

# Alumnotes

## Hunter College High School Alumnae Association

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### Spotlight on...

#### DR. EVELYN HANDLER, UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

by Ruth Ulman '40

Chosen from among 200 candidates in a nationwide search, Evelyn Sass Handler '50 took office on August 1, 1980, as the fifteenth president of the University of New Hampshire. She is the first woman to head a publicly supported land-grant university in the United States.

Mindful of the importance of her own educational background, Dr. Handler has a message of gratitude and encouragement to her fellow alumnae:

"Regarding my experiences at the Hunter College High School: I found my experiences, both educational and social, to be a splendid foundation for everything I have accomplished in the years since I graduated. The unusual support structure provided to me and my classmates always put 'the unattainable' within my reach. I am certain from all that I have heard about the Hunter High of today that it continues to strive for excellence and remains a source of pride to generations of alumnae(i)."

Dean of sciences and mathematics at Hunter College from 1977 to 1980, Dr. Handler has had a distinguished career as scholar, scientist, educator, and administrator. After receiving a cum laude degree in physiology and chemistry from Hunter in 1954, she went on to earn master's and doctoral degrees in biology from New York University in the early 1960s. She rose through the ranks in her teaching career at Hunter, and became a full professor in the Department of Biological Sciences in 1975. She was a member of the doctoral faculty of the City University's Graduate Center from 1967 to 1980.

A specialist in hematology, Dr. Handler's research focused on alterations in normal blood cell formation during the progress of leukemia. Her work has taken her to the Karolinska Institute in Sweden as a visiting scientist, and to the Merck Institute for Therapeutic Research and the Sloan Kettering Institute as a research associate. In lectures before lay audiences, she has displayed unusual skill in clarifying and explaining the complex and high technical nature of her investigations.

During her tenure as dean at Hunter College, she was instrumental in obtaining large sums for academic programs. The latest, totaling over \$1 million, was a National Institutes of Health grant funding a program to encourage minority students in scientific research and biomedical careers. She has also been an evaluator for the Middle States Association of the Commission on Higher Education, a consultant to the National Institutes of Health, and a representative of the American Council on Education to the American Council on Pharmaceutical Education.

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### Moers Shelf Dedication Planned

Dedication ceremonies for the Ellen Moers Memorial Shelf for the High School library are scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, at 2:30 P.M. A project of the Alumnae Association, the Shelf is designed to house works by such Hunter authors as Cynthia Ozick, Lucy Dawidowicz, Hortense Calisher, and Moers herself, as well as books related to women's issues and interests.

A highlight of the ceremony will be a panel discussion by women who combine both attributes; they are Hunter High alumnae and writers who deal with a wide range of women's concerns. Betty Ommernan, a feature writer at *Newsday* and previously fashion and beauty editor there, has won several top journalism awards for fashion reporting and feature writing.

Masha Kabakow Rudman '49 is a professor of education at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and recipient of that school's Distinguished Teacher's Award, as well as a member of the Hunter College Hall of Fame. She is the author of *Children's Literature: An Issues Approach* (D.C. Heath, 1976) and more than 40 monographs and articles dealing with language arts and education of the gifted.

Beth Millstein Kava '63, author of *We, The American Women: A Documentary History* (SRA, 1977), is chairperson of the social studies department at South Bronx High School.

Marjorie Pearle Weiser '51 has written *Womanlist: The First Book of Lists Purely to Celebrate Women*. . . (Atheneum 1981) as well as other non-fiction titles.

Audre Lorde '51 describes herself as a "black lesbian feminist warrior poet." Professor of English at John Jay College of Criminal Justice—CUNY, she has published seven books of poetry, including *From A Land Where Other People Live*, nominated for a National Book Award in 1974, and *Black Unicorn* (Norton, 1978). *Cancer Journals*, a book of essays, has just been published, and her collected poems are scheduled for 1982 publication by Norton.

Also attending and participating in the dedication ceremonies will be writer Martin Mayer, the husband of Ellen Moers, who will present several of her books to the library.

Although the Moers Memorial Shelf was designed to perpetuate the memory of Miss Moers, our involvement with this project has also uncovered a variety of needs at the High School library. They range from unabridged dictionaries to microfilm reader/printers. Also needed are art slides, a set of the *McGraw Hill Encyclopedia of World Art*, and additional shelving. The library contains only a few recent microfilm sets of *The New York Times*, and it was suggested that this would be an appropriate gift for anniversary classes to donate for their year of graduation. Classes are also urged to donate Hunter High archival material, and especially *Annals*, which students love to read. If no class member is willing to spare a copy, a photocopy could be made. And the library chairs need replacing, at a cost of \$35 each; here's your chance to "endow a chair" and have your name on it for posterity to see. The Alumnae Association, after learning that the library's single subscription to *Ms.* magazine is read to shreds within weeks, is leading the way with a gift subscription.

If you can attend the dedication of the Moers Memorial Shelf on Wednesday, March 4, please RSVP to the High School, 212-860-1262. Send donations of books to the Moers Memorial Shelf and contributions to the library to: Moers Memorial Shelf, c/o Louise Pauly, Librarian, Hunter College High School, 94th Street and Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10028.



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## Editorial



It's hard not to be congratulatory, as we enter the seventh year of publication of ALUMNOTES and the eighth of this revitalized Alumnae Association. We are, with every issue, hearing from more and more and more of you. We are, with every year, adding new and varied activities to our calendar. And we are, under the wise guidance of our treasurer, Clarice Mertzal, operating happily in the black while increasing our usefulness to our members and the High School that ties us all together.

It's always a pleasure to greet so many of you in person at Reunions, to see familiar and new faces at our varied activities, and to read the correspondence you keep sending to us. (Please, when you write, remember to give the full name that you had while attending Hunter High, as well as your present name and the date of your graduation. Also, remember that we publish only two issues of ALUMNOTES a year; deadlines are October 15 for our Fall issue and March 10 for our Spring issue.)

Is there any special project you would like to see your Alumnae Association undertake? Do you have old *What's Whats* and *Annals*, or other memorabilia, to share? Would you like to contribute to these pages? ALUMNOTES is a forum for *you*, and the Alumnae Association belongs to you. The more we see you, the more we hear from you, the more we can do for you and for Hunter High.

## Dear Members,

From China to Bali, from Alaska to the Galapagos, to the headwaters of the Amazon jungle—a Hunterite is visiting some exotic corner of this globe. This summer found me, Carolyn Herbst, and Louella Plotzker Stampfer in all of these places.

Besides having Hunterites living in places from England to Israel to Africa we have always found Hunterites warmly welcoming other Hunterites.

This brings us to our latest idea: having our own informal Hunter travel advisory service. Many of us are willing to advise, suggest, or even help arrange your trip to virtually any place on earth. Three of our members are professionally involved in travel arrangements: Rose Mary Haase Lancaster '50 (212-798-5406); Eleanor Ullman Light '49 (518-370-2111); and Eleanor Pruger Seepes '55 (800-223-5652 or 212-593-2988). In addition, those of us who are well traveled can give you the benefit of our personal experiences, especially on such topics as traveling alone or making independent arrangements. Whether you are traveling alone, with friends or family, or as part of a group, don't hesitate to call us: Carolyn Herbst (212-628-5356); Louella Plotzker Stampfer (212- UN 5-0636); and yours truly (212-UN 4-1700, ext. 922).

Where have you been? Let us hear about your experiences. Please feel free to call any of us. And Happy Traveling!

As ever,  
*Mildred Speiser*  
President

## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Clarice Mertzal

Expenses	Actual, 1979-1980	Anticipated, 1980-1981
Printing	\$1,747.00	\$2,000.00
Postage	481.01	500.00
Computerization of mailing list	270.65	400.00
Typing of labels, labels	32.79	50.00
Office expenses, telephone	53.27	55.00
Events (Reunion, Brunch, Theater party)	1,472.29	900.00
Career Conference	58.22	50.00
Membership recruitment	137.63	125.00
Annals ad, HCHS	55.00	55.00
Library project, HCHS	—	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	19.75	50.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,327.61</b>	<b>\$5,685.00</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Dues and Contributions	\$4,897.50	\$5,520.00
Events	\$1,131.51	1,075.00
Career Conference	184.78	—
Interest	1,195.38	1,000.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$7,409.17</b>	<b>\$7,595.00</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>As of 7/1/80</b>	
Time deposit account	\$10,278.51	
Day-to-Day account	4,961.63	
Petty cash	40.84	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,280.98</b>	



## Winter Events: A Double-Barreled Program and More

As a follow-up to the Career Conference held last spring, two guest speakers will address the special meeting to be held on Sunday, January 11.

Enid Gittens Foreman, a Hunter High alumna who has been vice president, among other offices, of the Hunter College Alumni Association, will talk briefly about her experiences running career conferences for Hunter College. A retired assistant principal in the New York City public schools, Enid is certain to have practical information to impart to all of us who are considering or planning career shifts. Also on the program will be Marion Percival, a career counselor at Hunter College, who will speak about the services available to Hunter High alumnae through the college and who will share her experiences advising women at various stages of occupational development.

The January meeting will be special in another way as well. Scheduled for a Sunday in response to many requests we've had over the years, it will present an opportunity for all alumnae to get copies of their class lists, compare them with their own records (bring your Annals!), and add current addresses of classmates.

Those whose classes will celebrate milestone anniversaries at the Reunion in May should plan to come to this January meeting. Suggestions for planning class events and for contacting long-lost classmates will be exchanged. Members of the following classes are urged to be there: '31—Pearl Rowe is coordinating Reunion plans; get in touch with her at 111-18 34th Ave., Corona, NY 11368, 212-335-1921; '51—Judy Shapiro can be reached at 43-30 222 St., Bayside, NY 11361, 212-428-2476; Classes of '36, '41, '46, '51, '61, '66, '71, and '76—let us hear from you and see you on January 11.

We are particularly eager to hear from women who graduated during the 1920s, so we can celebrate their "50-plus" Reunion this year. Edith Levine Woolfson '22 came to the last Reunion, and, finding only about four alumnae from that decade, wrote to volunteer her services in getting her class, February 1922, together. Edith can be reached at 3980 Orloff Avenue, Bronx, NY 10483, 212-549-0666.

Sunday, January 18 at 2 P.M. will bring our now-annual Theater Party, to be held at the Equity Library Theater, 103rd Street and Riverside Drive in Manhattan. As we go to press, Equity has tentatively scheduled Cole Porter's **Anything Goes** for this date. For information, telephone Judy Shapiro, 212-428-2476. And then send in the tear-off on page 7 with your check for \$6 made payable to the HCHS Alumnae Association, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The annual Alumnae Association Brunch will be held on Sunday, February 8, at Court Street, an "in" restaurant located at 1544 Second Avenue between 80th and 81st Streets. A moderate charge of \$4.25 to \$4.75, payable at the end of brunch, will let you choose such delectables as quiche Lorraine with spinach salad; Court Street omelet with feta cheese, spinach, and mushrooms; eggs Florentine; and more. The price includes a half-litre of Bloody Marys and coffee. To reserve a seat in the private room that will be at our disposal, send in the tear-off on page 7 along with your check for \$2.00 to cover service and expenses.

## HOLD THAT DATE!

Sunday January 11 ★Special meeting: Add to and get 12:30 P.M. copies of your class lists. Enid Gittens Foreman and Marion Percival will speak on "Career Changes and Networking."

Sunday January 18 Theater Party: **Anything Goes** 2 P.M. (tentative), Equity Library Theater. Send in tear-off, page 7.

Sunday February 8 Brunch: Court Street, 1544 12 noon Second Avenue (80-81 Streets). Send in tear-off, page 7, **now**.

Wednesday March 4 ★Dedication of Moers Memorial Shelf. Panel Discussion: Women Writing Today. 2:30 P.M.

Saturday March 14 ★Regular meeting. Meet the Members: Marjorie Pearle Weiser '51, author and editor.

Saturday April 11 ★Mailing meeting. Meet the Members: Debbie Miller Safian '49, investment counselor. 12:30 P.M.

Saturday May 2 Hunter College Birthday Luncheon

Sunday May 17 ★Reunion! Watch for an announcement of the special program in our next issue! 2 P.M.

★These events take place in the Hunter College High School building, 94th Street and Park Avenue, New York City.

## Meet The Members, A Varied and Interesting Lot

The October meeting found us meeting not one but two members and following their interests and experiences in very different areas. Our scheduled speaker, Bunny (Bernice) Worman Hauser '49, was joined by Corinne Nathanson Straehle '42 and her husband Rod Straehle.

The Straehles have written "The Civil Air Patrol March," which was recorded by the United States Air Force Band and performed at the national meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, in September. We learned from them that the Civil Air Patrol, the United States Air Force Auxiliary, was established by Congress in 1942 to inform the public about aerospace concerns, to train cadets, and to coordinate civilian search and rescue activities. Corinne and Rod are both CAP captains and aerospace education officers in the New York Wing, Corinne being assistant director of aerospace education for New York. They were flown to Louisville for the meeting in an Air Force plane and were further honored there by being appointed "Kentucky Colonels" by Governor Brown. At our meeting, the Straehles performed their march, which includes a narration of a CAP rescue.

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# All about you & you & you ...

Cecile M. COHEN '44, Hunter College, M.A. Syracuse University, is assistant principal, mathematics, at John F. Kennedy High School in the Bronx. She recalls that her Hunter High senior key arrived, much to her disappointment, not with the onyx she admired but with a black enamel surface instead. Her comment: "C'était la guerre. I guess there was an onyx shortage during World War III!" . . . Carolyn WAXBERG Adler '56, who lives in Vermont, writes to say that she thought we forgot all about the class of '56 and hopes to see more of them in future ALUMNOTES—so start writing to us, folks! In the meantime, we know Carolyn will be glad to hear about Dr. Ruth FAIL Zung '56, who teaches foreign languages at Nanuet High School in Rockland County and is also a free-lance writer. Ruth writes us that Catherine TOWAN Sakowicz '56, who has four children, is now a fashion dressmaker in Yonkers, after being a math teacher; that Arlene LITTMAN Goldstein '56 lives in New Hyde Park and teaches in the New York City public schools; and that she has lost track of Marilyn GREEN Aronson '56. Anyone with news? . . . R. ROTTMAN '55 writes from Pennsylvania to say she would like "to find a convenient hook to hang my hat on" whenever she is in New York to do research; other alumnae might be interested, too. Let us know if you have a corner available. . . . Renee SISLOWITZ Gold '64 has been named associate editor of the Wilson Library Bulletin. A graduate of City College, she holds a B.L.S. degree from Queens College. . . . Lila LINZER Schwartz '47 is sending some of her books to be placed on the Moers Memorial Shelf. She remembers Ellen Moers as "an outstanding figure at HCHS in the mid-'40s" and recalls that both Ellen and her sister Mary Moers '43 were GO presidents. See the announcement of plans to dedicate the Moers Shelf, Lila, on page 1. . . . Anne Helen GREENE Standing '67 writes from Brussels: "'71 B.A. in British Civ. from University of Pennsylvania, received U. of P. Thouron Scholarship for three years of study at Edinburgh University, Scotland. Have lived and worked in Brussels since '75 with husband Rodney, an official with the E.E.C. Commission." Their son was born last April. . . . Evelyn BORZONE Schaefer '38 is presently studying Mandarin in preparation for a trip to mainland China, her fourth trip to the Far East. . . . Rose JAFFE Ignatoff '36, is looking for news of her class. . . . Olga J. Goodman writes that Mary MOSKOWITZ '24, who was president of her senior class, is now Lady Mary Finley. Her husband, Moses F. Finley, was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in December 1978. The Finleys are British subjects and live in Cambridge, England. . . . Rose HARTMAN '55 wrote *Birds*

of *Paradise/An Intimate View of the N.Y. Fashion World*; published in May 1980 by Delta Books. . . . Florence LAI Lau '66 is in her third year interning in pediatric neurology at Boston City Hospital. . . . Ruth DLUGI Zamenhof '66 completed radiology residency at Harvard University and is now on the staff of the Lahey Clinic in Boston. Ruth and Florence are looking for other Hunterites in the Boston area; telephone 617-731-8454. . . . Robin S. WEIDER '74, B.A. Queens College '78, is now having a wonderful time and working very hard, attending the New York Chiropractic College in Old Brookville, L.I. . . . We received the following correction: "Please note that it is I, Jeanette AARONS Goldberg '32 whose daughter is living in St. Paul, Minn. and will need help with N.Y. Times crossword puzzles. She will also need help finding a job as a librarian, fulfilling, a generation later, her mother's secret ambition, nurtured by HCHS, to spend her life surrounded by books." . . . Carole PETERSON Burley '60 was not able to make the May reunion due to surgery and writes that her "disappointment was beyond description." A '64 graduate of SUNY-Cortland, she has been teaching physical education since then, got an M.S. in that subject at Ithaca in '69, and is certified as a secondary school principal. . . . Beth WEITZMAN '74, Vassar '78, writes that she received an "M.P.A. from N.Y.U." in February '80 and is now a planning associate for a research and development project at the NYC Board of Education and living in Brooklyn Heights. When she married Larry Rothbart, an N.Y.U. law student in August '79, "holding up our Chupah were two Hunterites from '74—Lori GINZBERG, a Yale graduate student in women's history, and Denise OSFFEL, who flew in from Paraguay where she is with the Peace Corps. Other wedding guests from the class of '74 were Diane HARRIS, who is pursuing a journalism career in N.Y., and Judy POTASHNICK, who's working and studying for an M.B.A. at Baruch." . . . Stella PURCE Revard '51 is now a professor of English at Southern Illinois University, and the author of a book on Milton, *The War in Heaven*, Cornell U. Press, 1980. . . . Laurie BLOOM '73 received her B.S. in biology and geology from the U. of Rochester in '76, completed her M.S. at the U. of Southern California in January '79, and is now working for ARCO Oil & Gas as an exploration geologist. Laurie writes that Nancy EICHENBERGER '71 earned a B.S. in geology at Queens College '75, an M.S. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill '77 and since then has been working for Shell Oil in Houston as an exploration geologist. In her spare time Nancy has taken up belly dancing. (A Hunter first—a belly-dancing geologist—we're sure!) Barbara BARREIRO '73 also got her B.S. in geology at Queens and was last heard from while working toward a Ph. D. at the University of California in Santa Barbara. Laurie sent special regards to Clarice Mertz (that's P.S. 81 class of '67, Miss Mertzell). . . . Irja Catherine LUOMA Susa '72, B.S. in material science and engineering, M.I.T. '76, is currently a teaching assistant there while working on her doctorate. . . . Anita E. SPRINGER '72, Princeton University '76, M.B.A. Harvard School of Business '78, will be working for an investment firm in Boston as a securities analyst. Anita tells us that Amy SHUEN '73 is also at Harvard Business and will get her degree in '81. . . . Miriam SCHUSTACK '69 is currently working toward a Ph.D. at Carnegie-Mellon Institute. . . . Nora BANKS Smith '31 lives in Patchogue, L.I. and is a retired teacher. . . . Diane BIANCHI '72 writes: "It seems that friendships formed at Hunter still play a strong role in my life! A particularly good example of Hunterites 'sticking together' for all these years was the wedding of Martha BAKOS '72 to Stephen Dietz. I was maid of honor. Andrea BOCKMAN '72, Laurie KAMAICO '72, and Cara DEVITO '72 were bridesmaids.

## Meet the members

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Bunny Hauser, an educator by profession, shared her experiences as the adoptive parent of two now-teenage youngsters. Bunny, who conducts workshops for adoptive parents at the YM-YWHA in New York, covered a wide range of topics relating to adoption, including the changes in availability of adoptive children, social agency attitudes and procedures, support systems and the lack thereof, and especially the psychological impact on all family members.

At our spring meetings the Meet the Members series will continue with presentations by Marjorie Pearle Weiser '51 on March 14 and Debbie Miller Safian '49 on April 11. Marjorie is not only editor of ALUMNOTES but has been an editor professionally for more than 20 years and is a development editor of college textbooks at Prentice-Hall. The author of more than ten non-fiction books for adults and young people, her newest title will be published by Atheneum in February. Debbie, a former educator, is an investment counselor specializing in municipal bonds with a New Jersey brokerage firm.



# All about you & you & you ...

Martha, a graduate of Columbia University School of Law, is an attorney with Reavis and McGarth in New York. Diane, a graduate of Stanford University School of Medicine, is interning in pediatrics at Boston Children's Hospital. She brings us up to date on lots of alumnae: Andrea is an executive speechwriter for the St. Paul Company; Laurie, graduating from Boston University School of Law, specializes in health-related legal matters; Cara is in law school in Los Angeles. Wendy GOODMAN '72, a graduate of Albert Einstein School of Medicine, is a resident in pediatrics at their hospital. . . . Vivian SILVERSTEIN '72, Barnard College '78, is now studying in Israel. Also at Stanford University Hospital are Leslie NORMAN '71, a resident in internal medicine, and Joyce MOSCOWITZ '70, interning in pediatrics. Thank you, Diane. . . . Caroline HECHT '72 lives in Ithaca, NY; her letter included many Hunter memories. She was a math/computer science major at Cornell and is a programmer with a small but rapidly growing company involved in commercial applications of census data. Andrea J. ELBERGER '69 writes to bring us up to date on her Hunter family: after completing a postdoctoral fellowship in anatomy at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, she is an assistant professor in the department of neurobiology and anatomy at the University of Texas Medical School in Houston. Her sister Susan A. ELBERGER '68 just returned from a two-month tour of Israel, Egypt, and England, and is living in New York City. And their mother Helen PERLMAN Elberger '35 is retiring after 20 years as a teacher and reading specialist in the New York public schools. . . . Claudia HENRION '76, Stanford University '80, was awarded a Danforth Fellowship and is a teaching fellow in the Ph.D. program in mathematics at Dartmouth University. . . . Ina ALSTER Gravitz '65 is working toward an M.L.S. and is also actively involved with the gifted and talented program for elementary students in Sachem school district, the first such program in Suffolk County. She emphasizes that this program came about "because mothers made waves. Gifted children, wherever they are, need special programs." We certainly agree! . . . Bernice WOLFF Freundel '42, Brooklyn College and University of Michigan B.S.E.E., was a patent examiner in the U.S. Patent Office and a patent advisor for the Atomic Energy Commission. After traveling widely she is now back in the Washington, D.C., area working for a consulting engineering firm and doing free-lance patent work. . . . Helen FEIT '72 graduated from SUNY at Buffalo School of Medicine in May '80 and is an intern in internal medicine at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut. Her twin sister Sheila FEIT '72 graduated from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and will intern there. . . . Susan N. TAUB '74, Amherst College magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa '78, has held various mental health jobs and is now working toward a master's in clinical social work at the University of Maryland School of Social Work and Community Planning. . . . Denise MICHAUX '76, N.Y.U. College of Business and Public Administration, June '80, is now a branch auditor with the Chase Manhattan Bank. . . . Pamela A. CHEVERS '72, John Hopkins, '76, Harvard Medical School June, '80, is interning in general surgery at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. While in medical school, she also served a 4-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees of Johns Hopkins University. . . . Ellen ASH Peters (Blumberg) '47 is a Supreme Court Judge for the State of Connecticut in Hartford. . . . A news article sent in by Lita LINZER Schwartz '47 tells us that Phyllis WHITMAN Beck '45, Brown University '49, was one of eight persons nominated by Governor Thornburgh to serve on the Pennsylvania Superior Court. Phyllis, who was first in her class at Temple University School of Law ('67), has practiced in Philadelphia, was a full professor at Temple and vice dean at the Law School

of the University of Pennsylvania. . . . Sonia SCHWEID Reizes '43 lives in Lexington, MA, teaches French and German, has a state grant to train teachers of the gifted, edits the *Bulletin* of the Massachusetts Foreign Language Association (an issue of which Sonia sent us, contains a notice about an award to her for being an outstanding teacher of German, and initiating and directing a program of total immersion in German culture at M.I.T.). She is a recent past president of the Massachusetts chapter of the American Association of Teachers of German. Sonia writes: "I was very sad to hear of Ellen Moers' death. I remember her as a wonderful young girl. She was a reporter for *What's What* the year I was editor. A special hello to all '43ers out there!" . . . Toby BERNSTEIN Rubel '43, Hunter College '47, who majored in chemistry, writes "The HCHS teacher I remember with the utmost fondness, and who influenced me more than any other, was Rae Miller who taught physics and chemistry. I was her lab assistant for several terms." After a career in medical research, Toby has returned to science and medicine by way of writing, and has written four books in the highly technical Chemical Process Review series. She is presently a medical editor for a large pharmaceutical firm. . . . Muriel LEVENTHAL Nussbaum '40 has given several performances of her one-woman show *Byline: Nellie Bly*, based on Bly's own writings and Muriel's original research into the life and personality of this remarkable woman. Our resident critic Ruth Ulman '40 saw Muriel's performance and writes that it was a "captivating evocation of the woman and her times" and that her "review is not the exaggeration of a classmate; heard very similar comments by others." . . . Beth A. MARCUS '75, M.I.T. '79 is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Medicine and is studying for a Ph.D. in biomechanics at the Imperial College of Science and Technology in London. A member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and of the New York Academy of Sciences, Beth was president of her senior class at M.I.T. and while there was also sports editor of the yearbook, a member of swimming, crew and tennis teams, and president and founder of the M.I.T. Women's Track Club. She has worked on structural and mechanical design of the Air Launch Cruise Missile for the Boeing Aerospace Company, and on an experiment in biofeedback training to control motion sickness for NASA that will be part of a space shuttle mission—and more. We're tempted to add, "Not bad for a girl!" (But we won't.)

## Dr. Evelyn Handler

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A member of the board of governors of the New York Academy of Sciences, she is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Phi Sigma and several professional organizations, including the Tissue Culture Association, the Harvey Society, the American Society of Hematology, the International Society of Hematology, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Dr. Handler and her husband, Eugene, a professor of biology at Hunter College (now on leave), are the parents of two sons, one in college and one a ninth grader.

**DON'T FORGET**  
**REUNION on Sunday, May 17**  
**at 2 PM at**  
**Hunter College High School**



# *From Our Archives*

by Fanny Kaufman Casher '28

In 1927 the English Department of Hunter College High School surprised and delighted 33 young literary talents by publishing a book of poems culled from five years of class assignments and student contributions to "What's What" and "Argus."

The verses show the interest of the poets—and their assigning teachers—in such disciplined forms as the sonnet, as well as fantasy, literary speech patterns, strong rhythms and color. Their themes reflect the city they lived in, along with a delicacy of expression, sentimentality, and a certain modesty—making it hard to believe that they were living in the Jazz Age of flappers and "flaming youth." But of course we must realize that they were only in their middle teens and that the editors of the book may have used some discretion in choosing the selections.

Some among the young poets have now become such distinguished women as Hortense Calisher, a prolific writer who has been elected to the National Institute of Arts and Letters, former Professors Hilde Graf and Mary Lindsley of the English Department of Hunter College, and the late Charlotte Hochman, who composed many songs as well as taught music at Hunter High.

(Editor's Note: We reprint poems by Calisher, Graf, Lindsley, and Hochman, along with one by contributor Fanny Kaufman Casher.)

## RIVERSIDE DRIVE ON A SUNNY MARCH AFTERNOON

White-hooded nursemaids, gossiping together,  
Pushing gray perambulators slowly all the while,  
Rosy-cheeked babies, sleeping, lisping, crying,  
From beneath a woolen cap appears a milky smile.

A stout, muffled gentleman, dozing in the sunshine,  
Sitting on the park bench, leaning on his cane,  
Here a sparrow twitters, hopping on the new grass,  
Searching for an earthworm or a bit of grain.

The genial policeman beams at all the nursemaids,  
His highly polished buttons gleam in bright array,  
He admonishes a toddler and shakes his heavy nightstick,  
"Now, you, Mary Ellen, don't you run away."

Here appears a tugboat chugging up the Hudson,  
Waking all the babies with its siren's scream,  
Puffs a cloud of white smoke, covers the horizon,  
And noisily it wends its way up the ruffled stream.

FANNY KAUFMAN

## BARCAROLLE

Blue night under a canopy of stars,  
Vellert night of a thousand mysteries,  
Night of faerie murmurs, of white silence,  
Of frail minarets of mist.  
No pastel night with a round Pierrot moon,  
No night of bubbling frothy mime,  
But a night of tall spire and thin chimes,  
Intoxication, magic, wind-swept veins.

HORTENSE CALISHER

## UNTAUGHT GENIUS

Dear untaught genius with the puzzled eyes  
That scan a world which should in homage bow,  
Dear gentle, rude, intolerant, kindly one  
Whose soul is music, and whose heart is gold,  
I see your fingers groping on the keys—  
Short, thick, work-blunted fingers in whose tips  
Chained melodies beat vainly on cruel gates,  
And will not die, but riot in your soul.  
I watch your drooping head, your erring hands  
That prayed for music, but were stricken dumb.  
We two together make a symphony—  
My unshed, pitying tears, your silent song.

CHARLOTTE H. HOCHMAN

## HOPE

Hope,  
Shining like a star  
Above the lurid horizon,  
Sees but herself reflected  
In the deep, dark tide.  
So take thy scythe and stir the water, Death,  
Try as thou wilt, thou canst not blur the light  
That comes from heaven!  
But when that orb  
Sinks from the vaulted height,—  
Then will that mirrored vision fade;  
Then will they say that hope is gone,  
And I will follow you—content.

HILDE GRAF

## THE CATHEDRAL

A silent gray Cathedral where the joyous creeper drags  
Its pale green tendrils, wet with dew,  
Across the broken flags;  
An ancient gray Cathedral, where the ivy clammers in,  
And the linnet sings,  
And the dark moss springs,  
Where the pride of man has been;  
A lonely gray Cathedral where mass is said no more,  
And only the rippling sunlight strays  
Through the ruined Chancel door;  
A lovely gray Cathedral, for the roof no longer bars  
The broad blue sky  
And the butterfly  
And the laughing, golden stars;  
A peaceful gray Cathedral where the sculptured baron dreams,  
And the angels walk in the dusty aisles  
When the silver crescent gleams;  
A startled gray Cathedral, for a laddie, with wild brown hair,  
Has come to mount  
The rain-filled fount  
And sail his dreadnoughts there;  
A wondrous gray Cathedral where the greatest are the least,  
And the choir is placed in a linnet's throat,  
And a child is the only priest;  
A holy gray Cathedral, for one of the race of men  
Who came to pray,  
Goes forth today,  
With God in his heart again.

MARY LINDSLEY



# Alumna-grams

**!!WOMANLIST IS COMING!! WATCH FOR IT!!**

1A CLASS OF JAN. '48—WHERE ARE YOU? IF YOU ARE OUT THERE PLEASE CONTACT ARLENE GOLDSTEIN OPPENHEIM, 14 STUART ST, GREAT NECK, NY 11023

ATTENTION FRIENDS WHO WANTED TO KNOW: ANNOUNCING THE MARRIAGE OF DIANE KARAVANIC '74 TO PAUL CURTIS (YES, THE SAME PAUL) 7-26-80.

**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 1981. Send your copy in now while you have it in mind. You can 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 and 3 lines of copy:

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*Yes!*

I/We would love to join the Alumnae at a Theater Party. Here is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$6.00 each. I enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Send my tickets to:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Please tear off and mail with your check and a stamped self-addressed envelope to Judy Shapiro, 43-30 222 St., Bayside, NY 11361. Your ticket request must be received by January 7.

## NOTICES:

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**FOR SALE:** The Alma Mater Recording Company has records of Hunter College High School Senior Sings of classes 1964 to 1967. For information call Martin Stein, 301-340-7060.

**CAREER WORKSHOP:** The Hunter College Career Counseling and Placement Office and Women's Study Program are sponsoring a two-session workshop on Women and Second Careers, be held on January 10 and 17, 1981. There is a \$45 admission fee; the second session includes a buffet lunch. Registration is limited. For information telephone 212-57-5638.

*Yes!*

I/We would live to join the Alumnae for Brunch. Here is my check for \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ reservations at \$2.00 each. I understand that I will pay the cost of my own meal. I enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Send my tickets to:

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Please tear off and mail with your check to Clarice Mertz, 11E, 710 West End Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10025. Your reservation must be received by January 14.

**NOTE:** To save on mailing and office costs, we do not bill our members for dues. Therefore, it is up to YOU to remember to pay the small annual amount that makes it possible for us to help the High School, conduct a Reunion, send out these mailings, and keep our files up to date.

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