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WHERE TO NOW?

By Mildred Speiser, '49, President

As the High School moves into a new era with a new building, a new name--the Hunter Campus Schools--and as a co-ed school, the HCHS Alumnae must ask, "Where do we go from here?"

The Hunter Campus Schools consist of the elementary through high school levels, all now located in one building. Hunter High now has but one entrance exam yearly; that is for admittance to the 7th grade. To qualify for taking this exam, students' math and reading must be $3\frac{1}{2}$ years above grade level on standard tests. In addition, 25% of the entering class are disadvantaged students with potential from Manhattan recommended by their elementary schools; these students participate in a summer program to prepare them for Hunter High.

The High School population in the coming year will be about 50% male. It is now expected that as few as 50 girls will graduate next June.

These figures have caused much consternation and discussion among those of us on the Executive Committee of the Alumnae Association. We, who knew Hunter as a place that promoted and developed leadership of women when there were only limited avenues, see the opportunities for quality education for women becoming diluted rapidly at this time.

We feel we must hear from you, the Alumnae, on Where Do We Go From Here--in our relationship to the new Hunter College High School.

HOLD THAT DATE

<u>Theater Party</u> Equity Library Theatre 103rd St. & Riverside Dr.	January 29, 1978 2:30 PM
<u>Sunday Luncheon</u> The Worry Bead 585 Ave. of the Americas (bet. 16th & 17th Sts.)	February 12, 1978 2:30 PM
<u>Annual Reunion</u> Hunter College H.S. 94th St. & Park Ave.	May 21, 1978 2:00 PM

LET'S GET TOGETHER

Now that Hunter High is safely ensconced in its new building, your Alumnae Association is turning more of its energies to its primary constituency--YOU. In your letters and conversations, you have asked for mini-reunions and other ways of getting together. As starters, we are sponsoring two events for this winter, with other activities to follow. Please continue to send us your suggestions for programs; if you would like to serve on a program-planning committee, please write and tell us. We remind you also that every meeting of the Executive Committee is a mini-event, to which all alumnae are welcome. The 1977-78 schedule of meetings follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Agenda</u>
January 21	Selection of Nominating Committee; planning for Reunion and other events.
March 4	Report of Nominating Committee; deadline for copy for Spring issue of Alumnotes.
April 8	Clerical meeting to mail Alumnotes; all hands wanted.

All meetings are called for 12:30 PM and are held in the High School building; all feature an update on school news.

Theater Party - As a social event (and small fund-raiser), the Alumnae Association is sponsoring a Theater Party on January 29, 1978. We will see a Sunday matinee (2:30PM) performance of the Equity Library Theatre's revival of the Rogers and Hammerstein musical Allegro. It is offered by a delightful professional company in an intimate off-Broadway theater at 103rd Street and Riverside Drive. Bring your friends, children, spouses. Plan to meet classmates for brunch before or cocktails and dinner afterward. To order your tickets, please see the tear-off on page 5. Note that all orders, accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope, must be received by Friday, January 13.

Lunch with the Alumnae - Enjoy an informal dining experience with an interesting cross-section of Hunter graduates on Sunday, February 12. We meet at 2:30 PM at The Worry Bead, a restaurant whose middle-eastern and vegetarian cuisine was highly recommended by NEW YORK TIMES food critic Mimi Sheraton. The Worry Bead is at 585 Avenue of the Americas, between 16th and 17th Streets. No need to RSVP--just come. Bring your own wine.

EDITORIAL

FINDING YOUR CLASSMATES

Do you have a class anniversary coming up soon? If the year of your graduation from Hunter High ends with a "3" or an "8," yours is this year's anniversary class. On another page in this issue you will read about how Joyce Hines spurred her class to get together for its 30th anniversary at last year's Reunion. We had a healthy representation of our class of '51 to celebrate our Silver Anniversary at the 1976 Reunion. And Phyllis Lekashman Glantz had a terrific turnout of the class of '50 the year before that. And who can forget the enthusiasm with which the class of '66 responded to Beanie's call for a 10th anniversary get-together? We know Fanny Casher is busy at this very moment getting her class of 1928 rounded up to celebrate its Golden Anniversary with us on May 21.

If you haven't tried to locate lost classmates, you're in for a happy surprise. Here's what happens:

You start with our class lists (see page 4 to find out how to get a copy of yours). Let's face it--almost every class list is incomplete. It's not easy to locate names and addresses after all these years--we women do change both with some frequency! But every name leads to another--and sometimes to more than one. With a snowball effect, the names and addresses accumulate; and before you know it, you've filled in half the remaining gaps in the mailing list.

And Roberta and Gloria and Natalie are delighted to hear from you. Gloria remembers that Betty is in Lagos; Fanny thinks Audre lives on Staten Island; your husband remembers that Marion's husband once worked at a certain location. Someone else knows that Dorothy lives in the same town your mother lives in now; Judy met Renee at a children's camp years ago; Diane's new book was reviewed in the TIMES--and before long you've added a dozen new names to the mailing list! And Jean and Joan and Marilyn and Dolores and Barbara and Esther are all able to come to the Reunion. And everybody assures you you haven't changed a bit they'd know you anywhere and you tell them the same thing (although you all know there's a small bit of exaggeration involved) and you compare notes on careers and children and travel and reminiscences and you go out for dinner together and for once husbands and children can wait while you renew your acquaintance with the people with whom you shared the most important

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1978 BUDGET ADOPTED

We present, with some pride, the Alumnae Association's Budget, as figured by Treasurer Sara Robbins Schoenwetter and presented to the Executive Committee meeting held on October 22:

	Actual 1976-77	Proposed 1977-78
<u>Income</u>		
Dues	\$2,420.00	\$2,600.00
Contributions	88.70	100.00
Reunion	602.00	600.00
Alumnagrams	20.00	25.00
Interest	300.00*	250.00
Subtotal	3,420.70	3,575.00
Donations for HCHS	1,217.50	1,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,648.20	\$4,575.00
<u>Expenses</u>		
Office supplies	\$ 92.73	\$ 100.00
Postage	270.11	300.00
Printing	375.65	400.00
Telephone	31.68	35.00
Reunion	500.65	500.00
Student honoraria, awards, gifts	160.64	450.00
Miscellaneous, inc. \$150 for membership development	175.76	175.00
Subtotal	1,607.22	1,960.00
Donations to HCHS	2,000.00	2,000.00
	\$3,607.22	\$3,960.00
Surplus	\$1,040.98	\$ 615.00

*Estimated

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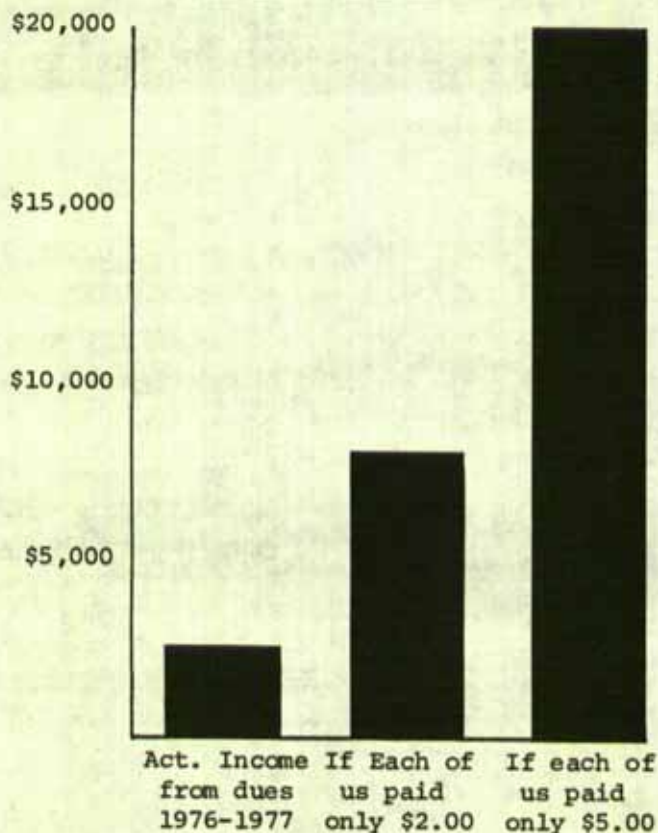
BUDGET (continued)

There are several points to be made about this budget. First, you will note that there are no expenses for salaries or office staff. Office and other running expenses are kept minimal. All time and most telephone calls and similar expenses are donated. (Did any other organization ever run on less than \$35 telephone costs a year?)

Second, the largest expenditure is our donation to the High School--as much as we can spare. The two next highest expenditures are incurred in the printing and mailing of two issues of this newsletter and in the costs, including limited advertising, of holding an annual reunion. We are stretching our income as far as it can go to keep our membership informed and to aid Hunter High.

Last, and far from least, we call your attention to the income from dues. The graph below shows clearly what our actual income from membership dues now is, and what it would be if every alumna would send a small \$5.00 check for annual membership. This issue of Alumnotes is being mailed to more than 4,000 former Hunterites--a dramatic increase from our beginning days of only five years ago when we had well under 1,000 unverified names and addresses. But fewer than

INCOME FROM DUES



one-eighth of these alumnae have taken the time to write a check and send it along.

We are proud we've been able to do all of the things we've done--keep in touch with you all, expand our mailing list, hold Reunions, put old friends in touch with one another, support Hunter in its successful effort to find a permanent building, and contribute to the special needs of this special school. Won't you help us do more by getting out your checkbook and sending in your check for \$5.00 today? We needn't tell you what a small cost that is compared to the value of your years at Hunter. And what we could do for the school with your aid!

ALL ABOUT YOU AND YOU AND YOU AND YOU ..

We received a lovely letter from SIBYLLA ALICE MELLOW '21, who remembers that "we who were shifted from 108 St. to 93 St. and back to 108 St. never thought Hunter High would get that promised building. Now that you have a beautiful new building, I'm sending a wish and a prayer that all who are the proud possessors of the building will revel in the unusual education one receives at Hunter High. Love the new building as we love and cherish our memories and our friendships formed so very long ago." Sibylla recalls that, as a student teacher, she taught a Hunter High English class held on "the balcony of a decrepit building on East 85 St." ... GERTRUDE MORCHAND MARRETT '22, Hunter College '26, who has taught in New York City and Los Angeles public schools, was elected to the Hunter College Hall of Fame in 1974; she has been active in College Alumni Association service, and as a community volunteer working with underprivileged children, the elderly and shut-ins; following her own disabling illness, she resumed an active volunteer career of service, demonstrating rehabilitation techniques... JUDITH KAY SOLOWAY '57 is an art dealer in Fairfield, Connecticut. She writes: "I enjoyed the reunion but wish more of my 1957 classmates had attended. BORISSE PAULIN and I are hoping to plan a reunion for next year--our 21st." Classmates can write Judith at 105 Calico Lane, Fairfield, CT, 06430. Borisse, who got her M.D. from Temple University in '69, is now a cardiologist in private practice in New York, where she is a member of the executive board of the Women's Medical Association. She writes, "I have a great feeling of loyalty to HCHS--it and its teachers made me what I am today."... FRANCIS SHAPIRO IVKER '57, writes from New Orleans to announce that, with a Ph.D. in biology and three (continued on page 4)

ALL ABOUT YOU AND YOU AND YOU AND YOU (continued)

to hear from some of her "long-lost classmates."...PHYLLIS LEVINE DONNENFELD '48 is a patient advocate at Mid-Island Hospital, Bethpage, NY...B. CHARLOTTE WAREMBAT SCHREIBER '49 is now associate professor of geology at Queens College and also a research fellow at Lamont Geological Observatory. She writes: "We can make it work even with a late start. I took my Ph.D. in December '74 from Rennsselaer Polytechnic Institute. Please tell the girls at Hunter it becomes easier to focus (and learn) as you get older. Take heart, oh alumnae! Furthermore, anti-female feelings are dying in industry and in universities. Oh yes there are MCP's but they are dying off."...We're sure HELENE STREISFELD WEISS, also '49, agrees. After an M.A. in psychology from Syracuse University in '51, Helen had five children and received her J.D. in 1974 from Case Western Reserve Law School. An attorney in private practice, and active in the League of Women Voters and various bar associations, Helene lives in Shaker Heights, Ohio...ROSE DAVIDSON BARASH of the class of '11, tells us that her granddaughter, ANNE F. BARASH '73, graduated from the University of Chicago in June '77. (Any more grandmother-granddaughter alumnae? Let's hear from you.)...ANNE REINGOLD '76 has been coordinator for Robert Wagner, Jr.'s campaign for the Manhattan Borough Presidency. A former N.Y. coordinator in the Carter campaign and aide to Ted Weiss in his successful Congressional bid, Hunter's Miss Reingold is viewed around City Hall as the whiz kid of reform politics. She got her start in politics distributing leaflets for McCarthy at the age of 8...JACQUELINE BERRY '72, Hampton Institute magna cum laude '77, is attending Howard University School of Medicine; she writes to tell us that MARTHA BAKES '72, Barnard '76, is at Columbia Law School; MYRA BASNER '72 is studying at Hebrew University, Jerusalem; and ANN BAER EHRLICH '72, S.U.N.Y. Binghamton '76 is living in Jerusalem...

(Let's hear from more recent graduates. We're eager to know how and what you're all doing.)

FINDING YOUR CLASSMATES (continued)

addresses came in for every class from 1927 to the present, we'd have five hundred new Alumnae to write to!

So--classes of '33, '38, '43, '48, '53, '58, '63 '68, and '73--get started now! You're just in time to start writing and phoning so you'll have a real reunion with us in May. See you then!

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KILROY RETURNS!

By Joyce Hines, '47

Realizing that its 30-year anniversary was at hand, the class of 1947 spent a fascinating bi-centennial year searching out the whereabouts of as many of its farflung members as possible and held a joyous and super-animated milestone reunion at the general Alumnae Association reunion in the new building on June 5, 1977.

By bus, by train, by car, and plane they came--nearly 40 class members from all parts of New York City and Long Island, upper New York State, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts, and even as far away as Florida--eager to see old friends and hear news of those who hadn't been able to attend. Members of the class of '47 were among the first to arrive and the last to leave; the afternoon was far too short for all the catching up to be done.

This reunion was a vital tribute to the bond of lasting friendship and loyalty that forms one of the greatest strengths of Hunter High women, and was a moving witness to the truth that friendship is indeed the wine of life.

The class of '47 intends to continue seeking out as many more of its members as possible. A complete list of names at graduation (over 300, covering both the January and June groups) is available, with current names and addresses for about 125 members. For a copy of the list and/or to help fill in gaps, write Joyce Hines, 1947 class representative, at 655 E. 14 Street, New York City 10009. (Please enclose a self-addressed #10 envelope, with 24 cents in stamps, for a copy of the list.)

 * CLASS LISTS *
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 * Class lists, as up-to-date as we can make them;
 * are available. To receive one, please send a *
 * stamped, self-addressed #10 envelope to the *
 * HCHS Alumnae Association, Hunter College High *
 * School, 94th Street and Park Avenue, New York *
 * 10028. Be sure to indicate the year of *
 * graduation. *
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IF WE DIDN'T ANSWER

We're organized at last--more or less. But we apologize to all who may have written us within the last year and received no answer. The Association's files and correspondence were held in cartons, anticipating moving day for Hunter High. Then this move was postponed from September '76 until January '77. And our property continued to be stored until the school was settled in its new quarters and office space was assigned and storage areas organized. Not until last spring could we begin to sort out the files, a task that had to be suspended during the past summer while the air-conditioning system was being--we hope--repaired. Furthermore, it wouldn't be at all surprising if, in the confusion of the past year at Hunter, some incoming mail went astray. In addition, please bear in mind that, with only volunteers to handle all correspondence, things do get backed up. Sooner or later we will answer you, probably in these pages; but if we don't, please write again.

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school-age children, she is now "a licensed M.D. in the State of Louisiana (and) a struggling, not-so-young intern, fighting frustration, exhaustion and every bacteria known to Man, in the second largest, least-equipped hospital in the U.S."...SARA ROBBINS SCHOENWETTER '65, our meticulous treasurer, was elected Editor-in-Chief of the Brooklyn Journal of International Law of Brooklyn Law School for 1977-78...JACQUELINE BROOKES '48, an actress, was a member of the women's draw in the Fourth Annual Broadway Theater Tennis Tournament held in June in New York; she was the winner in the 1974 tournament...CLAUDIA FANTINO ZIZZO '53 writes from Palermo, Italy, where she has been living since 1959. She teaches English privately and is "wholeheartedly into local feminist activities. There is much more to be done here than in States, of course, and this is perhaps why the 'movimento' here is, on the whole, much more radical." Claudia would like to exchange information and "offer a cup of very strong coffee and local sweets to any alums visiting Palermo." Write her at Viale delle Alpi 40, 90144 Palermo...KAREN BOXER RINGEL '67 writes from a suburb of Phoenix that she has been a pre-school teacher, is expecting her second child, and would like to get back in touch with members of her class...EVELYN KONRAD JERESKI '46 has been running her own economic and business consulting firm, got her B.A. and M.A. at Stanford Univ., and has been working toward her Ph.D. at NYU; has written several books published by the American Management Association, and literally hundreds of articles, and has been economic affairs correspondent for NBC-TV--and has a "super husband and four children" and hopes (continued on page 6)

THEATER PARTY

Yes, I/we would love to join the Alumnae to see Allegro. Here is my check for \$___ for ___ tickets @ \$5.00 each. I enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Send my tickets to:

City	State	Zip
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FINDING YOUR CLASSMATES (continued)

If your class is so scattered that you can only get a handful of names, don't despair! If only five new names and current (continued on page 6)

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.

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

Do you have a message to send? Here's your chance to communicate with thousands of your fellow alumnae at one fell swoop. Send an ALUMNA-GRAM. Your check for \$5 made out to HCHS Alumnae Assn. will buy you three lines of copy in our next issue due in the spring of 1977. Send your copy in now while you have it in mind. You 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:

* HIGH C's *
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* Cordial congratulations to Rose Weisen Reiss *
* and Teddy Christon for cleverly and completely *
* coordinating, conveying, collaborating, com- *
* municating, and clarifying (without calamity) *
* the complicated concatenation that consti- *
* tuted our annual convocation. *
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CURRENT SURNAME	SURNAME WHILE AT HUNTER	FIRST NAME	CLASS
STREET ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
TELEPHONE NUMBER			