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What's On The Web Page?

Those of you who haven't stopped by the Alumnae/i Association Web page are missing out on a major resource for alums. The Web page is designed to act as a reservoir of information about the Association and Hunter alums, as well as offering opportunities for alums and faculty to interact with one another. Here is a brief rundown of some of the things provided for your benefit:

AlumNotes Online: The last four issues of AlumNotes, beginning with Spring 1997, complete and displayed

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Contributions in Memory of Elaine Katz Bauml

Contributions in memory of Elaine KATZ Bauml began to arrive at the Association's office within days after the publication of her obituary in the last issue of *AlumNotes*. Elaine, who graduated in 1968, returned to HCHS as a math teacher. Memorial contributions in her name are earmarked for faculty development in the High School Math Department.

Contributions are still sought for the memorial fund. Over \$600 had been received as of press time, enough to pay for a few workshops. If, as hoped, substantial donations continue to come in, it will be possible to endow a permanent fund. The interest income generated by such a fund could help pay for professional development needs for many years. □

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Board Nominations Are Open

The Association is seeking candidates for the Board of Directors. Our first Board elections are scheduled to take place at the annual meeting to be held at Reunion on June 7th. Because all fifteen slots on the Board are open, this election represents the opportunity to establish a Board that accurately reflects the diversity of the membership. This election is also the first time that members will be able to vote by mail. A three-member nominating committee has been established, but your input is needed. The Association seeks your recommendations for Board candidates. You can nominate someone for the Board at any time until April 15th by writing, calling or telephoning the committee in care of the Association office, or by contacting any of the three committee members: Marilyn Zinder '47, chair; Vera Gordon '47, or Josh Burstein '89. Contact information is listed below. Committee members will get in touch with proposed nominees to make sure they are actually willing to run and able to serve. If the Association is lucky enough to have more qualified candidates than slots, membership vote will determine which candidates serve on the Board. Members will be asked to vote for up to five nominees

in each of the three classes of Board members being elected, and the five nominees in each class who receive the highest numbers of votes will serve.

All members in good standing are eligible to vote in Board elections and to run for Board positions. Board members are expected to attend meetings regularly and to participate in ongoing work such as fundraising and event planning. For this first election, five candidates will be elected for three-year terms, five candidates for two-year terms, and five for a one year term. After this year, five members of the Board will rotate off each year. In order to balance continuity with the need to keep leadership open, our by-laws, like those of many organizations, provide that no Board member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

Nominations are open until the close of business on April 15th. Ballots will be mailed to members in good standing in early May, and must be post-marked by May 21st in order to be counted. It is still possible to vote at reunion if you became a member in good standing after the ballots were mailed out, but we must have you on record as having paid dues as of May 1st to send you a ballot. □

Save this date

REUNION IS SUNDAY JUNE 7, 1998

Reunion information see page 4

Reservation form see page 11

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An Apology to AlumNotes Readers

Jody Leight '72

The last newsletter, which contained a reservation form for the annual Midwinter Brunch on February 8th and information about Recent Alums Group events in January, was not mailed out until the middle of February. As a result, the events drew fewer participants than they should have, and the office received a flood of complaints by phone, e-mail, and snail-mail, all of them well-deserved.

Much of the content for *AlumNotes* is provided by volunteers who have other pressing responsibilities, and it has always been the editorial practice to try to accommodate their schedules. However, the unintended effect of this well-intentioned policy has been that we have wasted the time and effort of the volunteers who organize Association events and don't get the attendance they hope for, and in that we have served our members poorly.

Starting with this issue, I am changing our former policy. From now on, each issue of *AlumNotes* will include a deadline for submissions for the next issue, and that date will be the final deadline. I know that I will be stepping on some toes by being rigid about enforcing deadlines, and I regret the necessity. Nevertheless, it is only right that the needs of the membership take precedence. As long as I am the editor of this newsletter, it will go to press while its contents are still news. □

Letters to the Editor

On Sarah Maria's Beginnings

To the Editor:

When I entered HCHS in 1932, the song was already in existence and had been published in a copy of *What's What*. I never knew that Miss Hochman had coined the term or wrote the words. We were told the origin of Sarah Maria by one of our teachers when she discovered that one of our classmates had the name Maria Cerra. Since it reminded her of Sarah Maria, she told us the legend...that...Miss Louisa M. Webster, the principal, referred to HCHS students as Sarah Maria when she admonished them about the rules of the school. In other words, Sarah Maria was a generic name for a HCHS student and supposedly used by Miss Webster and not created by Miss Hochman...Miss Hochman... was teaching at the High School when I was there, but realistically not very long since she was from the... Hunter College class of '28...Miss Webster was indeed quite a legend who dressed like a Gibson girl of the 1890's even in 1932. She continued to dress like that even after retirement and working as a grey lady for the Red Cross (teaching math to prisoners).

Shirley DUSKIND Kraus '36

To the Editor:

We must credit Miss Louisa Webster, onetime principal of HCHS for "Sarah Maria."

At the start of a school year, teachers reported for a meeting the Friday before the Monday when students returned. Miss Webster told the teachers they should tell the students: "Sarah Maria Jones should write her file letter (first letter last name) in the upper left hand corner of all documents, e.g., book cards and test papers, and should have her name on personal articles like an umbrella."

Mildred Lawton

(The writer, an HCHS math teacher and Senior Advisor, retired in 1971. -Ed.)

A Small Sample of Well-Deserved Letters of Complaint

To the Editor:

My *AlumNotes* arrived the latter part of February - too late for me to hear about the Brunch on February 8th. Could we get the publication well before such events?

Mary VICHY Laity '47

To the Editor:

I enjoy reading *AlumNotes*. However, it is very difficult to attend an event on February 8th, 1998 when I

receive the Winter issue on February 17th, 1998.

Annette Ligot '54

To the Editor:

I've just received my vol.24 no.2 edition for Winter 1998 and was disappointed to see that there had been a Feb. 8 Midwinter Brunch, for which a reservation form had been included. Except that I didn't know about it until yesterday, Feb. 23! Is there no way for the newsletter to be mailed early enough to be relevant?

Vera LENCHNER Zolberg '50 □

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WHEN DID I PAY MY DUES?

Starting with this issue, you can check the mailing label on your copy of AlumNotes to see when your most recent dues payment expires. Except for the annual mailing in the summer that goes to all alums who haven't paid dues, this is the only notice you'll get about when your dues are up. We've chosen this way of notifying members because it's the most cost-effective way of getting the information to you.

Many alums are still confused about when dues are due. Current policy is that your dues are good for one year from the date on which you pay them, whenever that is. While we will continue to mail AlumNotes to all alums regardless of their dues status, we encourage everyone who can pay dues to do so. We rely entirely on members' dues and contributions to produce AlumNotes and keep the office running.

As always, feel free to call or e-mail the office with questions about dues status or anything else concerning the Association or the High School. We'll do our best to help. □

An Evening at the Theatre

Naomi Spatz '52 seeks theater enthusiasts for the Golden Squirrel Theatre production of "Between the Rains," a prize-winning play written by her husband, Steven Somkin, directed by Jonathan Silver. It's a new play about wrongheaded machismo, lust and love in the family of the murderers of Chico Mendes, the leader of the Brazilian rubber tappers and environmental hero. Behind the family drama are ambiguous signals from the Latin Church, violent local politics and pressures from nations with heavy stakes in the fate of the rainforest. The play will be presented at the newly renovated Irish Arts Center Theatre, 553 West 51 Street, from April 25 to May 17, Thursday, Friday, and Saturdays at 8 and Sunday matinees at 3. Tickets are \$12. Two special "Meet the Playwright" nights for Hunter, Cornell, Carleton and Tufts alumni are planned for Friday & Saturday, May 8 and 9. For reservations and information call (212) 749-3002. □

Speakers Needed for HCHS Alum Conference on Aging

At a recent meeting of the NY Metro Area Networkers, **Janet Kelley '64, CPA**, gave a clear and well-organized presentation that helped clear up the mysteries of IRAs for those in attendance. Choosing an IRA, however, is only one of many decisions that need to be made as part of financial planning for retirement. Financial planning, in turn, is only one aspect of issues related to planning for age-related challenges including long-term health care, estate planning, various legal and medical issues, and coping with disability. We all need to deal with these issues sooner or later, whether planning for our own needs or trying to juggle the care needs of aging parents with the needs of our own jobs and families. Unfortunately, all too often we realize in mid-crisis that it would have been a great idea to have gotten information on a particular problem five years ago.

Like any problem mentioned at a networking dinner, this one led to a proposal.

Borisse Paulin '57, MD, is planning a conference, very tentatively scheduled for this fall, on planning for age-related challenges. HCHS alums with relevant expertise are sought as speakers for the conference. Speakers would be asked to volunteer, in order to help keep costs to attendees moderate. Are you a doctor, lawyer, social worker, therapist, financial planner or other professional whose practice area focuses on issues of aging? We want to talk to you.

Call Dr. Paulin at (212) 535-7820 or write to her at 435 East 77th St., NY, NY 10021 for further information. □

Web page

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in an easy to use format. Winter 1998 has been added recently.

Chapter Coordinators List: Find out the latest locations for local chapters, as well as info on occupation and age-related groups.

Web Calendar: Look to see when the next Alumnae/i event will be held, or scan ahead for the rest of the year. This feature is updated as soon as new information comes into the office.

Guestbook: A handy little feature that lets you read messages left by other Web-savvy Hunter alums. When you're done reading the latest scoop, leave your own message for the next person to enjoy.

Virtual Reunions: We've got details on the whereabouts and activities of alums in the 1981 and 1992 classes, and hope to have more classes on-line soon.

Frequently Asked Questions(FAQ):

Check here to find out all the dirt on the Association, from what payments to the Association are and are not tax deductible, to what the latest gift to the high school was.

E-Mail Database: Look in here to find your classmates' e-mail addresses. It's interactive, so you can leave your own as well.

You can also mess around in the archives for old articles, print out copies of the membership and merchandise order forms, find out what departments of the high school need donations, and more. When you're done, drop us a note by e-mail (jleight@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu) or leave a message in the guestbook. And come back frequently- we'll be adding new stuff all the time, and we've got a What's New page so you can skip all the old stuff and go right to the cool stuff you haven't seen before. The web address for the Association is <http://heimdall.hchs.hunter.cuny.edu/~alumnae/index.html>. □



REUNION BULLETIN BOARD

Reunion '98

- Alums who register for Reunion by May 15 will receive their nametags in the mail before the big event, allowing them to avoid the line and walk right into the party. Reunion is \$25 in advance for paid member, \$30 after May 15. \$30/\$35 for non members.
- Current and retired faculty will be invited to Reunion, so milestone and non-milestone alike can mingle and reminisce with their former teachers.
- The high school library will be open so that alums can see the good work their donations have been put to.
- The computer labs will also be open, and we expect to run a simultaneous "Virtual Reunion" so that alums who can't attend can talk to each other and the folks at Reunion.

To the Class of '68:

Do you want a private 30-year celebration the evening of June 6th? If yes, would your choice be an upscale hotel buffet event or a smaller peanuts-and-popcorn event in a Hunter College reception room? If you want the former, I will be happy to organize, with the help of classmates.

Please contact **Vivian Degani '68** ASAP at (212) 874-0445 or (212) 769-1828 or by e-mail at may2150@aol.com

* June 1948 Reunion Rendezvous *

The class of June 1948 has great plans for its 50th milestone reunion weekend.

**GOURMET FEAST ON FRIDAY NIGHT, JUNE 5;
BOUNTIFUL BRUNCH ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6;
STIMULATING SUNDAY, JUNE 7 AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.**

Chatty conversationalists convening at all times during our gabby get-togethers. Be here in person and contribute to the rabble rousing.

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Reunion '99

To those who began with the class of 1974 but graduated early:

Your classmates who stayed for ICY would like to see you! Please join us for our 25-year reunion in June 1999, so that we can all meet up again. We missed you at our 20-year reunion back in 1994. **Joy Hecht '74**, (703)979-0759, jhecht@capaccess.org

Deborah Beth Kahn '75 is starting to organize for the 25th reunion and would welcome assistance with the job. She can be reached at (212) 308-7697 (office) or (718) 645-1912 (home). □

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. The Post Office will not forward *AlumNotes*.

South Florida Chapter Active

Vera Julia Gordon '47

South Florida's HCHS alumnae/i chapter has been flourishing for more than four years, and has held reunions as well as other meetings. About 120 alums have attended one or more of its functions. The members are planning a gala reunion for 1999 or 2000, and other gatherings. The contact person is **Edythe Werner Rishin '41**, 3005 Portofino Aisle, Unit O-4, Coconut Creek, FL 33066; her telephone is (954) 978-9824.

She is eager to hear from South Florida Hunter High Alums - year round residents and snowbirds alike. □

Class Coordinators At Press Time

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All other years are open at this time.



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Boston Chapter to Meet

As we went to press, the Greater Boston Chapter was planning its first meeting, a brunch scheduled for March 15th at Shalom Hunan, a Kosher Chinese restaurant in Boston. Look for a report in the next *AlumNotes*. □

Recent Alums Activities

Christine Bergmann '92

The HCHS Recent Alums Group has had a strong start to the year, and hopes to continue bringing together HCHS graduates of the '80s and '90s.

In January, the group had its first luncheon get-together at Figaro Cafe in the Village, which was attended by alumni from 1987 to 1995. Mr. Steinfink was also in attendance, invited by the group to partake of good food and good conversation. At the end of February, Hunter's Musical Rep group put on a production of "West Side Story." Recent alums attended the event and were reminded of old times at the high school.

On the last Wednesday of each month, the Recent Alums Group holds Happy Hours at the Bull's Head Tavern, providing the opportunity for catching up with old friends and meeting new ones, all under the umbrella of Hunter. See the events calendar below for future dates.

A new type of event that the Recent Alums Group is planning is a professional luncheon: an opportunity for recent graduates with careers, education, or interest in a certain arena to meet with a speaker on that field. We hope that this will help find career paths for the most recent alums, potential jobs for others, and a chance to talk about what they do for the rest. The first luncheon will center on law, aimed at lawyers, law students, and those interested in careers or education in law. A second luncheon, focusing on careers in finance, will be held in early summer.

The second annual Recent Alumni Reunion will be held on Saturday, June 6th, the day before the full school reunion. We will be going back to a familiar haunt, Jackson Hole, seeing again many recent alums who are coming in from out of town for the big reunion weekend.

Calendar of Events

- Happy Hours, Bull's Head Tavern, 23rd St. & 3rd Ave.
April 29th, 7-9 PM May 27th, 7-9 PM
June 24th, 7-9 PM July 29th, 7-9 PM
- Professional Lunch—Careers in Law
Saturday, May 2nd. Location and time TBD.
Contact Joshua Burstein '89 at bursteij@rw.com or at 212/878-3068 or Christine Bergmann '92 at cbergmann@gkm.com or at 212/885-4164 for more information, and to RSVP.
- Recent Alums Reunion, Jackson Hole, 91st St. and Madison Ave.
Saturday, June 6th, Noon-2 PM
- All School Reunion at Hunter College High School
Sunday, June 7th, 11 AM - 1 PM
Look for Reunion details in this issue of *AlumNotes*.
- Professional Lunch — Careers in Finance
Saturday, July 18th. Time and location TBD.
Contact Christine Bergmann '92 at cbergmann@gkm.com or at 212/885-4164 for more information and to RSVP.

Recent Alums activities are open to graduates of the '80s and '90s. To be added to the RAG mailing and e-mail list, contact Christine Bergmann '92 at 560 Main Street #732, New York, NY 10044 or e-mail cbergmann@gkm.com. Check Hunter's web site at <http://heimdall.hchs.hunter.cuny.edu> frequently for alum event announcements and updates. □



Class Notes

1940s • Vivian Burke '49 has retired after more than thirty years of teaching and coaching in the Kingston, NY, school system and is having a wonderful time living in upstate NY. • **Phyllis FLEYER Kavett, Jan. '45**, a professor of mathematics education at Kean University in Union, NJ thinks frequently of retiring but hasn't yet done so. She continues to find her work interesting. Phyllis's family includes three children, their spouses, and six grandchildren (ages 7 to 11). She would like to communicate with classmates and writes that whenever she searched for classmates online, she is disappointed because so few seem to be online. You can reach her at pkavett@turbo.kean.edu if you are online. • **Lois TRENCHER Lewis Schumm, Jan. '46**, remarried in 1992 after 10 years of widowhood. She is a professional artist and her husband is a sculptor.

1950s • Hannah Simon '54 lived in the New York City area until a year ago when she and her husband moved to Arlington (near Boston). She writes, "I have a Master's in Social Work and one in Health Care Management and for over twenty years I was the Director of a Mental Health Center in New Jersey. I started to get frustrated towards the end of my tenure and my husband, who had retired several years earlier, talked me into quitting and acting on a long held wish to relocate to this area. We have family here and have always liked Boston and its proximity to Maine and the Cape." • **Linda P. Kittiel '54** has lived in Colorado for 25 years, where she discovered a side of herself that she never imagined could exist. A self-defined "urbane individual who didn't 'sweat'," she has taken to backpacking, rock climbing, backcountry skiing, and mountain biking. She has skied in Yellowstone, summited several of the Colorado mountain peaks above 14,000 feet, backpacked and rafted in the Brooks Range north of the Arctic Divide in Alaska, and backpacked in Torres del Paine National Park in Patagonia (Chile). Linda "fell into" a career as a software engineer in the aerospace industry, where she found a rewarding niche working on a variety of command, control and communications systems. Since taking early retirement 2 years ago she has been documenting engineering requirements for software on government contracts as a specialized consultant. She has 2 children and 7 grandchildren. Her son, an aeronautical engineer, is a major in the Air Force, and her daughter has followed in Mom's footsteps as a software engineer in the aerospace industry. In her spare time, Linda is a serious amateur photographer. • **Vera LENCHNER Zolberg '50** just become a grandmother. Vera's daughter, Erica Zolberg, a producer for CBS-TV news, and her husband, Alan Kelman, an independent TV producer, had a baby boy, Max Kelman Zolberg, on December 15, 1997.

1960s • Vivian Degani '68 has her own business in New York, *Poems Personal*, creating personalized poems for special occasions. Her service includes a wide variety of choices for paper and framing as well as the option of hand-done calligraphy. She can be reached at (212) 769-1828. • **Janet M. Kelly**

'64 is a certified public accountant and tax practitioner in Jackson Heights, Queens. Her practice includes cooperative housing, fiduciary accounting, accounting for individuals and small businesses and taxation. Janet can be reached at jkelly@luca.com or at (718) 779-4210. • **Diane LEVINE**

Umamoto '61 writes that Islamabad is quiet, despite all the sectarian violence and other assorted shenanigans in Lahore and Karachi, but that cars are still searched before people enter the International School compound. • **Leonore Tiefer '61**, Ph.D., has left salaried employment after 28 years in academia and hospitals as a clinical psychologist and is now in a private practice specializing in sexual problems. She recently started to offer training workshops in sex therapy for therapists and hopes this will be the start of her Sexuality Studies Institute of New York, a long-held dream. • **Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61** just completed her first semester as a full-time graduate student. She found time to perform at six concerts during intersession, three in the NY area, one in Boston and two in Florida. While in Florida she had dinner with empty-nester **Shelley IMBER Kinzel '61**, whose daughter is Pre-Med. at U Fla.-Gainesville. Helene's summer plans include singing in a concert of Yiddish- and German-American songs in Bayreuth, Germany in August at *Pianohaus Steingraeber* in conjunction with a symposium on "Wagner and the Jews" which is going on at the same time. • **Fran Rosenfeld '61** has been President of the New Jersey Breast Cancer Coalition since June 1997. In September her group joined with an environmental coalition to hold a two day event dealing with health issues and the environment. She testified at a hearing at the New Jersey State House in Trenton presided over by Bella Abzug. Two conferences are in the works for April, both dealing with the pitfalls of genetic testing for breast cancer. You can contact Fran at franrosenfeld@compuserve.com for more information. • **Louise Schrader Campbell '64** and her husband, Joseph, have 25- year old twin daughters who married brothers. They also have a wonderful grandson named Wesley Daniel who is 1 year old. Louise works at a hospital in Olympia, WA and is about to open a private counseling practice in Loss/Bereavement. She specializes in helping folks deal with terminal illnesses, with a subspecialty in HIV/AIDS. The Campbells own a small farm where they grow sunflower and pea sprouts, and live in Shelton, WA, where it rains a great deal of the time; she writes that they have grown flippers, but they live near a beautiful bay that "is home to some fascinating sea creatures. I spend whatever time I can in a little rowboat nosing in and around the coves and have developed a rather friendly relationship with some harbor seals. I also have a dog, a cat and an ancient cockatiel." • **Anna Napoli '61** teaches psychology at the University of Redlands in California. • **Seyma Calihman '61** taught high school Chemistry for 5 years, and then Special Ed. at The Childrens' Hospital at Bronx State Hospital. After pivotal experiences at the Colorado and Texas Outward Bound Schools in 1972 and '73, she got a graduate degree in social work at the University of Texas at Arlington. She spent a



year studying Sex Therapy at The University of California Medical School Human Sexuality Program. She and her husband, architect Gordon King have lived for the past 20 years in Austin, TX, where she has a general therapy practice, teaches, and consults. She is a director and one of the founders of The Milton H. Erickson Institute of Austin, which provides instruction to other therapists. • **Renee PACTHER Caffero '61** will be playing Ping-Pong at the Gay Games in Amsterdam the first week of August, then visiting assorted friends and relatives in France and Germany.

1970s • Barbara Sorkin '74 writes that she is a molecular and cell biologist, doing basic research on cellular growth regulation (cancer!) and developmental biology, at a small, independent (although Harvard-affiliated) research institute, across the street from Boston's Museum of Fine Arts. She adds "I live within walking distance of work, hence within walking distance of most of happening Boston (and Cambridge). I'm in touch with **Susan Matloff '74**, who, I see whenever I'm in NYC. Whenever I'm forced out to the bay area, the best parts of the trip include seeing **Joan Moi Chow '74**, **Bie Han Tan '74**, and **Jane Resnick '72**. Assuming they've survived the latest west coast disaster, **Bie Han** is enjoying teaching college level math (no surprise there), **Joan** is doing research on chlamydia and has two beautiful children, and **Jane** is doing interior decorating and catering." • **Gwyn Firth Murray '77** is working as Latin American and Canada Counsel for the Silicon Graphics World Trade Corporation in California. She has been married for six years to Leo Volpe, and their son, Oscar, was born on May 22, 1997. • **Sandy MEYER Fried '72** is a high school math teacher at the Soloman Schecter Day School in West Orange, NJ. She is happily married to Larry Fried, and they have two children, Becky (12) and David (15). • **Ellen WALLENSTEIN-Sea '70** is an artist/photographer (interests she began to pursue while at HCHS, and is teaching at the School of Visual Arts in NYC. She also has a business reading Tarot cards, and was married to commercial still-life photographer Gerard Sea in October of 1997. She would love to hear from classmates, and can be reached by e-mail at Seawall@earthlink.net or by phone (in the Manhattan book). • **Nancy Weissman ICY '76** is a lawyer living in Cambridge and working in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1992, she added a Master's in Public and Private Management from Yale ("do well by doing good") to keep her law degree company. She did a stint in Prague working on the transition to a market economy and ran a company doing historical research in Central and Eastern Europe. She now heads a Boston law firm, concentrating in business and real estate matters

for clients ranging from huge banks to classical musicians. When not practicing law, Nancy is an officer of American Jewish Congress (a national organization that advocates for civil and constitutional rights), works on establishing the Boston chapter of HCHSAA, and tries to go at least once a year to someplace memorable (it was rural Denmark in 1996). Work on her novel proceeds at a snail's pace - slow but deliberate.

1980s • Amy Werbel '82 gave birth to her second son, Emmett, in January. Big Brother Graham is 4 ½. Amy is currently Assistant Professor of Fine Arts (Art History) at St. Michael's College in Colchester, VT. She finally finished her Ph.D. at Yale in 1997. • **Jeremy Dobrish '86** is the author of the play *The Handless Maiden*, being performed at the Ohio Theatre in Soho through March 21st. • **Mi Ae Geoum '83** is working for a small international organization in NY and looking into Ph.D.s in Political Science. She sends news about several classmates: **Alfred Baron** married, moved to Japan and has an 18-month old son; **Susan Glatz** is practicing clinical psychology in Brooklyn and Queens; **Amy Gluck-Adachi** is turning out beautiful quilts and living in Brooklyn; **Doug Mao** is a Professor of English Literature at Princeton, and keeping busy; **Peter Arden** is an NYU administrator these days; and **Karen Rothkin** is studying for the Ph.D. in Political Philosophy at MIT. • The pseudonymous **Homer Hoover**, who prefers to remain anonymous, e-mails as follows: "While perusing a web page called the Internet Movie Database <http://us.imdb.com/>, it dawned on me to use its search function to look up people from HCHS whom I knew to have been involved in movies and television. I found a page for **Christopher Collet '86**. According to that, he has been married to Nancy Collet since 1996. I also found a page for **Emmanuel Jacobowitz '86** under his screen name, Manny Jacobs." • **Sarah Schneewind '82** has just given birth to a son, Leo Franklin Schneewind Tindall, and hopes to get her Ph.D. from Columbia this year, in Chinese history. Leo's godmother, **Martha Schulman '82**, is living in New York and pursuing a career in writing. • **Beverly Katz '82** is an attorney with Merrill Lynch and has two children, a boy and a girl. • **Rachel BUCKWALTER VerNooy '82** is expecting her third child. • **Peter Clateman '86** is living in Moscow and can most easily be reached at pclatema@skadden.com.

1990s • Emma Johnson '92 entered the world of film as assistant director on "Tax Day," slated for theatrical release sometime next year. She's been doing technical work on various other films this year. □

Literary Salon Selectives Continued

A small group of alums has expressed an interest in joining the reading discussion group discussed in the last issue of *AlumNotes*. We hope to talk about literary works in a non-threatening, but intellectually stimulating, way. An initial meeting is planned for April at the new Starbucks on Broadway in Morningside Heights, date, time and topic TBD. Interested? Please e-mail us at janetangel@aol.com or write to "Book Discussion" c/o Janet Angelillo, P.O. Box 389, Millwood, NY 10546-0389 and we'll get back to you with more information. □

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. The deadline for the next issue, which will be strictly enforced, is June 15th.



Phi Beta Kappa of NY Will Honor HCHS Student

Shirley Huang '70

The Phi Beta Kappa Association of New York usually awards annual scholarships to community college students in the five boroughs of New York City. Last year, it was decided to reduce the award amounts to the community college students and at the same time award small scholarship amounts (\$100) to high school students. PBK-NY felt that awarding high school students would introduce young people to PBK. (Evidently, interest in being a member of PBK has dropped over the years, and it was thought that this would be one way of provoking interest in PBK.) The scholarship amounts are small and therefore admittedly symbolic, as opposed to materially helpful. However, the gesture may be meaningful to the recipients, or to the recipients' families.

At a recent PBK-NY meeting concerning these awards, the officers of PBK-NY (of which I am currently one) were asked which high schools they had attended, as one way of putting together this year's (e.g., May or June 1998) scholarship list. As a result of this meeting, someone from Hunter High School — who will be selected by its principal, or other appropriate person — will receive a PBK certificate and \$100.

An addendum to this note is that I had originally suggested Hunter High School a year ago, when PBK-NY originally conceived of the high school scholarships. However, the others felt that they wanted to concentrate on high schools where the students came from less "privileged" backgrounds. The assumption was that students from Hunter High School were generally from better-off families and already knew about PBK, and so the goal of exposing potential recipients to PBK would be redundant. I argued otherwise last year, as I felt that people stereotyped Hunter High School students just as PBK members are stereotyped. □

FACULTY NEWS

Notes from the HCHS Liaison to the Alumnae/i Association
Marjorie Landsberg Goldsmith '61

Dear Alums:

Thanks so much for your positive response to the first column! It was heart-warming to receive all your e-mails and I intend to answer each one.

Greetings to all from ANNA MORELLO (Social Studies Dept.) There is certainly a new full life after retirement. Mrs. Morello is actively involved in the National Art League with her husband, who is retired from the advertising business and is now painting full time. Mrs. Morello writes the art column for the newsletter "Art News" and does publicity for the organization. Part of the fun is attending many museum shows and art openings. In addition, Mrs. M is involved in a reading club. The club is composed of several former English teachers.. so Mrs. Morello's history perspective is especially welcome, as is her unique sense of humor. Special time and joy is always reserved for her three grandchildren.

I am constantly in touch with ANASTASIA NICHOLAS (Science Department). She is so busy that her answering machine needs call waiting! Since her years as *What's What* advisor, Mrs. N has become interested in desktop publishing and has spent many hours enhancing those new computer skills. Her main project is GAWN- the Greek-American Women's Network, which she co-founded a few years ago. Mrs. Nicholas is President of this growing organization which now has chapters in New York, Washington, D.C., Tennessee, and Boston. A Chicago chapter is in the works. The group sponsors meetings and conferences related to the Greek-American experience and fosters communication and networking among its members. Two alums are active in the organization- **Thaleia Christidis '70**, architect, and **Lorraine Chrisomalis '79**, M.D./ obgyn. Any alum is encouraged to contact Mrs. Nicholas at www.gawn@hri.org if interested! And ...in her spare time Mrs. Nicholas is working on the establishment of a Museum to highlight the Greek-American immigrant experience. The project has already been chartered by the NYS Board of Regents and is now looking for an appropriate site in the city. A busy life also includes travel to Cypress, Egypt and Israel with husband George.

ETHEL SCHLESINGER (English/CT) sends regards to all former students. Ms. Schlesinger says that in her long career she has "retired from the theatre twice", the first time to seek a career in education at Hunter, and the second time after her Hunter retirement. She has performed in film and off Broadway. Ms. Schlesinger is actively involved in art. She has done a great deal of painting and had several shows. I attended one a year or two ago and it was dynamic. Right now, she is working as a sculptor, using stone. She maintains a studio in a foundry on 37th St. and is hoping to learn the art of bronze as well. Ms. Schlesinger looks forward to a sculpture show soon and invites you to contact her at ethelsles@aol.com.

Regards to all from the Hunter Faculty past and present and hope to see you at the June reunion!

Marge (Landsberg) Goldsmith
Science Dept.
mgoldsmi@hchs.hunter.cuny.edu □

Hunter CD Rack

Helene Williams Spierman '61 has a new CD out. *Helene Williams Sings Songs of Love*, covers of original songs by members of the Long Island Composers Alliance, was recently released on Capstone Records.



Hunter Online

Peggy Betz Perrin '51

The recently opened third computer classroom, used chiefly by the English and Foreign Language Departments at the moment, is progressing well toward full utilization. The very user-friendly software package Eudora is now the e-mail software for the school. In addition, all faculty have been given separate e-mail accounts at the College, independent of the High School accounts. The College accounts will enable them to Telnet via the Internet to information sources from their school offices. The Library anticipates a Fall inauguration of its automated circulation system. By then, students and faculty will have patron identification cards, and the old paper catalog cards for the 18,000 item circulating collection will be converted to records in an on-line electronic database.

Ms. Mayadas is particularly happy to have the assistance of an ICY student who is doing research on two important aspects of school computerization: (1) The cost and feasibility of an entirely separate foreign language computer laboratory and (2) existing programs and models for school staff development.

Staff development has become a major priority for Committee consideration. As the laboratories themselves were being equipped, faculty were supported in a variety of ad hoc ways. Experienced department members helped colleagues. Ms. Mayadas offered lunch-time workshops and a week-long, end-of-school seminar. ICYs and other advanced student users also made presentations and gave one-on-one support to faculty.

With three labs operational and administrative functions being automated, formalized and individualized faculty support is now essential. Possible approaches include summer workshops, tutorials, and department-by-department instruction with one or more members serving as the department's resource person. Some answers will come out of the resource person. Some answers will come out of the research being conducted by the ICY student; some from faculty discussions and suggestions. Personnel to do the training must be found, and financial support must be budgeted. □

Hunter Bookshelf

Vera LENCHNER Zolberg '50 co-edited *Outsider Art: Contesting Boundaries in Contemporary Culture*, Vera L. Zolberg and Joni M. Cherbo, eds. (Cambridge University Press, 1997). Besides co-authoring the introduction, Vera wrote of the essays in the book, entitled "African Legacies, American Realities: Art and Artists on the Edge."

Joan CHARLAT Murray '61 has completed her latest book, *Home Truths: A Celebration of Family Life By Canada's Best-Loved Painters*. Joan, who has a gallery in Oshawa, Ontario, is already working on a new book entitled *Resources in Modern Canadian Art History* as well as a book of short stories.

Joan searched through public galleries and private collections across Can-

ada to locate the 130 works of art she includes in *Home Truths* which uses examples as diverse as Paul Kane's depiction of a vanishing way of life in Ojibwa Camp in the Spider Islands and the security of family life portrayed in Mary Pratt's *Christmas Turkey* and Paul Peel's *After the Bath* to explore several recurring themes in art that is centered on the home.

Jane Mattes '61, CSW, is the author of *Single Mothers by Choice: A Guidebook for Single Women who are Considering or Have Chosen Motherhood* (Random House, 1994) which is coming out in a revised, updated edition on April 1st.

Single Mothers by Choice is an organization which Jane founded in 1980 which has chapters throughout

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In Memoriam

Ruth SCHAFFEL Wolotsky '38 passed away on November 16, 1997. Ruth, who was an administrator at the Hunter College School of Social Work, is survived by her husband, Hyman Wolotsky.

Claire S. LIPSHITZ Thau, Jan. '38, died on August 18, 1997. She is survived by her husband, Harold Thau.

Virginia GREENE Johnson, Jan. '46, passed away on February 4, 1997 after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, William P. Johnson.

Veronica JAMIESON LaVitola '61, died in June 1997, of lung cancer. Veronica never smoked, although both her parents did. She is survived by her husband. □

Grace GORDON Greif Deanin '41

Shirley Dushkind Kraus '36

Grace Greif Deanin (née Gordon) died on Feb. 19, 1998 after a long illness. She graduated from HCHS in 1941 and from Hunter College, as a member of Phi Beta Kappa, in 1945. She received her Masters in Physiology from the University of Illinois and her Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Deanin was professor emerita at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine, a designated member of the Hunter College Hall of Fame, and the author of many scientific papers. A seminar room was recently named after her at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Malcolm Gordon, her two daughters Nancy and Alice and her 3 grandsons. □



Directory Assistance

More than five years has passed since the 1993 Harris Directory of Hunter Alums was published, and it's time to start work on an update. The Association has begun to review vendor proposals for this project but no contract has been signed as of press time. Watch *AlumNotes*, the Web page, and your mailbox for further information.

The new directory, when available, will contain types of information that were not listed in the old directory, including career information, e-mail addresses and URLs, and names of spouses/ significant others and children. The publishing company will be handling the enormous amount of work involved in contacting thousands of alums for updated information and searching for lost alums. If you do not want to be included in the directory, which will be available only to HCHS alums, be sure to check the appropriate box on the membership form in this issue. Alums who tell us that they do not want to be contacted will not be included in any mailings related to the directory. ☐

Privacy Policy

The Association does not share information about members or other alums with anyone outside the Association or the HCHS community without the express permission of the individual. Information about alums is generally available to other alums who are members in good standing. If you wish your information to be withheld *even from other alums*, simply check the appropriate box on the membership form on page 11. We will honor your request.

April 4th is the night of the PTA's HCHS casino night, and all are invited. We also need donations for prizes, etc. and all inquiries can be directed to Gary Feinberg 212-249-4975.

AlumnaGrams

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Bookshelf

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the U.S. and in Canada. Its purpose is to provide support and information for mature single women who are considering motherhood or who have chosen to become mothers, and to provide them with the opportunity to network with others around the issues of single motherhood.

Jane is a psychotherapist in private practice in NYC and the single mother of a seventeen year old son, Eric. For more information you can contact Jane at the SMC office, (212)988-0993, or via email, mattes@pipeline.com, or visit the SMC web page, <http://www.parentsplace.com/readroom/smc>. ☐

Spring Poetry/Prose Reading

The Spring Poetry and Prose Reading will be held on Wednesday, April 29th from 5-7:00 p.m. at Hunter College High School Library (94th Street between Park and Madison). All are welcome; additional information is available from Francine Eisen (212-249-0771). ☐

**Deadline for
Summer Issue is
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Coffee and Tee

We still have Hunter College High School mugs available, a bargain at \$10.83. Sorry, no more "High on Hunter High" mugs left.

By popular demand, we now have Hunter College High School tee shirts as well, and they're really nice, if we do say so ourselves. Genuine Hane's "Beefy Tees" in a rich purple, with the school crest and name in white, discreetly placed on the upper left side.

They're available in Adult sizes S, M, L, XL, and XXL @ \$20.32, and Children's sizes XS and M @ \$14.99, because we know that one size *doesn't* fit all. Prices include postage and handling and sales tax.

Growing Association Needs Your Help

Our rapid growth has created a need for start-up funds. We answer thousands of letters each year; a postage meter would save two weeks of staff time a year now spent licking and stamping envelopes. With two people in the office, staff work nights and weekends just to be able to get to our one computer. *AlumNotes* comes out more often, and we spend thousands of dollars each year on paper alone. We recently lost a highly-skilled and personable staff member who could not afford to live on what we were paying.

For the long term, we need to establish an endowment so that we can meet operating costs from investment income. For the short term, we need to raise \$15,000 for immediate bills and basic office equipment. Please

Midwinter Brunch Held

Marilyn Estreicher Zinder '47

On Sunday, February 8th, twenty-one HCHS alumnae enjoyed a welcome respite from a dreary winter season at Raymond's Cafe on Seventh Avenue near Sixteenth Street in Manhattan. We were a merry group, and the talk was lively and stimulating. The food was fine, the coffee flowed, and everyone had a nostalgic good time. \$155 was collected for the general fund - but the friendship was priceless.

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It's official. The IRS has acknowledged our tax-exempt status, and we have the 501(c)(3) letter in hand. Now that our identity as a charitable organization has been confirmed by IRS, the Association can pursue grants and other funding sources that were off-limits in the past. Needless to say (but we'll say it anyway) this can only enhance our ability to support the High School as well as our ability to keep the office functioning. We've been celebrating in the office by sending out applications for matching grants submitted by alums whose employers have programs to match their charitable contribution. If your employer has a matching grant program, your donation to the Association can be twice as effective. Dues don't count toward the amount most programs are willing to match, but donations of as little as twenty-five dollars above your dues contribution are usually eligible. Call the office if you're not sure whether your employer's program would consider the Association eligible, and we'll do our best to help with the paperwork. We're starting to get used to it, and don't mind it a bit.

Some aspects of contributing to the Association will not change because of our confirmed status as a charitable organization. We'll continue to make every effort to ensure that earmarked contributions go promptly to the designated program and that all contributions are acknowledged promptly. Most important, your contributions are still going to help the High School and facilitate communications among Hunterites. □

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