

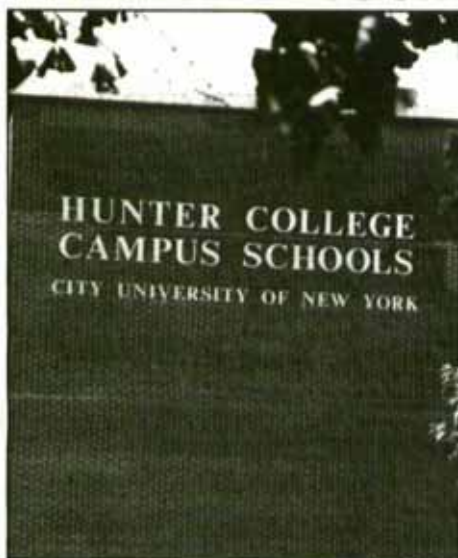
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Hunter Online

Peggy Betz Perrin '57

Hunter students and faculty returning from summer vacation were greeted by a number of high technology surprises. Most exciting is the expansion of computer services to a third computer laboratory. Hunter now has its dream "super laboratory": 30 new Pentium computers with three new servers, all ready to help meet the rapidly increasing demand for classroom and individual use of the labs. The second and third computer laboratories provide access to 60 IBM-compatible 486 workstations. An upgraded Novell network supports this expansion.

More and better software for classroom applications is being developed, and faculty are scheduling more time in the labs for their students. Now, in addition to individual e-mail accounts and homework exchange, faculty and students will use such software packages as interactive CD-ROMS and textbooks in English; a Latin review program offered by the Foreign Language Department; and MIDI keyboards for music composition. Four new projection units have been added to the school's equipment for use by VCRs and computers. Two of the units will be attached to the two mobile computer teaching carts.

Continued expansion and use of the computer facilities have been accompanied by increased awareness of the responsibility borne by all who use the new technology. Guidelines and regulations have been developed for all students using the labs.

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Alumnae/i Incorporate as Independent Non-Profit

Jody Leight '72 and
Christina Mason '75

It did not exactly come as a surprise that alums participating in the vote at Reunion '97 were unanimous in their agreement to ratify our conversion to its new, improved form as an independent non-profit corporation. While it may not be startling news, however, it is good news. Our new form allows for greater participation by alums whether or not they can attend the annual meeting in person and allows

for a wealth of new opportunities to raise money for the High School.

Our new form allows for greater participation because it will now be possible, for the first time, for members to vote by mail proxy. It will also be possible for the first time for nominations for Board members to come from sources outside the nominating committee as well as from the nominating committee. Information about candidates and their proposed activities as Board

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Editor's Note

Jody Leight '72

I asked for submissions and I got them. Letters, articles, poems, pictures, address lists, e-mail, bouquets, brickbats, and the occasional chocolate chip cookie. All I can say is: keep those cards and letters coming, folks.

Any mail is welcome, but I hope you'll take the time to respond to the privacy survey included in the membership form on p.15. One of the main reasons people join an alum association is to stay in touch with classmates, but the Association's long-standing policy on privacy has precluded sharing address information with HCHS alums. The Association will never allow its mailing list to be used for commercial purposes, but it should be possible for members to get in touch with each other. Your response to the privacy survey will allow us to share or withhold information based on members' wishes.

If you haven't already joined this year, remember that your dues allow *AlumNotes* to be published and fund what we hope will be continuing improvements in service to alums and to the High School. We've had our growing pains and made a few mistakes along the way (see Letters to the Editor) but the newsletter as well as the Association have had a wonderful few months of growth and change since we officially became an independent non-profit corporation in June. Our membership rolls have grown by more than half since the beginning of the summer, and more alums of all generations are finding ways to be active participants no matter where they live or what their schedules are like. Major improvements in the High School library are being underwritten by the Association. Expanded membership benefits are in the works, but they're not the reason to join. Join because joining gives you a bigger voice in your Association and helps the Association support the High School. □

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 or on an IBM-compatible diskette or can be e-mailed to jleight@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu.

Letters to the Editor

Errata multa

To the Editor:

Re *AlumNotes* feature headed IN MEMORIUM:

Could a Hunter grad have made an error like that? Impossible! Don't they take Latin anymore?

Hilda ABRAHAMS Satran '46

To the Editor:

I had a good giggle over Dickie KESSLER Miller's letter on page 2 of the Spring '97 edition of *AlumNotes*.

So she was upset by the construction, "Her and her sister..."? Wonder what she thought of the de-

scription of Daphne Schuyler as "a printmaker and paper-maker which runs a art gallery in Ithaca" on page 6? And how about the heading "In Memorium" on page 9?...

Don't mind me. Even overachieving Hunter girls get the blues—and make plenty of mistakes while they're at it.

Lorna KRAUT Churchill '46

To the Editor:

I noticed a couple of typos in the Spring 1997 *AlumNotes*: my name, at the head of [Mildred Busch's] obituary, was "WILLAMS"; and 2) in the INDEX on p. 1, "In Memorium" - what, no spell check?!! (should be *memoria*m). But it still looks VERY professional.

Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61

(*Genae meae rubescunt. -Ed.*)

Plus ça change...

To the Editor:

Some years ago when you held a reunion meeting in Washington, DC I attended and enjoyed the company. I was, naturally, the oldest alum in attendance. I graduated HCHS in 1926!!

It is very unlikely that I will attend any of your meetings in NYC, although truth to tell, I'd like to see your building. We had *none*, and were housed in *parts* of elementary schools.

Lyda PINKUS Rochmis '26 □

Average SAT Scores for 1996

Bronx High School of Science	V 620	M 645
Stuyvesant High School	V 675	M 700
Hunter College High School	V 720	M 700

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President's Letter

Yvonne Naum '49

At our annual Reunion and Homecoming on June 1, 1997, we acknowledged the twenty-fifth anniversary of our Association and made an exciting transformation. The membership approved our incorporating as an independent non-profit organization. What does this mean? It means that we will continue programs that have been so significant for so many of us. Additionally, we are developing new ones to reflect who we are and wish to become.

We are seeing positive results of meetings that occurred last year between Association Board Members and Dr. Miserandino (Director, Hunter College Campus Schools), Timothy Harwood (Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Hunter College), and Polly SMITH Breland '68 (Director of Admissions, Hunter College Campus Schools). This next year, we look forward to further developing our ties with the High School and continuing to increase our contributions. We know that our contributions make a difference.

We are pursuing more direct alumnae/i contact with Hunter's staff, its students and their parents. In this connection, a group of Alums and High School children's parents will visit the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (in New York City) on Sunday, November 9th at 2 p.m. We will be hosted there by alumna Carmen BELL Matthew '49. If you'd like more information about this event, call me directly at 212-362-4698.

Your being in touch is helpful and meaningful to me. I look forward to your continued notes and phone calls.

There's so much we can do together. □

REUNION/HOMECOMING '98

Angelica Petrides '49

Early and never-too-early preparations are underway for Reunion/Homecoming '98, to be held on Sunday, June 7th, 1998 at Hunter College High School, Park Avenue and East 94th Street, Manhattan. All graduates are invited to meet and to participate. We'll have special activities planned for non-milestoners as well as milestoneers this year.

Milestone classes: do consider arranging extra activities for a Hunter Reunion weekend! If you are interested in serving as a Coordinator for a Milestone Class, please call me at (212) 288-1597. Non-milestoners, too, can network at Reunion/Homecoming to plan for their future Milestone year or to continue the happy fellowship/galship of a past reunion. Remember, any class can plan for a special day in June. Just telephone me for room arrangements. Coordinators may also call to receive a list of class members' names and addresses. The Alumnae/i Association will reimburse each class for the cost of one mailing - printing and postage - upon submission of receipts. Each class coordinator is expected to provide the Association with a class list, including any rediscovered "lost" members and any changes in address and telephone numbers.

I'll work with the class contact person, providing ideas, suggestions,

techniques for getting the class energized, and moral support. Now is the time to start telephoning your classmates and forming a core group to work on special festivities for your class.

It's also a good idea to send representatives to the Winter Brunch for more brainstorming. (Milestoneers from 1952 and earlier might want to consider having separate January and June contacts to work with their respective groups while coordinating with one another.)

Last year, 300 alums attended Reunion. They became the voting members of our corporation, which we now enjoy and from which we are functioning. Come be a part of our new plateau in '98! □

Class Coordinators as of press time:

1938	Evelyn B. Schaefer (516) 742-1967 (Looking for other '38 alumnae to help organize the class.)
1948 Jan.	Rose Knopf (718) 848-1246
1948 June	Miriam Kostiner Roschelle (914) 793-6641 Florence Weber Klein (718) 279-4316
All other years are open at this time.	

Ring Cycle Complete

The missing owner of the HCHS ring sent in to the office back in Spring has been found.

Eugene Goodwin '87 mislaid his ring while visiting his Mom in Maine earlier this year.

He was in the middle of moving back to New York by the time the office tracked down his most recent previous address, in Virginia, but the peripatetic Gene was reunited with his ring and his classmates when he returned to the High School for his tenth reunion on June 1st. Jason Sabatino of the America East Company in Orono, Maine, was the Good Samaritan who found the ring and took the time to find the Association so we could return the ring. He has our sincere thanks. □



Chapter Update

Vera Julia Gordon '47

Alums are busy creating and growing chapters. We now know about new groups in the following areas: Chicago, Northern New England, Southern Connecticut, Greater Boston, Southern Westchester, the Hudson Valley area, and Israel, as well as a thriving Recent Alums Group.

We also hear that there are other groups, so why not make yourselves a chapter. We can help you locate other alums in your area. Just get in touch with me at 334 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, NY 11218-4342 / (718) 282-6693. We can provide you with names and addresses or data on an IBM-compatible disk or via e-mail if you will inform me of the ZIP codes you wish to use as your recruitment base. We can assist with costs for one mailing.

Chapters can be geographic, or by interest areas, or both. Also, when you send me your chapter news and plans, we can publicize them for you, and your ideas can encourage other chapters just getting underway. It's often all quite informal, but it's great to meet other HCHS grads and to network. Let's keep in touch! □

Incorporation

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members will be sent to all members in good standing before the annual meeting. The way officers are elected has also changed. Rather than being elected directly, as they were in the past, officers are now chosen by the Board from among Board members and can be removed the same way. Officers for this year are: President, **Yvonne Naum '49**; Executive Vice President, **Angelica Petrides '49**; Vice Presidents, **Josh Burstein '89** and **Vera Gordon '47**; Treasurer, **Christina Mason '75**; Assistant Treasurer, **Jody Leight '72**; and Secretary, **Elaine Brand '63**.

Our new form also allows us more options to raise funds. We are awaiting receipt of confirmation of our non-profit status from the IRS. Once this is approved, most contributions made to the Association after July 1, 1997 will be fully tax-deductible. We will also be eligible for matching grants for the first time. Many companies will match an employee's donation to a charitable organization; some companies will make a double

contribution to match the contribution of an employee who is on a charitable organization's Board of Directors or contributes more than fifty hours a year of volunteer work a year to the charity.

The Association has not waited for official confirmation of our new status to begin increased giving to the High School. We've recently underwritten major improvements to the High School library. You don't have to wait for official confirmation either. Also, bear in mind that most employers with matching grant programs will match eligible contributions made within the calendar or fiscal year. If you've already made a contribution this year, it's worth looking into whether your employer might be willing to match your contribution.

We're off to a promising start in our new incarnation. With your active participation and contributions, we can keep the office functioning and continue to increase our contributions to our alma mater. □

Boston Chapter Forms

Michael A. Burstein '87 has volunteered to become the Boston Area Coordinator for the Alumnae/i Association. If you're in the Boston area and are interested in hooking up with other Hunter alums, contact Michael at (617) 734-6460 or by e-mail at mab@world.std.com.

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Alumnae/i Gifts for the High School

Members of several milestone classes contributed generously this year to the Library upgrade and computerization projects as well as for other ongoing needs at the High School. The class of 1977 contributed almost \$2,300 to the library as its class gift. The class of 1957 contributed \$1,300 for the Library, and the class of 1967 contributed \$1,100, which was earmarked for Women's Studies materials for the Library. The Science Department got a boost from the class of 1947, which commemorated its 50th anniversary with a gift of \$2,850. The Department is using the gift for several purchases, including a larger refrigerator for the storage of chemical

solutions, an additional overhead projector for a classroom, and some new reference texts for faculty and students in advanced classes. Microscope storage cabinets are still needed, but this purchase may be delayed until plans are completed for lab renovations to make sure the cabinets are the right size to fit in the redesigned lab. Individual contributions have been received in memory of **Nettie JUDELS Greenfield '28** from an anonymous alumna and grateful former student as well as for the Mildred Busch Memorial Fund.

Belated acknowledgments are in order for the classes of 1961 and 1976.

Their combined class gifts in 1996 were used to put up the attractive new sign on the Campus Schools building. Now everyone can tell what's there for the first time. An extremely belated acknowledgment is in order for the class of 1934, which donated \$1800 on the occasion of its 50th anniversary in 1984 earmarked for the purchase of *The New York Times* on microfilm for their graduating year. A class representative recently inquired about the gift, as the class had never received confirmation of its receipt. Library staff was able to inform us that the gift was used to purchase the microfilm and the index for 1934 for student use. □

Give Us a Ring

As we went to press, an alumna (Class of '42) from Albuquerque called to tell us that she had found a class ring some years ago belonging to an unknown alumna, Class of '50. Because we had up-to-date information about her in our database, we were able to locate the ring's owner in the San Francisco Bay area and get her in touch with her Good Samaritan. We are also pleased to report that the ever-helpful Ken Sherry, assistant to the Director of Campus Schools, was able to locate the original diploma for an alumna who had been unable to attend her commencement in 1976, and it is now on its way to her. **The Moral of the Story is:** always call the office if you have an unsolved alum-related mystery and call or write if you're moving or if you have an address for an alum who hasn't been getting *AlumNotes*. You never know when we might need to give you a ring.

Hunter Online

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The High School library announced the completion of phase one of its circulation automation project, and, at the same time, welcomed its new librarian, Diane DeVeaux, formerly of Louis D. Brandeis High School. Part of the school's original long-term computer plan, the circulation project, received a generous boost from the Alumnae/i Association this spring. Reunion contributions and an Association gift made possible the launch of this project. In all, alumnae/i contributed \$23,000 to the High School in June for this project. Phase one included having faculty "weed" the library collection of out-of-date material in their subject areas by the end of June. In July, a

library vendor was hired to bar-code the books to prepare for full conversion to automated check-in and check-out. Ms. DeVeaux arrives at a crucial time. As she becomes acquainted with her staff, the collection, students, and colleagues at both the High School and the College, she will also guide the next phases of the automation project. We wish her well and look forward to working with her.

On behalf of all alums, the Alumnae/i Association is proud to participate in the schoolwide computerization project. Every department, student and teacher is affected by the technology. We can be sure that our contributions help the entire school community. □

Class of 1946 Helps Fund Computerization

Members of the January and June classes of 1946 raised over \$2,000 for the High School computerization project at last year's 50th anniversary reunion. Credit for the gift was inadvertently omitted from previous editions of *AlumNotes*, but the gift itself, fortunately, has not been omitted. It was included in the Association gift package to the High School made this June that is being used to finance the library upgrade and other computerization needs.

Chairs for the 50th anniversary event were **Edith ROLLMAN Wormser**, January '46, and **Esther WEISSMAN Cember**, June '46. The organizing committee included **Amoree GARDNER Beekman**, **Adele HIRSHFIELD Shulman**, **Jane THOMSON MacColl**, **Esther SARFATTY Confino**, and **Zenaida NEWMAN Reiss**.



Class of 1947 Reunion

Edna Fontek Nirenberg '47

On the way out the door of my building on the morning of May 31st, 1997, I met a good friend whom I told that I was going to my 50th high school reunion. She grabbed my hand and said, "Don't go!" We both laughed, and indeed I went, and it was sweet as sugar.

Sixty classmates showed up, from as far away as Sweden, California, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Florida, all looking very much the same as I remembered (or mostly remembered) them. A feeling of gentle goodwill prevailed: we were glad to be there and see each other and share news of the joys and some of the sorrows we had experienced in what seemed like a very short time.

We were very grateful that we had had the opportunity to go to Hunter College High School; its joys exceeded those of college for a number of us. Some of us shared work experiences and made connections that might be useful. All of us were happy to bask in the faces of friends we had thought of many times in the years - it seemed like only a few years - that had passed.

As a group we donated \$2,850 to the Science Department. The reunion contributed to our love - yes, love - for the wonderful school that had made it possible for us to be contributing citizens of our respective communities.

There were two days of gatherings. The first was a gracious reception at **Robinette Nixon's** lovely home, and the second was the Alumnae/i Association meeting and private class luncheon at the High School at 94th Street.

Our 50th was a milestone year. Every year henceforth will be another milestone. □

Class of '57 Announcements

A camera was found at reunion. The owner is asked to contact **Borisse Paulin** as soon as possible.

Future plans:

- 1) A summer get-together in NYC or Connecticut. If you are interested, call me or **Vicki SILVER Hiller**.
- 2) Class directory updates.
Please volunteer to be a regional coordinator for your area.
If you haven't done it already, pay your annual dues.

With love to all,
Borisse Paulin, 435 East 77th Street 12D, New York, New York 10021

Class of '75 Organizing

Deborah Beth Kahn '75 has started to organize her classmates well in advance of their 25th reunion. She would be delighted to have some help with this undertaking, and welcomes communication from any and all interested volunteers. She can be reached at (212) 223-4209 (office) or (718) 645-1912 (home). □

Class of 1957 - Milestone Year # 40

Borisse Paulin '57

Thank you all for a truly memorable reunion. We had attendees from Louisiana, Tennessee, Massachusetts, Maine, Florida, Michigan, Connecticut, New Jersey, Washington DC, upstate New York, and, of course, Long Island. Many who could not attend wrote letters of greeting with photos and updates on their activities. About 60 people did attend, with a few surprise walk-ins. *Mirabile dictu* (well, I am a Hunter girl!) **Madame Brodin**, our French teacher, unexpectedly arrived in the late afternoon. We supplied her with a tiny *verre de vin (rouge, of course)* and a "High on Hunter High" mug, certainly the least we could do.

Thanks to all who contributed so very generously to the High School. Also very special thanks to: **Roz PERLOW Kaplan**, our treasurer; **Vicki SILVER Hiller**, our F.B.I. agent, who tracked down a number of "lost" alums and also played the piano as we sang the old Senior Sing tunes; to **Linda Mann, Esq.**, who produced the beautiful class directory on her computer; and **Dr. Fran SHAPIRO Ivker** who patiently collected mug money and gave us moral support. Thanks to **Sylvia ELIAS Elman** who took us to the Harvard Club after the Saturday night dinner at Jewel of India. There are many others who deserve thanks you know who you are.

We will donate, at present, \$234 from sales of mugs, and about \$1,300 to the HCHS Library.

Well done, '57! □

Can you help us with the Web Page?
Call the office at 212-772-4079 or e-mail jeight@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu



Class of 67



Class of 82



Alums (and future alum?) celebrate at Reunion '97

Class of '92 Gathers for First Milestone Reunion

Sascha Segan '92

Heading into our first high school reunion, some '92s were nervous, not knowing what to expect. We've been out of Hunter for less time than we were in the Brick Prison, but four years of college change people dramatically - right?

Not so much. The Class of '92's fifth-year bash was like meeting all the people we wanted to be in high school - recognizably the kids we remembered, but all better dressed, more socially adept, and definitely out of those awkward years.

The reunion officially started at Pizzeria Uno on the Upper West Side Saturday night, June 1. Sixty '92ers showed up, with only a few people having to do double-takes thanks to radically new haircuts or redesigned attitudes. We continued on to Nickolai Parker's basement apartment on the Upper West Side, where itinerant philosopher Nickolai offered us a garden party. He delivered, because his garden is about the size of two or three of most '92ers' New York apartments. From there, we moved on to a few uptown bars, finally petering out around three in the morning with one grinning classmate saying, "We should do this every year!"

Reunions won't happen every year, but we're finally in touch, and know why we want to stay in touch. Yes, there is such a thing as a Hunter kid. Going to school with the same people for six (or fourteen) years in Hunter's tight-knit environment made us closer than most of our peers' high school classes, and as soon as we got together we fell into familiar patterns that five years out of school just haven't been long enough to erase. Now when the *tenth* reunion rolls around ... *then* we'll all have changed. Or will we? We're waiting to find out.

So, what are people up to? Turn to **Class Notes** on the next page to find out. □

New Info About an Old Association

The existing Alumnae/i Association is not the only Association that has ever existed. Several correspondents have reported that there was a short-lived Alumnae Association in the early 1960's, and that there was a lifetime membership category in that Association at the rate of \$20. Of course, that was back when first-class stamps cost 4 cents each. We are always pleased to receive historical information and urge members and friends to share what they remember. No records survive from the earlier Association that we know of, and we rely on reader contributions to reconstruct records where possible. We do feel impelled to remind readers that dues paid to the former Association do not count towards current dues. □

Call us
(212) 772-4079



Class Notes

(All About All of Us)

1930's • Jeanette AARONS Goldberg '32 sent a donation to the Association for scholarship funds in gratitude to **Joan WEISS Brous '47**, who gave her a ride to Reunion on June 1st. She also wants to thank the Class of '42 for adopting her at the luncheon. The Class of '42 would like to thank **Jeanette** for her great stories about life at Hunter in the late 20's and early 30's. June 1st was "Super Sunday" for **Jeanette's** family; one granddaughter was awarded a prize as top student in her graduating class, and another made her debut performance in a musical at the Clifton, NJ "Y". **Jeanette** is looking forward to next year's reunion. • **Goldie MARGOLIS (Small) Kurtin '30** taught at the High School before transferring to another and would love to see more news from alumnae of the 20's and 30's in this newsletter. • **Shirley DUSHKIND Kraus '36** was unable to attend her 60th reunion because she was awarded an honorary doctorate that day from the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences of Long Island University. **Lois DROSIN Blieden '36** was present at the ceremony. **Kraus** was a professor of pharmacology and physiology at LIU for 25 years, where she actively encouraged her students to pursue advanced degrees and to explore unusual career paths. She also taught and did research at several other institutions and is the author of numerous articles as well as a member of the Hunter College Hall of Fame. • **Ruby Ann WALLACE Dee '39**, Hunter College '43, was honored with the "Award for Distinguished Service to the [Hunter College Alumni] Association and the College" at the College's 1997 Birthday Luncheon on May 10. She has a career as a distinguished stage, film, and television actor that started in 1941 at the American Negro Theater in Harlem. Some highlights include: the title role in Broadway's production of "Anna Lucasta"; major roles at the 1965 American Shakespeare Festival in Stratford, Connecticut (a first for an African American woman); an Obie for "Boesman and Lena" (1971); a Drama Desk award for "The Wedding Band" (1972); three films with Sidney Poitier; and appearances in two of Spike Lee's films. She was inducted into the Theater Hall of Fame in 1988. **Ruby** and her husband, **Ossie Davis**, have produced, directed, and written for stage, radio, and television. Currently, she is working on a play entitled "My One Good Nerve," based on her 1987 book, and has plans to write a joint autobiography with **Ossie**.

1940's • Patricia KIRLEY Pennachio, Jan. '40, writes from Florida. She never went to college because of the economy. She raised four daughters, one a French horn player, one a registered nurse, one with a Masters Degree in Phys. Ed., minor in dance, and a fourth who teaches music in the public schools and is in two orchestras. **Pat** herself is in a kitchen band and an acting improvisation group. The group entertains in mobile home parks, nursing homes, condos, churches and hospitals. She was in the Senior Star Talent Show on Time-Warner Cable as a stand-up comedian, before a live audience of over 2,000 people. She writes "I try to bring music

and laughter into life." • **Lorell FELDSTEIN Blass '45** has lived in Israel for twenty-seven years now. She earned her Ph.D. in Social Work there and currently supervises Social Work students as well as doing counseling around problems of marriage and divorce. Her five children and their children are all in Israel as well, having found satisfying professional lives for themselves. • **Norma BUNKE Hinsch '42** has fond memories of her Hunter years but keeps missing Reunion. It seems that her 50th High School Reunion fell on the same day as her 45th wedding anniversary and her 55th Reunion conflicted with her 50th wedding anniversary. • **Dorrit Leipzig Jan. '47** sends news of her milestone classmates. **Edith Belsjoe** retired in May after 16 years as VP for Human Resources at St. John's Riverside Hospital in Yonkers. She had previously been Personnel Director at St. Vincent's in NYC. **Ruth GRABENHEIMER Radvany**, author of *Math for All*, chaired the Math Department at Julia Richmond HS from February of 1964 until June of 1996, when the school closed. **Hermia HOCHBERG Berry** retired from teaching math at Forest Hills Yeshiva in 1982, and is the proud mother of 4, grandmother of 20 (maybe 21 by this time), and great-grandmother of 2. **Lita LINZER Schwartz** taught Psychology, Education, Ethnic Studies, and Women's Studies from 1961 to 1965. She still maintains a private practice in child custody evaluation and divorce mediation. In 1994 she published a book on educating gifted children. **Evelyn MACNOW Wolstein** retired as Professor of Social Work and Director of Field Education at Gallaudet University in Washington, DC. She is the proud grandmother of a little girl born in October, 1996. **Debby MILLER Saffian** and her husband retired ten years ago and have been traveling the globe. Their most recent travels have been in China and SE Asia, and their favorite trip was two years ago when they visited the Far North aboard a Russian ice-breaker. **Betty SIMENDINGER Belasco** retired after 35 years as a teacher/administrator and started a second career as an ordained Episcopal minister 12 years ago. She is currently Professor of Scripture at the Mercer School of Theology. **Lorraine ULMAN Marshall** heads a small law firm specializing in divorce mediation and tax/estate planning. She gives guest lectures at Pace Law School. Two of her three children are also attorneys, and one of them works in her firm. **Inge WEINBERG Rudman** administers two NIH-funded research grants on "Healthy Aging." • **Julia GINN Jacobs '40**, Hunter College, '44, Columbia University '47 and her husband **James**, an honorary Hunterite, celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 16th, 1997. In addition, **Julia** was named "1996 Outstanding Woman Of the Year" in Sullivan County, New York, for her work as a founder and charter member of Sullivan Performing Arts. She has held various leadership positions at the SPA, the BOCES Theater in the Schools Program, and Sullivan County Community College. She and **James** live in Monticello, next door to their daughter and her family. If anyone is interested, the two would be



happy to be guest speakers about their life-long collaboration in theater. Call them at (914) 794-8233.

1950's ● **Susan BRADY Derecskey '50**, author of *The Hungarian Cookbook*, which has been continuously in print for 25 years, turned from food writing to cookbook editing a decade ago. She has edited more than 50 cookbooks since then, and was recently in *Words*, the newsletter of the Food Writing and Publishing Section of the International Association of Culinary Professionals. ● **Lenore BAUMRITTER Patton '54** has recently retired to the seacoast of New Hampshire after 28 years in western Pennsylvania where she was director of the Alice Paul House, a domestic violence and rape crisis center. She would be happy to hear from alums in the greater Boston and southern New Hampshire areas. She can be reached at (603) 926-9358 or by e-mail at : patton@nh.ultranet.com ● **Gloria Lucker '53** left her teaching position at Erie County Community College to start her own business, Occupational Therapy Associates Services, and soon acquired a reputation for accepting difficult cases and being willing to go into rural areas to serve families in poverty. Her clients now include the Buffalo Public Schools, and her company, with 75 employees, is the third-largest woman-owned business in Western New York. In 1994 she began a program to mentor and provide management training to women on staff seeking professional advancement. She currently serves as Vice President of the Niagara Frontier Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners and continues to find time to act as mentor to many students, young professionals, and women starting their own businesses.

1960's ● **Judy DUKLER Dernberg**, **Ann Katan**, and **Saralee FINGER Teitel**, all of the class of '60, flew to Milan for a vacation in March. Classmate **Emily Furman** flew in from her home in Brighton, England, to join them. The foursome rented an apartment in San Gimignano, took day trips in Tuscany and enjoyed great art, great food, and fine wine. The group hopes to make a European reunion an annual spring event. ● While attending a wedding in Pennsylvania, **Elissa WANTUCH Sklaroff '60** discovered that she was sitting next to an HCHS alumna, **Pearl Weissman Meyer '49**. She writes: "Much nostalgia ensued; luckily, our husbands bonded over sports." ● **Helen Epstein '65** and **Jennifer Josephy '64** are the author and editor, respectively, of *Where She Came From: A Daughter's Search for her Mother's History*. The book is part memoir, part social history; taking off from Helen's mother's sudden death in 1989, it goes back to the late 18th century in central Europe and traces the lives of her mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, who all supported their families as dressmakers. There will be a book tour in the spring. ● Artist **Joan Rudd '65** made one of her rare trips back east from Seattle recently to inaugurate the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, MA and to visit with **Helen Epstein** and with **Nina Tumarkin '61**. A fine time was had by all. ● **Margaret Elson '62** and her piano partner, **Elizabeth Swarthout**, will be performing at concerts on the East Coast this Fall to celebrate the release of their CD, *Twentieth Century 4-Hand Piano Music*. They'll be at the University of Maryland on October 28, in Rochester, NY on November 4th and 5th, and

at Washington, D.C.'s Kennedy Center. Call Artist Rep. Lucy Finch at (510) 843-6644 for more info. ● **Leslie SAMUELS Healey '67** took off for England right after graduation because she had to meet the Beatles, and she did. They were "all very kind, and warm people." Her peripatetic career has included some wonderful jobs in journalism as well as extensive experience breeding show dogs. She arrived in Texas on April Fool's day, 1981, with "a bunch of four legged kids," and found that her English accent was well-received on local television and radio. She also found and married the love of her life, and they are now selling real estate as the firm of "Spouses Selling Houses," specializing in helping people who are relocating. They share their own homestead with two Appaloosa horses, six dogs, three cats, and one Amazon parrot. You can e-mail her through her web page at <http://www.callhealey.com>.

1970's ● **Linda J. Saunders '77** married Robert G. Trepanier on November 2, 1996 in Iron Mountain, MI. The wedding party included Linda's sister, **Karen Saunders ICY '75**. Linda is an accountant with an electronics supply company and is completing her CPA. She and her husband live in Chicago with their ward, Jennifer Holmgren. ● **Jacqueline Berry '72**, MD Howard Medical School '81, has added an MPH from Johns Hopkins to her CV. Jackie sends good news about 70's alums. She writes: "I visited with songstress **Angela Bofill '72** after she electrified the crowd in Baltimore with her performance of her signature song 'I Try.' Best friend, **Janice HERBERT-Carter '73**, MD Howard Medical School '81, is keeping medical students on their toes as an Assistant Professor at Morehouse. **Sue Boiko MD '70**, was up early to discuss pediatric dermatology on the 'Today Show.'"

1980's ● After getting his bachelor's degree in journalism at Northwestern in 1992, **John J. Edwards III '88** held reporting jobs at The Bureau of National Affairs Inc. in Washington, DC, the Dow Jones News Service in New York City and *The Times of Trenton*, NJ, before returning to New York in March, where he's now the financial markets reporter for *The Street.com* at <http://www.thestreet.com>, an online financial news publication started late in 1996. He'd love to receive email from fellow Hunterites at jedwards@thestreet.com. ● **Amy E. Lesen '89** is studying for a Ph.D. in Marine Biology at U.C. Berkeley. ● **Jennifer Taub '87** is in her third year of a doctoral program in Clinical Psychology at the University of Vermont, and is enjoying life in Burlington. She can be reached jtaub@zoo.uvm.edu. ● **Melissa Metz '82** and **Fuat C. Baran**, her husband of nearly eleven years, are the proud new parents of Jennifer Yoko Baran, born May 9, 1997. They can be reached at foomeljen@columbia.edu. ● **Michael A. Burstein '87** has won the 1997 John Campbell Award for Best New Writer, awarded by the members of this year's World Science Fiction Convention, LoneStarCon2, in San Antonio, Texas over Labor Day weekend. Michael's stories appear with great regularity in *ANALOG* magazine, and his stories have been published in various anthologies. ● **Phillip Larrier '85** is at Saturn of Bay Ridge. If you have a bachelor's degree and a pay stub, he can get you a great deal on a Saturn. You can reach Phil at (718) 921-1234, Ext.19.

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1990's ● **Marissa Moses '95** won an Ambassador Williams scholarship; four days after commencement she started the Stevens Technical Enrichment Program. She spent last summer creating databases and analyzing information for Exxon Research and Engineering Company, and says that the summer work is the most important benefit of the scholarship. She is majoring in chemical engineering. ● **Padmini Biswas '94** has completed a degree in English at Vassar College. ● **Sascha Segan '92** sends plentiful news about his classmates. He writes that [a] few '92ers have ventured into family life: **Philip Wellner** married Alison Stein, a freelance writer, and is now working for an electronics company in Rochester, and **John Fini** married his high school sweetheart. **Beth Seidler**, **Emily Elsasser** and **Matthew Simon** may be the next wave - they're all engaged to their current significant others. Their kids may be under the tutelage of **James Sondow**, **Alain Conquero**, **Paul Hoftzyer**, **Brian Laguardia**, or **Vanessa Lambrinos**. Brian, James, and Paul are all teachers in New York City, Alain's teaching in New Jersey, and Vanessa is subbing at Hunter! Lest you think we're an East Coast group, **Erica Goldman** is in Seattle studying marine biology, **David Richter**'s out there working for Microsoft, and **Cathy Yu** is in California pursuing a Ph.D. Health care for the '92ers will be provided by **Maiko Tomizawa**, who's heading towards dentistry school, and **Sarah Tuttleton**, a med student at Cornell. **Kyung-Hwa Rhee**, **Danny Garibaldi**, **Emily Elsasser**, **Bret Edelman**, **Diana Lee** and **Brian Ng** are also in med school.

Hunterites looking for entertainment should listen for **Alisa Regelin**, studying violin in Italy, go see **Jason Cooper**, working in a small theater in New York, or watch for **Jon Wetterau** and **Rachel Dawson**, who have descended into the depths of the film industry. Language barriers will be no problem: **Sabrina Berent** is translating in Florence, Italy, and veterinary student **Mari Morimoto** translates Japanese comic books. The Class of '92's accomplishments will be well-covered in the media: **Daniella Baider**'s working at Good Morning America, **Sascha Segan**'s at the Washington Post, **Taina Hernandez** is at CBS News, **Mark Feinsand**'s at Sports News Daily and **Carter Yang**'s with CNN in Washington. **Sarah Wilkins**, **Jill Oestreicher** and **Berto Bauza**, all working for various PR firms in New York will give the class a positive spin. **Nickolai Parker**, with an advanced degree in philosophy, can provide spiritual support. Several people are looking out for the financial health of the Class of '92: **Vanessa Biery**, **Sara Clemence**, **Nikesh Bhuta** and **Christine Bergmann** are on Wall Street. Finally, Hunterites in legal trouble might look to **Kim Maxfield**, **Abby Foster**, **Erin Manning**, **Betty Law**, **Chisun Lee**, **San-Han Tang** or **Catherine Wong**, all in law school or with careers in law. Sascha adds: My apologies to anyone I might have left out. Class of '92ers interested in more information should send e-mail to Sascha Segan at sascha@clark.net. ● **Judy Seltzer '96** just left for Cornell and says "hi" to everyone at Hunter. □

Moving? Let us Know.

We don't want to lose touch with you.

If you're planning to move or if you know of a classmate who has moved, don't forget to call the Association office at (212) 772-4079 or use the membership form on page 11 to let us know.

"Wedding Bells"

Linda J. Saunders '77 married Robert G. Trepanier on November 2, 1996 in Iron Mountain, MI.



Bar Association Honors Edith I. Spivack '25

The prestigious New York County Lawyers' Association will honor **Edith I. Spivack '25** with the first annual presentation of an award in her name at the 25th anniversary celebration of its Women's Rights Committee. Spivack, the Committee's founding chair, is being recognized for her extraordinary vision and leadership in advancing the status of women. Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye of the New York Court of Appeals will

be the first recipient of the award.

Under Spivack's leadership, the Committee took an active role in addressing discriminatory legal and economic practices affecting women as well as the often disrespectful treatment of women lawyers and litigants that has historically existed in the court system. Her areas of concern, however, reached far beyond the legal profession, including discrimination in credit, insurance

and housing, domestic violence, and child support, custody issues, and issues affecting women in prison.

The presentation of the award will be made at a luncheon at NYCLA headquarters on November 6, 1997 at 14 Vesey Street in Manhattan. For further information or to make a reservation, contact Rick Schwartz at the Association at (212) 267-6646, Ext. 225. □



AlumnaGrams

Sad news for HCHS and in particular class of '68: **Elaine KATZ Baum** was killed in a car accident on Jan. 22, 1997. For more info or to share memories call **Vivian N. Degani '68** (212) 874-0445.

Renee NEU Watkins '49 is seeking her classmate and friend **Margaret MARTINEZ '49**. If you have information on her whereabouts, please call the office. Thank you!

To any of you '57 dynamic seniors who remember me, especially **Janet Leong**, give a call to **Janet FARMER Burroughs** (954) 435-5134. It'd be great to hear your voice.

Seeking **Carol Ramos & Jean Tani**, Class of '73. Call **Eva Lee**, Class of '72, at (212) 677-4296.

Sorry I missed the '65 Reunion! Didn't know about it. Keep in touch. **Sandy BUTKE Carle** (914) 967-4912

Rhoda SRAGG Faller '64 has moved to 213 Mockingbird Gardens Drive, Louisville, KY 40207, 502-895-9070 and would love to hear from any Hunterites in the area as well as from friends from '64.

Elinor MELD Weissman, class of 1950, is seeking **Dorothy BURRY Simon '50**. please contact her at (818) 405-9845 in S. Pasadena, California so we can rendez-vous when she visits NYC.

Marcia GOLDBERG Feingold '49 is seeking '49ers. I live in Ann Arbor and visit Chicago and Pittsburgh. 352 Hilldale Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Phone 313-662-8788, fax 313-662-2713, and email feingold@umich.edu.

Joyce SEIDEL Hausman '64 is living at 1000 Sky Blue Drive, Knoxville, TN 37923, (423) 691-1056. hausmanj@ten-nash.ten.k12.tn.us. Write/call/e-mail. would love to get back in touch with old friends and meet new neighbors.

Seeking **Sylvia Rosenzweig**, **Shirley Friedman** a/k/a **Sherry King**, or other Jan. '37 alumnae. Couldn't attend June Reunion, but would like to hear from fellow grads. **Alice (Alicia) VELASQUEZ Haden**, 4425 Dannywood Road, Louisville, KY 40220, (502) 456-6379.

The Clateman Painting CO. is now in its 3rd generation! **Andrew Clateman '84** would love to paint, plaster, and wallpaper your home or office. call (212) 932-2500 for a free estimate.

Class of 1953 - where are you? Write or call Shari Barton: 2920 Upton St., NW, Washington, DC 20008, 202-3626524-LET'S "REUN".

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In the mirror I see my image.

I look as if I'd been in a scrimmage.

At 76 my wrinkles are prominent.

My too red cheeks are dominant.

To the Department Store I hie.

Finding a product will be easy as pie.

Not so, I'm startled to find.

First I must decide what kind.

Every Beauty Counter has products plentiful.

The prices make me tres resentful.

A Moisturizer is not enough.

I need to slather on lots of stuff.

Research re: all that gook.

Would fill a good size book.

Cleansing Oil, Masks and Cream

Would make me look like a "dream."

"Use Make-Up base, Concealing stick and Corrector,

Buffer, Blusher, and Blackhead Rejector"

Body Sloughing Cream is the "living end."

Cellular Skin-care my problems will mend.

To give in to such vanity would be a sin.

My "Beauty" will have to come from within.

Bertha Berson Figansky '28

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Sunset in Jerusalem

Lorell Feldstein Blass '45

On September 21st, a most enjoyable meeting was held in Francine Pelly Shapiro's garden in Jerusalem. The six Hunter High alumnae present had the feeling that more might have attended had the hour been late, towards evening. None of the women at the meeting knew of other alumnae in Israel and none of them knew each other. Despite differences in political and religious views, we were impressed by the similarity in our approach to issues. Recollecting experiences and crediting Hunter with much of our accomplishments took up hours of conversation.

As a result of our ad in a local Jerusalem newspaper, we made contact with a Hunterite who attended in 1914-1918, Dola ben Yehuda. Everyone was very excited to hear of this, since she is the daughter of Eliezer ben Yehuda, the father of the modern Hebrew language. She was also very happy to meet fellow alumnae, although she was unwell and couldn't attend the meeting, and remembered with warmth her years at Hunter.

Because it was so pleasurable for us to meet and to exchange ideas, we hope to arrange another get-together in some months. We ended with the singing of Hunter's Alma Mater, the words to which we all remembered, in a dark garden in Jerusalem. □

Still Desperately Seeking Sarah Maria?

If you're a paid-up member looking for a long-lost classmate, the office can forward a letter for you. But what if you're trying to find more than one Hunterite - say, you've just moved from Denver to Pittsburgh and you'd love to hook up with other alums in the area. Under existing policy, we would not be allowed to give you that information unless you volunteered to organize a Pittsburgh chapter.

The Association recognizes the importance of member privacy, and would never give out member information for commercial purposes. However, being able to get in touch with other alums is one of the main reasons people join an alum association. That is why there is a question about your preference on releasing info to other alums on the membership form on page 15. Please make time to respond to this important survey, so that we can distribute or not distribute information based on your express wishes. □



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No Time for Mom

Soft caresses I gave when
You felt lost and fearful
In the black corners of night,
Quaking and tearful.

Too soon you left, so freely,
prancing and confidently sure,
That what waited in the world
you could easily endure.

You said you loved me child,
But had no time for listening.
The sly jackals were circling,
Their sharp teeth glistening.

You were caught up my love,
Reeling beyond all reason.
Don't you see, there is no
Longer time, nor season.

Rain stinging, stabbing as you
Stand alone and softly weep.
Earth sifts through your fingers
Falling down, upon where I sleep.

Elaine Rasooli-Sa'eed Lawrie '54

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Mary F. LINDSLEY Jaffee '26

Mary F. LINDSLEY Jaffee '26, Hunter College '29, a former professor of English at Hunter College and an internationally recognized and honored poet, died on Sunday, April 13, 1997 at the age of 89 in California. She had been bedridden, but alert, for several months.

Among her activities and accomplishments were: an MA from Columbia; PhDs from the World University in Hong Kong and the Free University of Asia in Karachi, Pakistan; forty-seven volumes of poetry; leadership positions in several national literary organizations; listings in such literary registers as Who's Who of American Women, International Who's Who in Poetry, Two Thousand Women of Achievement, and Community Leaders of America; two closed circuit TV programs; numerous poetry awards; and extensive involvement in literary activities at her retirement community.

She traveled extensively, spending time in Tahoe, Reno, and Solvang, a Scandinavian community in Southern California; in addition, she traveled to Malta, where she became a Dame of Malta, to Taiwan, where she was honored at the Worldwide Poetry Convention, and to Italy, where she was also honored.

Muriel G. Leahy '25 contributed the information used in the preparation of this obituary. □



In Memoriam

Jeanette SCHWARTZ Bender '18, on August 19th, 1997. She is survived by her daughter, Joan Hochman.

Irma ROSENBERGER Harris '23, Hunter College '27, on July 14th, 1997.

Dorothy Redican '27 died on January 29th, 1997.

Fanny KAUFMAN Casher '28, Hunter College '31. Former Executive Committee member, Hunter College High School Alumnae/1 Association, founder of Bronx Museum, art teacher, survived by 3 children and 4 grandchildren, on June 17, 1997.

Miriam KAUFMAN Goldberg '32, in May, 1997. The "Gerns" will miss her.

Anna BALAKIAN Nalbantian '32, Hunter College '36, Ph.D. Columbia '43. Dr. Balakian was born to Armenian parents in Constantinople, and lived with her family in Germany and, on the Swiss-French border before coming to the U.S. at age 11. She was an early developer of the discipline of Comparative Literature, a prolific writer, and a department chair at NYU. While in graduate school she taught French at HCHS with verve and enthusiasm. Former student Harriet Starolite Frum writes that she and her classmates "quickly came to adore Dr. Balakian, who made learning French a pleasure and inspired us

daily." She is survived by her two children, her son-in-law, and her granddaughter.

Dorothy HORNSTEIN Moskowitz '34, Hunter College '38, on May 13, 1996, survived by 2 daughters and 2 granddaughters.

Eleanor SALON Sass '38, Ph.D., speech pathologist, in September of 1995.

Ethel C. Ledogar '39, Hunter College '43, Phi Beta Kappa. President of her College class. In her HCHS yearbook her sweet disposition was described as the thorn in her side. Her sister, Dorothy Pfeiffer, remembers her as a wonderful person and as her role model, and says that, if Ethel had not led the way, she herself would never have gone on to complete her own wonderful education.

Frances KOLKER Greene '40, Hunter College '44, retired school-teacher and active Cub Scout leader, died June 29, 1997. She is survived by her husband, 3 sons, 1 grandchild, a brother and 2 sisters.

Rosemary Buchman, c. '42, on April 27, 1997, of cancer. Starting out as an accountant, she rose to a management position in a prestigious New York City decorating firm. After retiring in 1988, she devoted herself to active involvement with and support of the Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons, the Guild Hall cultural cen-

ter, and Meals-on-Wheels. An avid gardener, reader, swimmer, walker, and needlepointer, she is remembered by her friends for her optimism and her dry wit.

Eleanor SOHN Narciso '43, Hunter College '47, died on July 14th, 1997. She is survived by her husband, Joseph.

Marie AMBROSINO Restituto Jan. '47 passed away on August 25, 1996, after a long battle with breast cancer. Her daughter, Donna Restituto Castelli, writes that her mother "was very proud of being an HCHS graduate and would have relished attending her [Milestone] Reunion" this year.

Donna believes that her mother's "time at Hunter was crucial to her becoming a strong and self-sufficient woman. She was a widow at the young age of 42. Yet, she handled that situation (as all life's problems) with grace and fortitude. She supported herself by running her own car-rental agency for over 25 years, while seeing to it that both my brother and I received Master's Degrees in our fields. I have no doubt, however, that she remained smarter than both of us until her dying day...[and] will miss her every day of my life."

Cynthia Austin '57, lactation consultant and childbirth educator, in 1995. Survived by her son.

Lisa SHIROMA Heller '74, in 1996. □

Can you help?

John T. Fisher of Rock Island, TN, has contacted the office seeking information for a family genealogy project, about his aunt, Anna CHARLOTTE Wellington, born July 29, 1911, who he believes attended HCHS. We have no information about her in our database; please contact the office if you can help.

Bereavement

The cart turned over in the ditch.
The broken wheel still spins.
Who is to say the point at which
Life ends and death begins?

Rena Garter Kunis '39

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High School's *Observer* Seeks Subscribers

Vanessa Henke '98

The *Observer* is Hunter College High School's monthly student newspaper. We are looking to increase our circulation among alumnae/i. Published since 1981, The *Observer* is entirely written and produced by a staff of over 75 students. The *Observer*, which is distributed free to all students and faculty and has a print run of 1,500, contains news, features, opinion and sports articles every month. This year, readers can look forward to coverage of racial stereotypes, academic dishonesty, and to a summer activities guide, college admissions statistics, interviews with people from outside of Hunter, and athlete, teacher and alumnae/i profiles. Each month there is a music and film review section, a large opinions section, and coverage of all team sports.

Despite active recruitment of advertisers by staffers of The *Observer* and generous grants from the PTA, we are currently in debt. The paper will continue to publish, because we are bringing in enough money to pay for each issue, but we want to get rid of the debt that exists beyond monthly printing costs.

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Diversity in Effect

Katherine Frink-Hamlett '92

Diversity offers enrichment, achievement and excellence. Riding the wave of diversity efforts already started by the Hunter College Campus Schools, the Multicultural Diversity Committee held its first meeting on Thursday, August 7, 1997. In attendance were Polly SMITH Breland, Katherine FRINK-Hamlett, Yvonne Naum, Borisse Paulin, and Angelica Petrides. Joshua Burstein, Sophia Perez, and Peggy Perrin are also members of the Committee. Their mission: increase awareness of diversity in order to make Hunter's population representative of the City's gifted population. Planned activities to reach this goal include on-site visits to various schools in Districts #3 and #5. Stay tuned for announcements of more exciting news from this Committee. □

Share your ICY Experience with Juniors

If you participated in the ICY program, we would like to hear about your experience. Send a brief description of your project and its impact on your academic/personal life.

We will keep the information in the office and share it with Juniors as they prepare to make their selection. Please write to José M. Díaz, ICY Program, Hunter College H.S., 71 E. 94th St., New York, NY 10128 or call (212) 860-1252 for more information.

Keep HCHS Athletes From Being Benched

Hunter's PTA seeks your participation in a letter writing campaign to obtain public funding for sports at the High School. HCHS sports programs have been caught in the familiar double bind: no funding from the Board of Education or the Public School Athletic League because HCHS isn't a Board of Ed. school, and no funding from CUNY because CUNY doesn't fund high school sports. Hunter teams have historically been allowed to participate in PSAL sports events with the proviso that there would be no PSAL funding and that HCHS would cover all of its own costs. As a result, Hunter, alone among the City's 1,100 or so public high schools, has no public funding for sports, and has lost a number of sports programs despite the PTA's extensive fundraising efforts.

You can help by writing a letter to your City Councilmember urging the creation of a specific line item in CUNY's budget for sports programs at HCHS. For further information, contact Hunter parent Cos Spagnoletti at (212) 879-5150. □

The Curtain Falls...

Yes, the curtain dividing the High School gym at into two rooms falls down when it's not supposed to. The High School spends several thousand dollars a year to maintain the curtain, but it breaks down regularly and is on the verge of an ignominious collapse in the middle of a basketball game. The bleachers are in a similar state of disrepair. A total of \$30,000 is needed to replace the shaky fixtures. Contributions earmarked for repairs to the gym will be gratefully accepted and can be made by sending the Association a check made out to Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association, Inc., with "HS gym curtain/bleachers" in the memo line. □



MugShot

Here's a shot of the new Hunter College High School mug. It comes in attractive purple (what else) on white ceramic and supports the Association as well as your morning beverage of choice. You can order the latest coffee-related status symbol @ \$10.83, which includes postage, handling, and sales tax, using the membership form below. We also have a very limited remaining supply of the old "High on Hunter High" mugs available at the same price, first come first served. Please specify preference when ordering.



Hunter Bookshelf

Marion GOOZMAN Hart '52 has an essay, "On the Other Side of the Mirror," in the new book *Girls: An Anthology*, being published by Global City Press. The collection aims to redefine our traditional notions of girlhood and includes a wide variety of contributions from both well-known and new writers. Hart will appear with some of her co-authors as well as concert singer **Carol PODELL Vinson '53** and artist/photographer Mary Broderson at an event at the North Bellmore Teacher Center on Thursday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. Call **Suzanne GOOZMAN Weinstein '49** at (516) 868-4534 for more information.

Helen Epstein '65 read from her new book, *Where She Came From: A Daughter's Search for her Mother's History*, on October 22, 1997 at the Czech Center, on Madison Avenue at 83rd Street in Manhattan. The book, set in Bohemia and Moravia, makes use of 300 years of family stories, unpublished manuscripts, archival research, and extensive interviewing to trace the history of Epstein's family of Czech Jews. For more information, send a fax to (617)876-3023 or an e-mail to helepstein@aol.com.

Donna WOOLFOLK Cross '65 read from her best-selling historical novel *Pope Joan* at the Barnes and Noble on Broadway and 81st last December. The Hunter contingent was dwarfed by the large crowd, but enjoyed chatting with Donna afterwards at a local coffee shop. The book has had at least five printings to date, and the author has been busy with various speaking engagements but took the time to get an autographed copy of her book to the High School library. □

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Recent Alums Lunch

John J. Edwards III '88

Gathering at one of their old hangouts in a new way, about 30 Hunter alums of the 1980s and '90s met May 31 for the first Recent Alums Lunch.

The event, held at the Jackson Hole restaurant at 91st Street and Madison Avenue, was timed to coincide with reunion weekend events. Most of the Hunterites in attendance were from the milestone class of '92, but alums from classes as far back as '82 came by for big burgers and good times.

"It was a smashing success," said **Josh Burstein '89**, a coordinator of the event along with **Sara Clemence '92**. "We had reserved the entire upstairs for us, and we just fit there."

Lunch attendees reminisced about their Hunter days and listened with pleasure as each in turn described his or her college experience and what life had been like since. In typical Hunter style, occupations ran the gamut from grad student to commodities trader to journalist to Internet pioneer.

"I enjoyed it," said **Christopher Argiropoulos '92**. "Being in close proximity to the '92 reunion obviously bolstered attendance. I hope to see more recent alums — from any years — at the next gathering." The lunch was sponsored by the Recent Alums Group, which is coordinated by Josh, Sara, **Christine Bergmann '92** and **Amy Gong '93**. The group aims to foster ties among

recent alums and between recent alums and the Alumnae/i Association, to organize social events, and to share advice on colleges, graduate and professional schools, families and first jobs.

"We have tentative plans for an event (perhaps in Central Park) in the late summer or early fall, and hope to start a series of periodic happy hours at New York bars or coffee places thereafter," Josh said. For more information and to join the Recent Alums Group mailing list, you can reach Josh at work at (212) 878-3063, at home at (212) 647-1474, or by e-mail at bursteij@rw.com. □

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