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RESULTS OF ELECTION 1998

Eve Ferdman '79

We received 470 ballot envelopes from the base of 1602 paid members. Of these, 10 were not valid: 1 blank; 1 voted for 16 candidates; 1 for all 19 candidates; 2 had indecipherable signatures and no return name/address; and 5 had no signature or return name/address. This is a very low number of invalid ballots.

Some people voted for a full slate of 15 candidates; some for fewer. The vote, from those with the highest number of votes to those with the fewest is as follows: Marjorie Landsberg Goldsmith; Margaret (Peggy) Betz Perrin; Elaine Brand; Harriet Konstadt Sherman; Jody Leight; Eve S. Ferdman; Borisse Paulin; Angelica Petrides; Kenneth Samuel Dinitz; Janine Lee Craane; Christina Mason; Joan D. Rosenthal; Amy Gong; Joel D. Hornstein; Janet Labate Angelillo; Andrew Clateman; Katherine Frinkl-Hamlett; John J. Edwards III; and Emma Owens O'Brien.

The tallying committee, which met on July 21, 1998 in Judge Jane Solomon's chambers, consisted of Theodora Christon, Judith S. Shapiro, Marilyn Zinder, Judge Solomon's two interns, and Vera Gordon. Judge Solomon monitored the process.

Since the election results were tallied, Janet Angelillo and Janine Craane have resigned for personal reasons, enabling the next two candidates, Andrew Clateman and Katherine Frinkl-Hamlett, to become Board members. John Edwards and Emma O'Brien remain available as alternates.

Officers will be elected at the October Board meeting, and the results will be announced in the next *AlumNotes*. □

REUNION JUNE 6th, 1999

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Alums Welcome Faculty at Reunion '98

This year for the first time the Alumnae/i Association was privileged to have as our guests at reunion a number of current and retired faculty. Retired faculty members in attendance included former principal Dr. Bernard S. Miller, Dorothy Brodin (French), Jean Binnie '42(Health and Phys. Ed., attending for the second year in a row), Miriam Burstein (English), Marie Rosso (Art) and Richard Klutch (Math). Current faculty members at reunion included

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Harris Company Will Publish New Directory

An updated directory of HCHS alums, dedicated to the memory of Marjorie PEARLE Weiser '51, the founding member of the Association who was a moving force in the creation of the first directory of HCHS alums, will include several features that were not available in the 1993 directory. Contact information will now include e-mail addresses and URLs for alums' web pages, names of spouses/significant others and kids, and expanded career information. Multi-talented Hunterites can list career information in two categories.

The first directory of HCHS alumnae/i, published by the Bernard C. Harris Company, was well-received by alums, and the Harris Company's work in preparing the directory allowed the Association to expand its database and to locate a number of "lost" Hunterites whom we would not have had the resources to locate on our own. After doing research on various publishers, the Board has decided to contract with the Harris Company again. Members who helped with the first directory reported a generally positive experience, and the Board was satisfied with Harris's procedures for safeguarding member privacy and ensuring that the Directory will not be available to non-alums.

The Harris Company will contact alums directly to confirm information for listings. Harris will also bear the costs of publication. If enough copies of the Directory are sold, the Alum-

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Editor's Note

I am grateful for the chance to have served the High School and the alums as AlumNotes Editor, and it has been a pleasure to work with all of the many Hunterites whose lively and varied contributions go into AlumNotes. I have reason to be especially thankful for members' patience with the frequent publication delays that have been a by-product of major structural changes in the Association over the past two years.

Among those changes was the outgoing Board's decision, four months ago, to eliminate the existing full-time office staff and return to the previous practice of running the office with only part-time clerical help. The new Board has established a committee, chaired by Board member Joan Rosenthal '72, to recommend a long-term policy on office staffing. Opinions on this and other staff-related issues can be sent to the committee chair in care of the Association.

Because Hunter College provides the Association with office space, electricity, phone service, and our internet connection, the only regular operating expenses we need to cover are publications and staff. To provide these consistently, we rely on **your** contributions. Our annual mailing will be going out soon. Please give what you can. □

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More on Sarah Maria Jones

To the Editor:

We have delved into our possessions and found an original copy of the sheet music for "Sarah Maria Jones."

We were at Hunter High when Charlotte Hochman wrote the lyrics and music and even remember the assembly when she first introduced it to the school. The song is dedicated "Affectionately, for Miss Louisa M. Webster" and is copyrighted 1950 (lyric and music) by Miss Hochman, which would contradict the assertion in the letter in the Spring AlumNotes that Miss Hochman did not originate it.

As to who coined the phrase, we were told it was Miss Webster who used "Sarah Maria" to refer to Hunter students. But we are also quite sure that it was Miss Hochman who put it to words and music.

Not everyone may know that "Maria" is pronounced with a long "i", not like the Maria in Bernstein's song.

Judy Rubinstein Prigal, Jan. '52
Sylvia Brodsky Pressler, Jan. '52

Dues Plus

To the Editor:

The enclosed check is to pay for my dues and...

HCHS is very dear to me, and the years 1925-1929 were among the happiest of my life. I'll always be

grateful for the wonderful education and friendships that followed.

Although a member of the class of '33 (Hunter College) it is the high school I'm most indebted to.

Kate Alsifrom Savishinsky '29

To the Editor:

Enclosed is my membership check for this year... Hunter was not an easy place for me—I was a rebellious person and I was always in some trivial sort of trouble. Torn stockings, or no stockings, riding horseback in Central Park (dress code), writing the mayor a letter of complaint (about the cost of subsidized milk for lunch) without permission, etc. Academically it was a good place for me — and I had to get the job done and like it or not, I learned to study and did well in college and in life.

B. Charlotte Warembat Schreiber, Jan. 49

On Aging Gracefully

To the Editor:

I note that a conference on aging is planned. A related problem is finding stimulating intellectual activity after retirement. For those in New York City and vicinity, may I suggest Quest, an organization associated with City College and devoted to peer learning. Currently we comprise some 140

members - a few HCHS graduates among us — in courses we organize and teach ourselves. For further information contact Quest at (212) 925-6626, Ext. 6.

Henrietta Rosenberg Levner '27

To the Editor:

I was disappointed that no representative of the '30's could be found. Knowing my classmates, I feel certain some are still active in their 80's and live in Manhattan. I think the views of the "older generation" should be represented.

God willing, I hope to organize the 70th Reunion of Hunter College, Class of '29, next year. We had a good turnout in '94.

All of the best!

Muriel G. Leahy '25

(The writer was president of the HCHS class of '25 and the Hunter College Class of '29. -ed.)

WELCOME FACULTY '98

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Dr. Anthony Miserandino (principal), Carolyn Mayadas (Computer Lab), Diane DeVeaux, (librarian), Francine Salzman (Science) and Marge Goldsmith '61 (Chair, Science). Dr. Miller and Dr. Miserandino both spoke at the plenary meeting, and Dr. Miller has indicated that he would be willing to let us tape his reminiscences for an oral history project.

Having so many of our favorite teachers with us was a highlight of the reunion, and we plan to make invitations to faculty a regular feature of reunion. □

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Association Policy on Privacy

The Association will only share information about an alum with members of the Association and the HCHS community unless the alum gives express permission to give information out to others. Information on how to contact alums is available to other alums who are members in good standing. Information submitted for the Web page, of course, is available to anyone with internet access, and it is our policy to delete contact information other than e-mail addresses and URLs about individuals before publication on the Web unless the individuals have given express instructions otherwise.

If you do not want your contact information to be available even to other alums, simply check the appropriate box on the membership form in this issue and we will honor your request.

Alums are reminded to contact the Association by the end of October if they do **not** want to be included in the new HCHS Alumnae/i Directory. □

Yet Another Apology

An error at the mailing house resulted in the omission of dues expiration dates and members' married names from all 10,000 copies of the Spring AlumNotes. The problem has been corrected with the current issue.

Harris Company

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nae/i Association will receive a portion of the profits.

Work on the Directory will begin this fall. The current plan is to enter outstanding address changes before we give Harris a copy of the database. The version of the database given to Harris will omit members who choose not to be listed in the Directory. *If you do not want to be included in the Directory, you must let us know.* Just check the appropriate box on the membership form in this issue to indicate that you do not want your information given out to other alums. □

Committee on Mature Concerns Plans March Conference

Plans are underway for a March conference on age-related financial issues and options for lifestyles and housing. It can be uncomfortable to think about the prospect of disability, whether our own or our parents', but we all do need to anticipate and plan to cope with it. Having and using accurate information before the need arises makes it much more likely that we and our families can maintain independence and choice over our living situations as long as possible, and can help avoid the needless dissipation of assets. Among HCHS alums are experts in various relevant disciplines: financial planning, elder law, tax, medicine, psychology, and social work. We appreciate all of the thoughtful responses we've already received from all over the country.

We are still looking for responses from members in the tri-state area who will be able to attend and participate in the March conference, as well as members with time available between now and then to help with the many organizational tasks involved in planning the conference. In order to keep the cost of the conference down, we are particularly in need of free or relatively cheap space. Does your company, agency, or church/synagogue have space available? We'd also welcome suggestions about reasonable caterers. □

For more information or to volunteer, contact:

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Spotlight: HCHS Screenwriters

Members of the Hunter Screenwriters Club would be grateful for alums' donations of film, a used camera, or funds. Organized by current students Michael Paulsen and Brian Fuchs two years ago and run by students with the help of a student advisor, the increasingly popular club serves students who are interested in writing scripts and producing films, and its weekly meetings are described by members as "a great place to learn about creating, writing, directing, and producing movies." Students have already written several scripts with themes relating to politics, society, and different forms of government. They are eager to produce their latest script, a political satire, as a 30-minute film, but the High School's constricted budget for student activities cannot support the cost. Faculty advisor Lisa Sweeney can be reached at (212) 860-1250. □

Any materials or inquiries may be sent to:

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ELAINE KATZ BAUML MEMORIAL

Contributions in memory of Elaine Katz Bauml '68 are still being accepted. All donations received by the Association in Elaine's memory will be used for faculty development in the HCHS Math Department, where Elaine taught.



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Boston Chapter Meets

The newly formed Boston chapter of the Hunter Alumnae/i Association had its first meeting on March 15th, over lunch at the Shalom Hunan restaurant in Brookline. Eleven graduates attended: Lenore Patton '54, Hannah Simon '54, Joan Blair '63, Nancy Lynch '64, Susan Elberger '68, Barbara Sorkin '74, Nancy Weissman '76, Nancy Lehrman Bloom '77, Michael Burstein '87, Andrew Greene '87, and Josh Li '88. We all got to know each other and tell stories of Hunter across the decades. We also began plans for regular meetings, about every two months. All in all, it was quite a success! □

WINTER BRUNCH FEBRUARY 7th, 1999

Empire State Activities

Barbara Stamm Nosanchuk '57 and Toni Wilkinson have organized two reunions in Ithaca and one in Rochester over the past five years. Approximately 16 women have gotten together each time with a total of about 30 women attending. Alums from Ithaca, Elmira, Binghamton, Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo have gathered at previous events, and the group hopes to get together again some time this fall. □

For more information contact:

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Metro DC/Baltimore Area Activities

Alums in the Washington-Baltimore metro areas are starting to organize a new alumnae/i chapter. A mailing has recently gone out to area alums outlining some ideas for the chapter along with a survey of interests.

Potential activities, aside from having fun and making friends, include:

- * Networking
- * Ongoing learning through:
Museum visits, gallery talks
Lectures/Forums for Discussion
Book and movie discussion groups
- * Group discounts on plays and other events
- * Newsletter for area alums
- * Assisting current HCHS students and recent graduates in career education
- * Fund-raising to help meet HCHS equipment and other needs

It may turn out that there are enough interested folks that various events can be planned in different locations—i.e., Washington DC, Baltimore, Northern Virginia, or the Maryland suburbs.

We are planning a brief luncheon get-together and organizational meeting on October 3rd in Silver Spring. You can e-mail Laraine Balk Hope '73 at balkhope@aol.com or Deanna Gorkin Okrent '60 at okrent@ac.org for details. No e-mail? Write to the coordinators at:

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LOST AND FOUND

If you're in touch with a classmate who isn't getting AlumNotes, tell us how to reach that someone. We rely on you to help us keep our database up to date.

Also let us know if you're looking for a "lost" classmate. We may be able to help you get in touch.



A Letter from Dr. Miller

Dr. Miller's response to our invitation to reunion was so gracious we felt that we had to share it.

April 25, 1998

Dear Alumnae/i Association,

What a generous, gorgeous gesture to be your guest at a luncheon at Hunter College High School! I will be delighted to attend.

If my memory still functions, better than sixteen years have flown by since last I enjoyed the pleasure of Hunter College High School students and faculty. And of course, a large part of our success in saving the Campus Schools from the budget cutters was the effort of the Alumnae/i Association which we created. I am also reminded, as I think back, how savagely we fought to occupy the building at 94th Street.

Many, many memories. Thank you again for the invitation. Here's to the future!

Cordially,

Bernard Miller

Recent Alums Group Looking for Volunteers

The Recent Alums Group plans gatherings and activities for graduates from the '80s and '90s. Now in its second year, the group has sponsored such events as luncheons with Hunter teachers and monthly Happy Hours. Looking ahead, we hope to expand opportunities for recent alums to socialize, to network, and to get involved with the High School again.

If you have an idea for an activity or wish to organize an event, act as a host, serve as a student's mentor, or share career advice, we'd like to hear from you. All events will be publicized in *AlumNotes*, on Hunter's web site (<http://heimdall.hchs.hunter.cuny.edu>), and via e-mail. To be added to the group's mailing list, contact **Christine Bergmann '92**, 560 Main Street #732, New York, NY 10044, (212) 885-4164, cbergmann@gkm.com. □

Matching Grants Received

Only a few months have passed since we received confirmation of our tax-exempt status from the IRS, but we have already received several corporate grants matching donations from HCHS alums. Companies that will match donations to the Association made by their employees include The New York Times (which matches one-and-a-half dollars for each dollar contributed), the Charles Schwab Corporation, Citicorp, Avon, Towers Perrin, and American Express. If you work for one of those companies, or for another corporation with a matching grants program, and you have already made a contribution this year, it is still possible to apply for a matching grant. If you have not yet made your annual tax-deductible contribution to the Association, there is, as they say, no time like the present.

Some companies that will not match gifts to the Association will match gifts made directly to the High School, and we'll be happy to help with sorting out the paperwork and arranging the proper documentation from the High School. □

Hunter College Reunions

The committee working on the College's 50th Milestone Reunion is asking your assistance.

We have lost touch with some of our classmates. We are hoping you might help us get re-connected.

If you are in touch with members of the Hunter College Class of 1949, would you kindly send their names and addresses to - or have them contact:

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The Reunion will be on May 1, 1999 at the Sheridan Towers.

Attention, members of the Hunter College Class of 1959! The 40th Milestone Reunion is right around the corner, and the Planning Committee has been working hard to develop a fabulous celebration. Set aside these dates: April 30th through May 2nd, 1999.

For more information, write to Linda Erwin, Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021; fax: (212) 772-4075; e-mail: linda.erwin@hunter.cuny.edu □

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Class Notes

1920s • Anna HAMBERGER Warren '25, Hunter College '29, recently moved to a retirement facility in Westchester County, where she ran into HCHS classmate **Celia WILENSKY Tannenbaum Jan '25**, NYU Jan '29. Neither can remember having met before. Anna was unable to attend the '98 HCHS Reunion, but hopes to attend the 1999 Hunter College luncheon.

1930s • Ruth L. BERMAN Hecht '35 has been a secondary school teacher, an adjunct administrator for special programs at Sarah Lawrence College, and a lecturer for the American Association for the United Nations. She and her husband are now enjoying a wonderful retirement in California. They are active in the Camera Club and indulge in photography at every level, but not digital - yet. They also play tennis and lawn bowl, and she looks forward to communicating with other Hunterites on-line as soon as she can get the e-mail to work on her computer. • **Anna ERHARDT Tomacek '38** regretted that she could not attend her 60th reunion as she and her husband, John, were traveling at the time. She writes that they are still reasonably well and enjoying a quiet lifestyle. Her son Stephen teaches Science enrichment at Hunter College Elementary School and is helping her learn to navigate in cyberspace. Anna also sends news of daughter **Marianne Tomecek '69**. (See below - ed.).

1940s • Toby Gloria BERNSTEIN Rubel '43 and her husband Stan retired in 1987 and promptly moved to beautiful Colorado where they enjoy living close to their family and especially their two granddaughters. Toby volunteers at the Denver Public Schools where she assists 2nd graders with reading and writing programs. In her spare time she reads mysteries and paints watercolors of the mountain scenery. She sends warm regards to all her fellow alums. • **Rita Maran '45** Ph.D. is teaching International Human Rights Law at UC Berkeley. Last year she carried out a six-month assignment in Bosnia and Herzegovina with the OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) under a Department of State contract. As a Human Rights Analyst, she reported on compliance by Bosnian local and state officials with human rights norms mandated under the Dayton Peace Accords and the new Bosnia Constitution. She also worked with women coming together as leaders for the first time in their families, communities, and in the new nation. Rita writes that "in the absence of men, women are necessarily stepping into vacant commercial, health and government positions. Women of three ethnicities - Bosnian Serbs, Bosnian Croats, and Bosniaks (Muslims) - are linking forces slowly, sometimes reluctantly, but pragmatically, aware that in large measure it falls to them to rebuild their society as a multi-ethnic democratic state." • **Nell COCHRANE Taylor (Jan. '47)** retired in October 1997 as Executive Director of the White Plains Child Day Care Association, Inc. in White Plains, New York. In May the agency, which she had served since 1990, honored her at its annual dinner, held at the Crowne Plaza hotel. Over 200 colleagues, friends, family, and political leaders attended. Among the attendees were her five sons, four of whom live in California, and one of her three grandchildren. She received Proclamations from the US House of Representatives, the New York State Senate and Assembly, the County of Westchester's Legislature, the City of White Plains, and the Westchester County Executive. She remains on the Boards of the Child Care Council of

Westchester and the Northern Westchester Hospital Center in Mt. Kisco, and recently completed her term on the Board of the White Plains Rotary Club. In retirement she plans to spend her time writing and consulting.

1950s • Eliane (Elaine) BRANN Bros '54 lives in Paris and got together with Hunter High classmates **Sheila ADELMAN Abrams** and **Bette ALFENITO DeLuna** during a March visit to New York. Then, thanks to serendipitous circumstances, Sheila and Eliane got to spend some more time together in Paris about a month later. Hunter memories, classmates and teachers were high on the list of subjects discussed. They hope some of their classmates will contribute news about themselves for Alum-Notes.

1960s • Rosemary Hoffman '61 is still in Jackson, MS, but has left research to become the managing editor of The American Journal of Medical Research. Her household now includes a red Australian Cattle Dog, Dylan. As a pup of the 90s, he has his own web page: <http://www2.misnet.com/~agile1/dylan.html> • **Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61** has completed a course in teaching accent reduction and hopes to form classes soon. She and partner Leonard Lehrman spent the latter half of August performing a program of songs in Yiddish and English in Germany and France. • **Susan LEVINE Fuhrman '61** has been Dean and Professor at the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania since 1995. Her field is education policy and her most recent book is *Rewards and Reform: Creating Educational Incentives that Work*. She and her husband live in New Jersey and have three sons: Jonathan, a student at Fordham Law School, Michael, a resident in internal medicine at University Hospital in Newark, and Jeffrey, who started at Penn before his mother, just graduated and starts at Penn law in the fall. • **Gale BRINN McCall '61** teaches Latin and is advisor to a student Latin Club that has 100 members. With her husband and daughter she recently supervised 30 students on a 12-day trip to France, then stayed on for another two weeks to visit with her son who is working in Nantes. She and her daughter have been winning medals at Irish dancing competitions. • **Michelle LEVENBOOK Kohler '61** has recovered from a fractured pelvis and is busy at work, but took time off in May to visit Maine for the first time. She e-mails that she didn't see a moose on this trip, so she will have to return. Travel plans for this summer included a bird-watching trip to Dorset, and a trip to Germany and France with her husband to celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary. • **Betti Reiss '61** was inspired by the life stories she heard at the first meeting of the Somers, NY chapter of the Alumnae/i Association. As a result of the chapter, she recently learned that **Betty Gee**, her neighbor for the past 14 years, is also a Hunter grad. Betty graduated in '71. She and her husband both work at IBM and have a daughter, Carolyn. Betti and Betty frequently run into each other while walking their dogs. • **Jane Mattes '61**, author of *Single Mothers By Choice* and founder of the organization of the same name, and son Eric were recently featured in Robert Lipsyte's "Coping" column in the *New York Times*. • **Laura Furman '63** has been living in Texas since 1978, and is now teaching in the English Department at the University of Texas at Austin. She has published four books of fiction, and co-edited with Elinore Standard an anthology on the joys of



reading called *Bookworms*. In September 1998 her memoir about her mother's death and its aftermath, called *Ordinary Paradise*, will be out from Winedale Publishing, a small Texas press. A picture of the old Hunter building will appear in the book, as well as memories of Hunter, especially Mr. Kizner's Latin class. • **Lisa SONENTHAL Cohen '64**, Department Chair of English at Hewlett High School on Long Island, writes that "for the last three years, I've been the Cablevision English teacher on 'Extra Help in English,' a program seen weekly on Long Island, and in NYC, Connecticut and New Jersey. This is a year of milestones for me: I was 50 in February, my thirtieth anniversary is in June, my daughter graduates from Brandeis in May, and my son graduates from high school in June (and is going to Duke). I suspect a lot of my classmates are having years full of landmarks, too. This summer, at an AP conference I was attending, I had the luck to meet Irving Kizner, my favorite teacher, Latin teacher and guidance counselor at Hunter, who is now retired from HHS and teaching at a private school in the city (as well as doing teacher training). It was interesting to meet him as a colleague, and he was just as warm and funny as I remember him." • **Carol MANSON Bier '64**, in residence at the Institute for the Humanities at U. Mich. Ann Arbor, has served as curator for Eastern Hemisphere collections at the Textile Museum of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. since 1984. She is a specialist in textile arts of the Islamic world, and is completing a book about symmetry and pattern in Oriental carpets based upon research for a textile exhibition, which you can check out on the Web at <http://forum.swarthmore.edu/geometry/rugs>. • **Deborah ROSENFELD Landes '65** currently lives in Dobbs Ferry, NY. She is a published novelist, a non-fiction writer, and a teacher as well. **Deborah** teaches in the Bronx, and is also an adjunct at Mercy College. She has an eighteen year old daughter who is a senior in high school and will be attending SUNY Geneseo in the fall. • **Marianne Tomacek '69** has left the Justice Department in spite of a very stimulating stay in the office of Janet Reno. Marianne has wanted for some time to pursue a career in the Lutheran ministry, and has just completed her first year at the Lutheran Seminary in Chicago. • **Frances Stern '66** chairs the Women in Science Section of the New York Academy of Sciences, and writes that she had the honor of presenting tokens of recognition and appreciation to several prominent scientists at the Section's March '98 conference. Two of the six honorees were HCHS graduates: **Mildred Dresselhaus, Jan. '48**, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Nobel Laureate **Gertrude Elion**. These women made significant contributions to science and were active mentors to other women throughout their careers.

1970s • Merryl Kravitz '70 is currently a professor of education at New Mexico Highlands University. She ran into another Hunter alum last month in Santa Fe and asks "Any others out here?"

1980s • Daniel Greer '82 has been named an Associate of the Casualty Actuarial Society, a designation he earned by successfully completing seven exams administered by the CAS. Daniel, who graduated from the Cooper Union with a B.A. in Electrical Engineering in 1987, is an Actuarial Associate at USF & G in Baltimore. • **Ted Louie '83** enjoyed two wonderful years at

University of Maryland in Baltimore, doing a fellowship in Infectious Diseases. While down by the Chesapeake, he developed a great love for crabs and oysters. He is currently in his second year of practicing Internal Medicine and Infectious Diseases at Robert Wood Johnson and St. Peter's hospitals in New Brunswick, NJ, up to his eyeballs in germs. His wife, Mei, is also an internist, but is working part-time while taking care of their seven month old cutie-pie daughter, Anita. **Ted** wonders what his old buddy **Richard Wiegand '83** is up to: does he still remember how to wrestle? • **Steven Herschkowitz '83** recently became a partner in the law firm of Fischer & Burstein, P.C., a law firm with offices in Manhattan and Great Neck. The firm specializes, among other areas, in estate planning, personal injury, complex commercial litigation, matrimonial law and real estate. He and his wife, Malky, are expecting their first child in October. • **Robert LoScalzo '84** (RLosca@aol.com) has married Cleonice Sabathini and orchestrated her immigration, with children Dihana and Diego, from Brazil to the United States. He is the proprietor of Cuneiform, a business media consulting and production firm in New York City. • **Avra Kouffman '84** is living in London, where she is becoming fairly well-known as a performance poet. She teaches English at an inner-city high school "as different from Hunter as you could possibly imagine," and still hopes to find time to write her PhD dissertation, which must be defended by autumn 2000. • Attorney **Paul Radvany '85**, son of **Ruth Grabenheimer Radvany '46**, was recognized for his "extraordinary effort and inspired leadership" as chair of the The Legal Aid Society's Associates' Campaign while he was at Debevoise and Plimpton in 1996 and 1997. • **Christina Sormoni '87** and **Warren Chang '88** were married in May and are living in Baltimore.

1990s • Lori Hoepner '90 sends news of multiple Hunter friends' weddings. **Bridget GORIS Klein '90** was married to Leigh Klein on October 13, 1996. **Amanda Cicarelli '90** was in the bridal party with **Lori**. **Bridget** is currently residing in Bronxdale and is a CPA. Next to wed was **Miranda FLORY Capra '90**, on February 1, 1997, in Austin, TX, where **Miranda**, a web site developer, now lives with husband Rob. There were many Hunterites in attendance at the wedding, and **Miranda's** reception turned into a Hunter dance from the 80s as everyone danced to UB40's "Red, Red Wine" for the last song. **Lori** and **Amanda** were in the bridal party once again, as was **Miranda's** sister **Gillian Flory '88**. **Gillian's** plans for May of 1988 include her own wedding as well as finishing her law degree at U. Mich. at Ann Arbor. **Amanda Cicarelli '90** and **Eric (Yuri) Epstein '90** are engaged to each other. The wedding, on May 30, 1998, included **Lori** as maid of honor and **Bridget** and **Miranda** as bridesmaids/matrons. **Amanda** is studying for her MSW at NYU and lives in Brooklyn not far from **Lori**. **Eric** is an architect. Frequent bridesmaid **Lori** got her MPH at Tulane back in 1995 and is an epidemiologist at the NYC Department of Health's Bureau of Immunization. • **Stephen Nachamie '90** has toured the US and Europe in A CHORUS LINE and EVITA as an actor and most recently went out to Washington State to choreograph a production of TOMMY. • **Hannah Berkin-Harper '97** is a sophomore at Vassar College, where she was on the production crew for a recent production of the James Joyce play "Ulysses: The Court of Consciousness." □

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HUNTER BOOKSHELF

Alice ISAACS Zyetz '55 announces that her book, **You Shoulda Listened to Your Mother: 36 Timeless Success Tips for Working Women**, will appear in bookstores in mid-October. It is a humorous approach to a serious subject: how women can empower themselves to earn more money by applying the necessary tools for success. Chapter headings include **Don't talk with your mouth full**- How to network at lunch; **It wouldn't hurt to write a letter to Aunt Gertrude** - How to write clearly and concisely; and **How many times do I have to tell you to mind your own business** - How to start a successful business. E-mail Alice at youshoulda@aol.com or call her at 800-223-6759.

Lynn Visson '63 announces the publication of **Wedded Strangers: The Challenge of Russian American Marriages** (Hippocrene Books, Inc. which looks at

the matrimonial struggles these cross-cultural couples face, reaching back in history to the first decades after the Bolshevik Revolution and includes stories of contemporary marriage after the fall of the USSR. The stories recounted range from the tempestuous union of celebrated dancer Isadora Duncan and poet Sergei Fsenin to the marriage agencies of the 1990s (services in the US and Russia) and such headlined nuptials as those of Susan Eisenhower, granddaughter of the US President, to Roald, director of the Soviet space research program. Lynn is also author of **The Russian Heritage Cookbook**, Casa Dana Books/ Ardis Publishers. Recipes for Potato Pirozhki with Mushroom Filling, Carp a la Russe, and Almond Cake with Apricot-Wine Filling are among over 400 recipes based on family favorites passed down from households in Russia and among

Russian-Americans, and adapted for the modern American kitchen.

Cynthia M. Pyle '58, a professor of Renaissance Studies and Theater at the CUNY Graduate Center, announces the publication of **Milan and Lombardy in the Renaissance: Essays in Cultural History**, c. 1997 La Fenice Edizioni, Rome, Italy.

Donna WOOLFOLK Cross '65 was scheduled to speak at The Pen and Brush, Inc., in Manhattan on September 20th, on her international best-seller **Pope Joan**, a historical novel based on the legend about a 9th century woman who, while posing as a man, was ordained and rose through the ranks of the Roman Catholic Church to sit on the throne of St. Peter. New Line Cinema has optioned the book, and it is reported that Madonna and Jodie Foster have both expressed interest in the title role. □

Hunter Online

Margaret Betz Perrin '57

The High School automated circulation system is ready for launch. The collection has been bar-coded; the data tapes are ready to load, and students are being photographed for identification cards and patron bar-codes. By the end of September, library materials will be discharged with the wave of a light pen. Diane DeVeaux, librarian, and Geraldine Cobbs, assistant librarian, are eager to introduce the new system to students and faculty.

Also over the summer, thirty Pentium computers – the generous gift of Republic National Bank – were installed in the computer laboratories. Now all three labs are fully Pentium equipped. One lab will provide space for English and Foreign Languages; another for Social Studies, Music and Computer Science; and the third will offer open access for students. A centralized tracking station will be established in the computer office.

Other contributions and purchases of equipment mean that every teacher can now have a computer on her or his desk for administrative tasks, research, class lessons, communication with students, and more.

With the help of a part-time assistant, several intercollegiate-year students (ICYs) and service-credit students, Carolyn Mayadas looks forward to having the labs running smoothly some time in October. The focus will then be on new software and staff development. There's an exciting and challenging year ahead for everyone. □

Staff Changes at High School

Dr. Anthony Miserandino will not be returning this fall as principal of Hunter College High School and Director of Campus Schools. He resigned in June to assume the position of Principal of Harrison High School in Harrison, New York. Sue Leung Eichler, currently Dean of Students, will be Acting Principal until a permanent replacement is hired. She will be supported by new Assistant Principal Dr. Rena Bonne '64.

Marjorie Goldsmith '61, who has been Acting Chair of the Science Department at the High School since Dr. Judith Klein's resignation last year, has been named permanent Chairperson of the Science Department after a six-month process of interviews and deliberation that was needed because of a CUNY policy requiring a national search to fill permanent chair positions. □

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In Memoriam

Lillian SAGE Stermann '18 died in Jerusalem, Israel on March 8, 1998. She is survived by her two daughters and seven grandchildren, and is mourned by her good friend Susan Neidich Gonen '70.

Helen SOMMER Graves '20 passed away on August 10, 1997.

Dora SHATZBERG Bashour c.'20, a gifted teacher of French at Hunter College High School and Hunter College, died on February 9, 1998 at age 96. In addition to teaching, she was an active member and an officer of both the American Association of Teachers of French and the Société des Professeurs de Français en Amérique. Long before the era of language laboratories, she used records and recording devices in her classroom and in 1959 she suggested and organized the first language laboratory at Hunter College. During her long career she was a mentor and a source of inspiration to many of her students who went on to teach French themselves in New York and all over the country.

Melissa BRENNAN Schachner '28, retired schoolteacher, died in February of this year. She is survived by her children.

Edith EBERLIN Coleman '28 died on December 9, 1997.

Annette BOHAN Eppig '30, former member of the Board of Governors of Good Samaritan Hospital and a resident of West Islip, Long Island, died April 18, 1998.

Helen SHEFFIELD Stuart '34, Hunter College '38, died on April 5, 1998. She worked for the Navy during World War II, taught in

New York City public schools for thirty years, and after her retirement worked as a volunteer at an animal hospital run by her brother, a veterinarian, in Portchester, NY. She was a lover of pets and wildlife and a supporter of animal welfare and ecological organizations. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Irving Stuart, and by her brother, Marvin J. Sheffield. Her brother writes "My sister was the most generous, kind and supportive person I've ever known. She was stoical in the face of adversity, and made the best of difficult situations, with a ready smile."

Lita S. BINNS Osmundsen '42, president emerita and longtime director of research of the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, died on January 9, 1998. An innovative thinker and creative problem-solver, she excelled throughout her career in bringing people and ideas together, and organized conferences that fostered the integration of anthropological sub-disciplines and new directions for research in anthropology and related fields. She received one of the first Distinguished Service Awards established by the American Anthropology Association in 1976. Survivors include her husband, John A. Osmundsen, children Jonathan Osmundsen and Mirjana Dougherty and an infant granddaughter, Meaghan Kate Dougherty.

Josephine CAVATAIO Riegl, Jan. '44, Hunter College '48, died on April 23, 1998 of metastatic carcinoma of the stomach. Her husband of 37 years, Robert, describes

her as "an outstanding teacher, mother, wife and friend" who bragged frequently "about her wonderful education at Hunter High and Hunter College."

Lois BILLIG Edelstein '47, longtime education director at the Temple Isaiah Religious School in Lexington, MA, passed away on March 2, 1998. Her classmates, Jean WEEKS Friedman and Dorrit Leipzig, write that she was "an outstanding person, a dedicated contributor to her temple and her community and a credit to Hunter and her class. After graduating from Hunter College in 1950, she pursued further study at Columbia University and the Jewish Theological Seminary. She was recognized as an innovator in Jewish education whose pioneering programs integrated family and home in the child's learning process."

Joan FORRESTER Sprague '48, Cornell Architecture '53, M.Ed. Harvard, architect and activist, passed away on April 6, 1998. A teacher at the University of Arizona and at MIT, she was also a partner in a non-hierarchical, all-female design firm in Cambridge, Mass., and the founder, in 1978, of a Providence, RI organization dedicated to the development of affordable housing for single mothers and their children. The organization created over 100 units of housing for low-income single mothers and their families. She was also a founding director of the Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development in Boston, and is survived by her husband and fellow architect, Chester Sprague. □

Submissions Policy

Concise submissions from alums and other members of the HCHS community are always welcome. Articles and other submissions can be sent care of the Association office. They should be typed, saved onto an IBM-compatible diskette or e-mailed to jleight@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu. The deadline for the next issue is November 6th.



Class of 1968 Can't Wait For Next Milestone

The 30th reunion party of the class of 1968 was stupendous. Everyone there raved that they had a glorious time. Many people have expressed the thought that they don't want to wait another five years to get together again, so the reunion committee is asking if the class of '68 would like to have a party in late spring of the year 2000, the year when most of us turn 50. Whatever your opinion is of having a blowout birthday party, please call **Vivian Degani** at (212) 874-0445 ASAP so we can start planning.

Based on class enthusiasm, we are in the process of putting together a class directory, and are still looking for any additional addresses or information on how to look for missing class members. Interested parties can contact **Lois Radisch** with regard to the directory at (212) 255-9023.

We're still collecting donations for our class gift to the High School, which will benefit the Math Department in memory of **Elaine Katz Bauml**.

Your reunion committee, **Vivian Degani, Lois Radisch, and Miggie Warms**, warmly appreciate all the applause we received at the reunion. □

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Class of '63 Gathers

Jane S. Solomon '63

Since 1983, Hunter '63 has been gathering at each milestone to revitalize friendships made so many years ago. The good-will and warmth among the members of the class is, we believe, impressive and unusual. For our 35th reunion, we determined to make a contribution in memory of Dr. Dorothy Geddes, our Class Advisor and former member of the Math Department.

This year almost 40 women—from 10 states—met on June 6th, the day before the reunion at the High School. Our special guest was David Hankin, Chair of the Math Department. We presented him with funds to fill an urgent departmental need for a duplicating machine, and for its maintenance; a plaque is to be affixed to the machine reflecting that it honors Dr. Geddes' memory. Because we raised more money than was needed for the machine, at the suggestion of Dr. Miserandino, we directed that the balance be used to enable each department to subscribe to a professional journal for a year or more. Over 75 classmates participated in the Class gift. Including some matching grants, we raised \$3,800.

As always, it is our position that Hunter '63 is there to support the High School, and we publicly invite the new administration to reach out to us even before our 40th reunion approaches. □

Donate While You Dine

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Class of '88 Gets Together

Jill Slater '88

Our reunion was a smashing success. The total presence of 88ers came to about 125-140 people over the course of the weekend. That is a tremendous percentage of our class. We were all so happy to see one another that no one seemed to want to leave. First—our eve of reunion party lasted until 6am when finally the party reluctantly emptied out. The second day, many enjoyed the Hunter sponsored event and then, like old times, spent endless hours hanging out on the steps of the courtyard. It was a wonderful event—very emotional for many but I am confident in saying that it was also overwhelmingly positive for most. □

(Jill Slater and Christopher Zentner were the 1988 class coordinators for Reunion '88. -Ed.)

Save These Dates

December 10, 11, 12, 1998
HCHS Theater Ensemble

February 7, 1999
Annual Brunch, HCHS Alumnae/i Association, NYC

March 4, 5, 6 1999
HCHS Musical Repertory Theater

June 6, 1999
Reunion and Annual Meeting at HCHS

Coffee and Tee Still Being Served

We still have Hunter College High School mugs available, as well as our popular purple HCHS tee shirts (school crest and name in white, discreetly placed on the upper left side). They're available in Adult sizes S, M, L, XL, and XXL @ \$20.32, and Children's sizes XS and M @ \$14.99. Prices include shipping and sales tax.

Many Peaks: A Villanelle

I have ascended many a little hill,
Arriving spent and joyous at the crest
To see where I have been, and can go still.

And after I have stood and looked my fill
I have gone sated down, with drunken zest
I have ascended many a little hill

And every time, I climb with greater skill,
To find new wonders I had never guessed,
To see where I have been, and can go still.

And every time, I feel more strong the thrill
Of symmetry, and pounding in my breast;
I have ascended many a little hill.

I'll climb again, sometimes against my will,
After a suitable, refreshing rest.
I have ascended many a little hill
To see where I have been, and can go still.

Rena Kunis '39

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Three Day Marathon for Class of June '48

The Class of June 1948 celebrated its 50th reunion with a full weekend of festivities. The kick-off was a fabulous dinner at the home of alum **Barbara Bronson Fox**. The next day we were off to brunch. This time husbands who were brave enough joined the fun. They had interesting comments about "What it's like to live with a Hunterite." On Sunday close to 50 alums were at the High School learning about changes over the past five decades and then of course it was time to eat again.

We had assembled from near and far - California, Michigan, Florida, the Northeast etc. It was worth the trip from everywhere. Over 60 members

of the class went home with wonderful memories of a gala weekend and with a new yearbook, "The New Annals 1998."

A class gift of \$2,500 is being donated to the Hunter Library. The money will be used to enhance the literature and fiction sections and to purchase literary reference materials. Our mission for the new millennium is to locate many more former classmates. If you can help, contact us through the Alumnae/i Association or call directly to:

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A GOOD EXAMPLE

The Association recently received a large designated for the Brick Prison Playhouse and the computer lab. The donor requested that we print only the following item as acknowledgment.

Two siblings, alumni of Hunter, share a car in New York City. One sibling moved abroad and thus the second sibling, not wanting to bear the cost and effort of maintaining the car, was forced to sell it. When the sale of the car resulted in more money than either sibling had expected, they agreed to donate the windfall to Hunter. This is a solution I suggest to other alumnae/i for the avoidance of potential money disputes—donate the troublesome stuff to Hunter. □

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