

# AlumNotes

HUNTER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE/1 ASSOCIATION

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## REUNION—WHO'LL BE THERE?

Phone lines are humming again. Mailboxes are bulging again. Milestone classes are getting their acts and mailing lists together, planning, chatting, and looking forward to the grand get-together to come on May 18 at the Annual Reunion of the Alumnae/1 Association.

### THE GENERATIONS OF HUNTERITES

Our request in the last issue of ALUMNOTES for news of multiple Hunterites in a family has been generously heeded. We can report on a mother-daughter combination, several mother-son teams, and a few more entangled Hunter relationships.

We heard from Florence Reif Richman '49, whose daughter is Judy Richman '83; Ruth Radvany '47, whose son Paul '85 "enjoyed Hunter even more than I did, if that was possible"; Beverly Fischer Weinstein '53, the mother of David Weinstein '85; Ruth Selsky Brasch '47, whose son is Justin Brasch '83; and Marilyn Krochmal Gelfand '64, whose son Kenneth Gelfand is now in the 7th grade.

Shirley Dushkind Kraus '36 has a Hunter daughter-in-law, Barbara Kraus-Friedberg '70. Naomi F. Miller '68 tells us her aunt Ida, "but I can't think of her maiden name... 'P' something," was in the 1929 class.

Lillian Rosenfeld Vernon is the sister of two other Hunterites, Frieda Rosenfeld Isaacson '30 (deceased) and Irene Rosenfeld Davidson, '40 (or '41), as well as the mother of Lisa Sue Vernon '70.

Joan Gottlieb Adoff '51, and Minna Gottlieb Becker '44 are the daughters of Lillian Buchsbaum Gottlieb '14 (deceased).

From Elizabeth Ann (Betsy) Leitner Kovacs '61-'62 comes news of a double two-generation Hunter family. Betsy's son Toby Kovacs graduated last June. Toby's cousin, Jennifer Haines, is in 9th grade at Hunter, and Jennifer's mother (Betsy's sister, of course) is Ena Leitner Haines '63.

A more complicated genealogy was sent along by Gloria Landau Schlessel '50, whose sister is Beryl Landau Levenson '55. Gloria's son-in-law has two

Brunch will be served. Guest speaker will be Assistant Dean for the Campus Schools Evelyn Rich. Some of your favorite teachers have promised to join us. Will you be there? Here are a few of the people who've told us about their plans.

Ruth Kearns Fitzgerald '36 has wasted no time getting out a letter to her classmates, and early in March reported that she had already heard from Shirley Steinberg Schneller, Marjorie Greeley, and Alice O'Connor LaMonte. Meanwhile, Mildred Rubenstein Newman, seeking classmates from the January half of 1936, came to the Alumnae/1 Association's Midwinter Brunch. Can you join in the 50-year celebration? Telephone Dellora Howard Hercules at 212-838-7051 to let her know you're coming.

The class of '41 has been busy, too. Inez Cohn Levene, Betty Lewis Yanowitz, and Edythe Werner Riskin met at the home of Estelle Steinberg Charton to plan their 45th year reunion. For more information, telephone Inez at 914-668-1337; Edythe at 516-536-3543; or Beverly Goldberg Rogowsky at 914-967-5283.

If you're a member of the class of '46, you've probably already received a letter from Rhoda Sifry

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A first for a Hunterite! Laura E. Kay '77 stands at the entrance to the Amudsen-Scott South Pole Station. The temperature was  $-45^{\circ}$  F. For details, see under 1970s in All About You. . . .

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## EDITORIAL

This issue of ALUMNOTES observes, with mixed feelings, some Alumnae/i Association "firsts." Laura Kay '77 is surely the first Hunterite to reach, let alone spend a year at, the South Pole! Then there is our first hoax, perpetrated on an unwitting alumnus-correspondent (see article on page 6). Last but not least, this has been the first year in Hunter's administration for both Assistant Dean Evie Rich and Assistant Principal Dee Glick.

This is also an issue of tradition. We are about to celebrate the 15th Reunion of this revived Association. Exuberant Milestone Reunions have become a tradition in the fourteen years since we were convened and reborn. Our Meet-the-Members series of guest speakers at Steering Committee meetings through the year continues—we've lost count of how many members we've met in these informal talks! This semi-annual newsletter is another tradition, now completing its 12th year. And of particular importance to Hunter High is yet another tradition: the gifts from this Association and from Milestone classes. These gifts enrich all students, encourage diverse extra-curricular activities, and show today's student body that the bonds forged in the high school years are perpetuated through an active and involved Alumnae/i Association.

Hunter High has always had its traditions, and most of us have fond memories of several of them. We were, therefore, delighted to hear Dee Glick report that several old favorites are alive and well and being

## DEAR MEMBERS:

If you were asked to describe a typical Hunter High School graduate, you would perhaps be miffed to be asked to "package" us all together. Yet certain characteristics quickly surface: a quick, agile, inquiring mind; a quest for knowledge; a creative problem-solving approach; a need to succeed; a desire for quality education; a dedication to academic excellence; a deeply-rooted sense of commitment.

I'd like to talk, for a few minutes, about this deeply-rooted sense of commitment. How many of you know that it was this sense of commitment that spurred this organization into existence? That is the case: A group of dedicated Hunter High School graduates, along with spirited students, feisty parents, caring faculty, and knowledgeable politicians, prevented the demise of "our Hunter." They cared enough to devote month after month of labor toward one aim: "Let Hunter be alive and well," so that it could continue to be a bastion of superior education for those who can meet its standards and demands.

Are the rest of us carrying on this sense of commitment? Are we doing as much as we can for Hunter High in the present? Are we preparing to help Hunter move into the future? You can be part of the opportunity for growth as Hunter prepares for the students of the '90s and the 21st century. Join us, at Steering Committee meetings and Reunions. Join us to work with other Hunter graduates in strengthening our Hunter High School.

Fondly,  
Bunny Hauser  
President

carried on at Hunter. Dee, speaking in the Meet-the-Members series to a Steering Committee meeting held in the school library on March 15, told us that there's still Senior Day and a senior mascot (this year, a platypus), a sing, *What's What* and *Annals*. Dee came equipped with cameras, to record for posterity, and for a slide show for incoming students, the involved graduates of Hunter. As she put it, she wants them to know "that they're not just coming to a high school, they're coming to a tradition."

We couldn't have said it better (so we won't). We'll just invite you, as Hunter graduates, to come home to our traditions. Come to Reunion. You'll see.





## LIBRARY SEEKS YEARBOOKS, MICROFILMS AND FUNDS FOR NEW PROJECT ON GIFTED

Over the years, the Hunter High Library has been the recipient of many gifts from graduates. Harriet Aufses, librarian, would like to fill some gaps in the collection. We asked for an inventory of particular items, and Harriet has provided the following information:

1. HCHS Yearbooks in the Library: In Hunter's early years, the yearbooks were entitled *Argus*. Later, as most of us recall, that title was given to the literary magazine. Copies of the yearbook *Argus* are in the Library for the following classes: December 1914, January and June 1916, January 1927, June 1929, June 1930, and January 1933. *All other issues within that period are missing.* The situation is better for *Annals*. Most volumes from June 1929 to the present are in the collection. *Here are the missing dates:* January and June 1940, January 1943, January 1946, June 1947, January and June 1952, and 1969. If you have a yearbook to donate, please do so. If you can't bear to part permanently with an *Argus* or an *Annals*, but would be willing to lend a missing volume so it can be photocopied, please write to Harriet Aufses at the High School.
2. *The New York Times Index* and *The Times* on microfilm. The Library has a complete run of Indexes and microfilm from 1967 to the present. Alumnae have given Indexes for 1928, 1931, 1951 and 1956; microfilms for 1931 and 1951. *All other years up to and including 1966 are wanted.* Costs of Indexes are \$170 from 1930 to 1960, and \$195 for the 1960s. Microfilms of *The Times* start at \$660 for 1930 to 1945, are \$745 for 1946 to 1953, \$920 for the rest of the 1950s, and \$1070 from 1960 to the present. Class gifts at Milestone Reunion time can be earmarked for these purchases. While some of these prices are quite high, over two or three Milestone Reunions a class might be able to complete a donation for these purchases.
3. The High School Library is starting to build a comprehensive collection of books, periodicals, and nonprint materials relating to "the gifted." Contributions of classes and individuals toward this project would be welcomed.

### HUNTER HOTLINE

News of Alumnae/i Association activities is now being carried on the Hunter College High School Parent-Teacher Association Hotline. Call 212-860-5060 at any hour of the day or night to find out what's new at Hunter High.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Nominating Committee has proposed the following slate of officers for a two-year term to begin on June 1:

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Anne Hoffman '60  
Reginal Lobel Grosser '36  
Marian Abrahams Goldhamer '51  
Miriam Weissman '49  
Elaine Davis '53

The Nominating Committee has proposed an amendment to the Association's By-Laws. The proposed change would eliminate the position of Assistant Treasurer, and create a new position of Member-at-Large. These changes are shown in the nominations, above, and will be voted upon by the membership at the annual Reunion on May 18. They reflect changes in the day-to-day operations of the Association.

The Nominating Committee consisted of Fanny Kaufman Casher '28, chair, Marion Abrahams Goldhamer '51, and Vera Gordon. The slate will be elected at the general meeting of the Association, to be held at the Annual Reunion on Sunday, May 18. Additional nominations may be made by and member, in writing, to the Alumnae/i Association of Hunter College High School.

## TWO ELECTED TO COLLEGE HALL OF FAME

Among new members elected to the Hunter College Hall of Fame are two Hunter High alumnae, classmates Yvette Francis '42 and Lita Binns Osmundsen '42. They, along with the other honorees, will be inducted at the 116th Hunter College Birthday Luncheon, to be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel in New York City on May 3.

Yvette earned her B.A. magna cum laude from Hunter College in 1945, an M.A. in chemistry from Columbia University in 1946, and an M.D. from Yale University in 1950. She has been a pediatrician in private practice and an instructor in pediatrics at Downstate University Medical School and New York Hospital—Cornell University. Now a hematologist and researcher specializing in sickle cell anemia, she is director of the Sickle Cell Center in Brooklyn.

Lita earned her B.A. in anthropology at Hunter College in 1947, and completed doctoral studies at Columbia University. She has been affiliated with the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research throughout her career, having been director of research for many years before becoming president in 1978. In 1976 she received the American Anthropological Association Distinguished Service Award for her contributions to research and development of the field.



# All about you & you & you...

## 1980's

**Daniel SELTZER** '82, a Hunterite from the age of 3, and now a senior at Wesleyan University, has been running his own computer consulting firm since 1983. He writes to us about the "wonderful" Hunterites at school with him: **Daniel SULLIVAN (Sulli)** '82 is currently writing his thesis in the History department....**Ezequiel MENDEZ (Ziggy)** '83 is desperately trying to keep his remaining bits of Hunter t-shirts and jackets together, and is taking the graphics department here by storm. I just ran into **Giles RICHTER** '83 at brunch this morning, and he looks well. **Carla Kramer** '82 is president of everything and very influential in student politics around here. **Barbara FRIED** '83 is rarely seen away from her books, but assures me that she is well, and looking forward to studying abroad next year in Europe. The ever-elusive **John EPHRON** '82 is still alive and kicking, and is settling down to his thesis with characteristic nonchalance." Dan, thank you for your chatty and cheery news....**Richard LEVEY** '85 is one of the eight young stars on the PBS television series "High Feather." The program (Channel 13) offers examples of a good diet to viewers and has won many awards. Richard hopes "all my friends will see it."...**Jan VOLINSKY** '80 graduated from Tufts University and is a media planner at Calet, Hirsch & Spector advertising....**Daniel DORSKY** '81, Haverford '85 is a first year student at NYU Law School. "Hunter was essential in helping to prepare me for the rigors of these institutions", writes Daniel. He is looking for a summer job in a law firm and wonders if any Hunter alums can be of help. You can reach him at 120 West 70 Street, NY 10023....**David WALLACE** '81, having graduated from Northwestern University, is a reporter for the Ft. Lauderdale News & Sun-Sentinel, the morning and evening newspapers in Broward County, FL....**Rebecca HANTIN** '81, Amherst '85, is still in Amherst working with a group of students on a video documentary about Amherst's transition to coeducation. Rebecca also sends us information about three of her Hunter friends: **Linda REME** '81, Amherst '85, is attending Downstate Medical School in Brooklyn; **Amy GLUCKMAN** '81, Harvard '85, is in her first year at Yale Law School; **Anne HERMANOWSKI** '82 will receive a B.S.-M.S. in molecular biochemistry and biophysics from Yale this May and will enter a Ph.D. program in the fall....**Charles KRONENGOLD** '84, attending Yale College, has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities' Young Scholar's Program. His research project is entitled "Issues of Musical Text Setting as Revealed in Alfonso Ferrabosco's 1609 Setting of Donne's *The Expiration* and Elliot Carter's Recent Setting of John Ashbery's *Syringa*."

## 1970's

**Laura E. KAY** '77 may be the first Hunterite ever to visit the South Pole! She arrived at the Amundsen-Scott

South Pole Station in November '84, where she operated experiments in upper atmosphere physics and astronomy. The station is closed to the outside world from February to November; Laura was one of only two women, and 19 people altogether, who stayed for the entire year. In January she returned to graduate school at Lick Observatory, University of California, Santa Cruz, to complete work on a Ph.D. in astronomy....**Judith GRAFF Daly** '76 received her M.S.W. degree in 1982 and works as a social worker for Vermont. She was married in May '82 to Paul Daly and gave birth to Amanda Beth in April '85....**Patricia FAGIN Pappas** '70 writes to us from Ann Arbor, MI. She was a bank officer in Maryland before her relocation but is now a full-time mom to her 3-year-old daughter. She sends us news on her sister **Kathi FAGIN** '72, an endocrinologist (Ph.D.) doing research with Amgen, Inc. of Thousand Oaks, Calif. Pat's friend **Shelley ARRIAN Fleit** '70 is a full-time researcher at Stonybrook (S.U.N.Y.) and has two children....

## 1960's

**Katheryn KANAREK James** '66 has been working for over seven years at Ft. Leavenworth, KS as a GS-13 electronics engineer on Army intelligence systems....**Deborah TANNEN** '62 is Associate Professor of Linguistics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. Her book *That's Not What I Meant: How Conversational Style Makes or Breaks Your Relations with*

## IN MEMORIAM

Toba SEINFELD Krause '29 died suddenly in Sarasota, Florida, on December 5. In our last issue we quoted in *All About You* a letter from Toba of her delight in meeting a younger alumna as a result of an item in ALUMNOTES. Remembering her continued interest in Hunter High Alumnae, her classmate Estelle Siskind wrote to us.

Esther LIPCHITZ Cashman '30 died in September 1985. Esther, who had taught in New York City schools for many years, attended Hunter High reunions and Hunter College Birthday Luncheons whenever possible, despite her illness for the last five years, writes Minnie Klein Feltenstein '30.

Pearl De Vonish '42 died on May 31, 1984. Alma Lyons Russell '42 recently informed us.

Heather REID Schaffzin '59 died of cancer in July, 1984. (See MATHEMATICS BOOKSHELF, page 5.)

Lois PILSON Secundy '64 died of cancer on December 21. Lois had been a talented and much-loved social worker and folk-dancer. A memorial service held on January 12 was attended by her parents and over one hundred friends, lovers, colleagues and clients.

Barbara RUKOWER '67 was killed in an automobile accident, writes Heidi Javna Ruthchild-Rasin, '67.

Luisa Ghnassia, acting chair of the Foreign Language Department, died suddenly in March, 1986.



# Alumna Grams

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## GENERATIONS

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Hunter aunts—Maxine Esan Silbergleit '38 and Edith Monter Haas '55. A cousin of Gloria's and Beryl's is Ruth Singer Dickstein '50. Every Milestone Reunion must be a family reunion as well for these '50 and '55 pairs!

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Another family fivesome was reported to us by the mother of three sons who attend or have attended Hunter. Jonathan Burstein '84, Michael Burstein '87 and Joshua Burstein '89 are the nephews of Deborah Burstein Karp '39 and Miriam Burstein '41. Miriam, of course, was long a member of the English Department, and its chair until her retirement four years ago. The family's Hunter history was sent in by Eleanor C. Burstein, who writes, "HCHS has educated my sons so well that although I'm not a HCHS alumna, I feel as if I should be an honorary one—I feel that special closeness with the school." Eleanor, we welcome you as an honorary alumna! Take us up on it anytime!

Alumnae, alumni, wherever you are—send us more news of your extended Hunter families!

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, publish and mail ALUMNOTES, conduct a Reunion, and keep our files up to date.

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- ☐ I enclose an additional contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (please fill in) to aid Hunter High.
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make news in Westchester, where she is president of the Divorce Mediation League. Lorraine has recently spoken at a seminar on Personal Financial Planning, teaches a workshop entitled "How to Start a Business—A Course for Women Entrepreneurs," and has addressed the Clinical Division of the Westchester County Psychologists' Association... **Sonia SCHWEID Reizes** '43, now living in Lexington, MA received news of old acquaintances via ALUMNOTES. She writes that her class had a mini-reunion in Los Angeles when she, **Sylvia BRANDEL Lubow** and **Ruth KOTOK Landau** got together... **Adele HIRSCHFIELD Shulman** '46 received two phone calls as a result of our last ALLUMNOTES requesting information on the milestone class of '46. Others she would like to locate for a pre-reunion before May 18th are: **Esther ROSNER**, **Muriel MARGOLIS Baum**, **Rhoda BRETTSCHEIDER**, **Judy JARVIS**, **Inez BETANCOURT** and their Big Sister **Marion STILES**... **Eileen FELDMAN Leeds** '46, a chemical engineer, has her own design and construction firm for residential and commercial buildings. She recently moved to Stamford, CT and is looking forward to her milestone reunion.

*1930's and earlier*

**Pauline Cleo SCHLESINGER** '38 was chair of the

Communications and Theatre Department at HCHS (now part of the English Department) until her retirement eight years ago. Since then she has been the director (and initiator) of the only community service program in Westchester County for foreign-born newcomers, matching a foreign-born adult with a native-born speaker of English. She has been invited to institute this program at Manhattanville College in Purchase, NY... A letter from **Juliette TOURBACHER Benton** '16, still residing in Manhattan, was very welcome indeed. She writes that she has had an active career and is now writing book and play reviews professionally for the Fairfield County Times. She is in the Hunter College Hall of Fame.

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### WHERE WAS YOUR HUNTER?

No gathering of Hunterites is complete without some references to an "annex" or the "old building" or the "office building." We have been a peripatetic institution, it seems, from Day One. Indeed, we do not even know how many buildings have been home to Hunter High! How many buildings do you remember? Where were they? How did you get there from your home? What were the neighborhood institutions? What stories can you tell? Tell us what you remember; if enough of you write in, we'll be able to put together a history of Hunter locations.

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