachamie '59; for treasurer, Sara Robbins Schoenwetter '65; for assistant treasurer, Teddy Christon '42; for corresponding secretary, Rose Weisen Reiss '60; for recording secretary, Regina Lobel Grosser '36. The slate was elected by acclamation.

Mrs. Maria Lofromento, the high school's principal, greeted the assembled Hunterites. Miss Miriam Balf, who retired in June, spoke about the changes in Hunters since 1939 when she began teaching, recalling that in 1940 the High School was finally able to move into the Lexington Avenue building that had been built for it in 1915. She noted that in the late 1960's, when students' rights activists presented new demands weekly, "where other schools had strikes and protests, we had dialogues." Commenting on the austerity program of the 1970's Miss Balf reported that she and other faculty members have been supplying their own chalk and erasers, that there literally is no paper, that cake sale after cake sale after cake sale has been held to provide such fundamentals as drawing paper and rental of musical instruments.

Mrs. Edith Scher, president of the Parents Association, thanked the Alumnae Association (cont'd on page 2)

BULLETIN

At its first meeting of the 1976-1977 school year, the Alumnae Association voted to give \$1000 to Hunter High for purchase of supplies and other essential expenditures to meet immediate needs.

DR. MILLER REPORTS AND SAYS THANKS

Dear Friends:

The Board of Education has approved a resolution to surrender to the Board of Estimate the building and site of Intermediate School 29 located at 94th Street and Park Avenue as of December 1, 1976.

This action marks what I believe is the last major hurdle before we gain possession of the building for the Hunter College Campus Schools. With luck, we should be in the building by the start of the next semester.

Living with adversity is an old, old story for those of us who have labored long to maintain this educational island of excellence here in New York City. You know what happens when students attend Hunter College High School. Your continuing loyalty and support is a clear sign that we must not abandon the great traditions and thrust of the school program. My heartfelt thanks--your gift is warmly appreciated and needed.

You are aware that all funds received will be earmarked for the most necessary supplies the students must have to carry out their academic programs. Someday the education of our talented children will receive adequate financial support. Until that happy moment, we must rely on the understanding, generosity, and sacrifices of our friends to keep Hunter College High School functioning.
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HUNTER INSPIRES POETIC SON

The 16-year-old son of Blossom Feingold
Levy '41 sends the following:

My mother went to Hunter for all
of her wonderful education,
As a result of it, she has been
able to travel all over the world
and our nation.

First she went to Hunter Model School,
Now, she has a daughter who is a
real jewel.

Then she continued her education at
the Hunter High School,
And in five years her eldest son
will lead a "shul."

Finally she went to Hunter College.
Her younger son is interested in
many things, but wants to
acquire lots of knowledge.

Philip Levy

Katharine Elsenblatt Russ '13 greeted the gathering. Estelle Sklarew '26 spoke for the fifty-year anniversary class; Marjorie Pearle Katz '51 for the twenty-five year class; and Helene "Beanie" Blackman Herman '66 for the ten-year class. The formal meeting was followed by the part of the proceedings that all had been waiting for, the chance to socialize with classmates and to reminisce. Despite a comedy of errors that had the committee scurrying about looking for a package of paper goods that was supposedly waiting (it was discovered a week later among bundles for the elementary school's bazaar) and the delivery from a rental service of an enormous coffee urn designed to be warmed by a teensy candle--a good time was had by all. (In typical and perpetual Hunter tradition, we improvised. What else???)

ALUMNA-GRAMS

Do YOU have a message to send? Here's your chance to communicate with thousands of your fellow alumnae at one fell swoop. Send an ALUMNA-GRAM. Your check for \$5 made out to HCHS Alumnae Assn. will buy you three lines of copy in our next issue due in the spring of 1977. Send your copy in now while you have it in mind. You may use the form below or a separate sheet of paper. Only 45 characters, including spaces and punctuation, to a line, please. Add another \$5 for each additional three lines.

☐ Yes, I want to send an ALUMNA-GRAM! Here is my check for \$5.00 and three lines of copy:

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READY FOR OUR SILVER JUBILEE IN 1981! VLK

AN AFTERNOON (cont'd from page 1)

for its financial and moral support. Mrs. Casher delivered greetings from Estelle Asiel Pollatschek '93 who, at 100, is probably the most senior Hunter graduate. After an article about Mrs. Pollatschek in the New York Times, Mrs. Casher had called and spoken with her. Mrs. Pollatschek recalled for the Times being trapped in a train outside Farmingdale, N. J., for four days during the blizzard of '88, learning to drive when she was past 50, and said she still had the red, white and blue sash her parents had bought in the year of her birth at the Centennial in Philadelphia. The Times quoted Mrs. Pollatschek as saying, "I guess my secret for old age was that I always tried to be slow and sure, and I did not try to go where angels fear to tread."

PLEASE JOIN IN

The Steering Committee wants you and you and you. Come meet with us, join our deliberations, lend a hand. Meetings are scheduled for January 22 and March 5 at 12:30 PM in the new Hunter College High School, 94th Street and Park Avenue. On the agenda: program planning for new alumnae activities.

The new building will not only boost morale, but will enable us to broaden our scope. Better facilities mean the possible formation of special interest groups, workshop space may be available; the auditorium invites cultural events and creative fund-raising activities. All are welcome. We mean it! Do come!

DR. MILLER REPORTS(cont'd from page 1)

Your efforts and your support over the years have been and are warmly appreciated. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness in coming to our assistance.

Sincerely,

Bernard S. Miller
Director, Campus Schools

TRADITION NOTWITHSTANDING, MONEY CAN'T BE IMPROVISED.....HELP!!!!

As you surely know, and as you can see from Dr. Miller's letter, Hunter High's need for financial support from its graduates is great now in a time of fiscal crisis and a move to a new building that need greater than ever. To save on mailing and office costs, we do not send out bills to our members. This semi-annual newsletter is our way of keeping in touch with all of you, and of asking for your dues and whatever additional contributions you are able to make. We're delighted to announce that our numbers have grown to 4,000 members. Each alumna contacted is part of a ripple effect that leads to more and more addresses coming in. We hope that our greater numbers will also lead to increased participation from all of you in the activities of this association.

YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT NOW!

Please fill out this tear-off and mail it today!

() I enclose \$5 to become a member in good standing for 1976-1977.

() I enclose an additional contribution of \$ (please fill in) to aid Hunter High.

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: HCHS Alumnae Assn.

☐ I enclose the names and current addresses of some other alumnae (please list on separate sheet and include any other information you may have, such as high school last name, class, etc.).

ALL ABOUT YOU AND YOU AND YOU

Ellen Moers '45 is a professor of English at Brooklyn College and the CUNY Graduate School. Her most recent book, Literary Women, was published by Doubleday in March....Nina Tucker Landis '50 says "Hello" to her class. She is living in Culver City, Calif., where she is busy teaching English part-time at West Los Angeles College and "busy parenting two children.".... June E. Hahner '57 is associate professor of history at SUNY-Albany and has recently published Women in Latin American History: Their Lives and Views. She considers it "a pleasing change from the subject of her previous book, Civilian-Military Relations in Brazil, 1889-1898".... Rhoda Kramer Channing '58 is currently head of the Business and Economics Library at the University of Kentucky....Gareth "Poppy" Mann Sitz '64 (cont'd on page 4)

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* RESERVE THE DATE NOW!!! REUNION 1977 *
* IN THE NEW BUILDING AT LAST! *
* SUNDAY AFTERNOON JUNE 5 *

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ALL ABOUT YOU AND YOU AND YOU....

sends her best to anyone who remembers her name. She inquires especially for Miss Balf, Miss Burstein, and Mrs. Schlesinger and reports that she is living in Elgin, Ill. in a reconverted grocery store where her sculptor husband has his studio. Poppy has been writing poetry, writing and directing plays, and teaching English and drama at Elgin High School. She and her husband are looking forward to building a home on a farm they have bought in Wisconsin...Lurline Purvis Aslanian '60 is a psychoanalyst in private practice in New York City...Ronnie Ancona '68 is a Latin teacher at the Bush School in Seattle...Marianne Tomecek '69 is a litigation paralegal for a law firm in San Francisco...Dr. Esther Goldstein Enterline is a psychologist in private practice in New York. She has written several articles, taught at Montclair State College in New Jersey, been on the staff of various hospitals, and also found the time to travel widely...Shirley Schlanger Abrahamson has been appointed the first woman justice of the Supreme Court of Wisconsin...Edith Elbert Michaelson '60 of Albany, N. Y. received the 1976 Outstanding Woman Award of Gideon Chapter No. 583, B'nai Brith Women, presented annually to a woman who has given distinguished services to the Jewish community over a period of years. Edith is currently on the staff of the serology department of the New York State Department of Health...Jane Tillman Irving '65 is anchor person on WCBS Radio News in New York...Kathryn Kauarek James '66, a graduate of MIT, is working for Newsweek as a publicity assistant...Susan Bolko '70 writes us that she graduated from Queens College in 1974 as a studio art major but, shifting gears at an early age is now a medical student at the University of Michigan Medical School. She played the part of "a mean pediatric hematologist" in "My Fair Malady" there, was editor of the Yearbook, and on the editorial staff of the school newspaper. Susan is looking forward to becoming a pediatrician and practicing back in New York. She also reports that Marcia Goldensher '68 was a senior medical student at Michigan last spring...Elaine Sherman Maran 50 is with an advertising agency in London as Market Planning Director. She invites other Hunterites in London to get in touch: c/o Cogene Elliott, 100 Brompton Rd., London, SW7...Fanny Kaufman Cashner '28, member of the Hunter College Alumni Hall of Fame, will be listed in Who's Who of American Women, 1977...Dr. Cyrille Halkin Schwartz '38 is the first woman vice-president of New York Medical College. In a recent interview in the New York Post, she credits Hunter High for affording her many of the greatest experiences of her life.

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