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Dues support the operations of our office—including production of *AlumNotes*, maintenance of our website, and various social events throughout the year. HCHSAA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization; dues and donations to the Association are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. HCHSAA is also eligible for matching donations from many employers—so please check with your company's HR department.

HCHSAA EVENTS: DATES TO REMEMBER

Social/Networking Group (classes of 1980–1993)

Thursday, May 17
Details TBA via email

Young Alums Happy Hour (classes of 1991–2003)

Friday, June 1
Details TBA via email

2007 General Reunion

Sunday, June 3
beginning at 9:30 a.m. at HCHS
(71 East 94th Street between
Park and Madison Avenues)

GENERAL REUNION: SUNDAY, JUNE 3

The annual Alumnae/i Association-sponsored general reunion will take place on Sunday, June 3 at the High School. It's a great opportunity to see the school as it is today, meet current and former faculty members, and share reminiscences of HCHS with fellow alums. Most milestone classes (those ending in 2 or 7) plan a separate gathering for the same weekend, so all members of those classes should check with their individual class coordina-

tors. In addition, many classes have set up websites or egroups. Information about individual classes is on page 26. If your class does not yet have a reunion coordinator and you would like to volunteer, please contact our office.

You can preregister (discounted rates if you preregister) for the general reunion online at www.hchsaa.org (click "Visit Online Payment Center") or return the form on page 27 with payment by mail.

HCHSAA BOARD NOMINATIONS OPEN

The Alumnae/i Association is seeking candidates for our Board of Directors. Responsibilities of this volunteer position include attending monthly evening meetings in Manhattan and participating in ongoing work such as fundraising, event planning, publicity, interaction with the High School, etc. Dues-paid members may make nominations of individuals, including themselves, until the close of business on Friday, June 8, by writing, calling or emailing the Association's office. Candidates

must be current with their dues (they may be paid at the time of nomination) and are asked to submit a brief autobiographical sketch and a statement of why they would like to serve on the Board. The term of office is three years, beginning July 1, 2007.

We are also seeking volunteers interested in working on event planning or fundraising. Board membership is not required to join a committee—please contact the HCHSAA office if you are interested!

ONLINE ALUMNI DIRECTORY LAUNCH Send Us Your Email Address for Access

HCHSAA is pleased to announce the imminent rollout of our online alumni directory, based on information published in our last print directory in 2005. The online directory will enable alums to network more easily with classmates and other alums and is an integral part of our effort to keep alums connected and to build

a stronger Hunter alum community. Access to the online directory will be restricted to members of our alum community and will not be provided to any outside vendors.

An email message will go out from our office very soon to all alums for whom we currently have a valid email address.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As the size and focus of the Alumnae/i Association has grown, so too has the job of president, which is why this year, for the first time, the Board of Directors elected co-presidents—myself, Purvi Sevak '91, and Ruth KAUFMAN Davis '56.

Our Board comprises a multitalented group of alums spanning graduates from the 1950s to the 1990s. Board members work in or are retired from fields ranging from education and research to law and finance. Some of us have young children and some of us have grandchildren! We all share a devotion to our *alma mater* and a desire to continue to strengthen the Alumnae/i Association.

Our immediate goals as leaders of the Association are to expand upon work started in the past few years—increase social and networking opportunities for alums, improve the website and newsletter, and continue our major fundraising campaign, which includes the goal of raising \$3 million for an endowment fund for the High School.

To further our goals of connecting alums, we are pleased to be introducing an online alum directory (see article on page 1). This issue of *AlumNotes* also reports on the many social events we have sponsored since last fall—two theatre parties (see page 4), our annual Autumn reception at the High School, a Young Alums happy hour at Thanksgiving, private tours at MOMA, etc. (see page 9 for an events roundup). We also continue working hard on our major campaign, which we've named "Our Foundation, Our Legacy." As we're all aware, HCHS continues to offer a great education for gifted students from all five boroughs of NYC, but as a publicly funded school, money continues to be extremely tight for anything but the basics...so it's important for alums to give back as generously as possible. With the help of volunteer class agents and guided by our fundraising consultant (and HCHS alum) Matt Blumenfeld '83, we are looking for this year's milestone reunion classes to "set the pace" for future classes. A longer article about the campaign appears on page 6.

Finally, we were surprised in February to hear the news from the High School of the departure of the Director of Campus Schools and Principal of Hunter High, Dr. John Mucciolo (see page 5). Assistant principal Sonya Mosco has ably stepped in as Interim Principal and Hunter Elementary principal Randy Collins has been named Interim Director. Many of us remember Ms. Mosco from the Counseling department during our days at Hunter and know she will serve well in her new position.

I hope to see many of you at Reunion on Sunday, June 3.

Cordially,

Purvi Sevak '91

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Since my article about Ruth S. Lilienthal appeared in the Summer issue, seven more alums have sent me their recollections. I'm very pleased. And I'm more than pleased with the article in *AlumNotes*. Thank you! I've been meaning to draw your attention to the website I have set up so that all contributors can read what others have said: www.chrhodes.com. This is a work in progress but already, many will find some parts interesting.

Carolyn HODGSON Rhodes '43

To the Editor:

I read with interest about HCHS alums who have appeared on *Jeopardy!* (Summer 2006). I believe that I may be one of the few people on the planet with the distinction of having appeared on BOTH versions of *Jeopardy!* The show started out in the '60s in NYC, with Art Fleming as host. I appeared on this show in 1973. Then I was on the more famous Alex Trebek edition in 1986. Both times I came in second and had to content myself with "lovely parting gifts." What I found out—as I am sure the other unsuccessful contestants have—is that it is not how much you know but how well you can manipulate that damn button—buzzing in too early (my natural tendency, being an eager Hunterite) is very detrimental as it locks you out!! It also didn't help that two of my categories—The Bible and Track and Field were not exactly anything my Hunter education helped me to master.

Virginia WOLFE Manuel '60

To the Editor:

Since you have been discussing [alum] *Jeopardy!* contestants, I thought of adding my own reminiscence. Back in the spring of 1972, at the urging of my friend Nancy Miller '67, who has her own quiz show memories, I became a contestant. This was the time of host Art Fleming (let's just say he was more Ted Baxter than Alex Trebek)

and announcer Don Pardo—later the voice of *Saturday Night Live*. Categories were \$10–\$50, and \$20–\$100 for Double Jeopardy. Having studied the Almanac, I managed a one day win. To this day I recall the questions I blew. But my \$640 winnings did pay for my first trip to Europe that summer, with an old hand at traveling, Atina Grossmann '68. And I still have the encyclopedia.

Catherine CAVEY Anderson '68

To the Editor:

Now it can be told. I, too, was on *Jeopardy!* and I did not win. I was glad I hadn't mentioned Hunter, since I had not made my school proud. It was back around 1985 and the show had recently been revived with Alex Trebek as the new host. I had appeared on *The Morning Show with Regis and Kathie Lee* and won a mini-version of *Jeopardy!* They sent my husband, six-year-old son, and me to California to tape. I really enjoyed the experience and was surprised at how quickly the half-hour went. The show aired at four in the afternoon, so not too many people saw it and I didn't advertise it too widely. A few friends did call to say they caught the show and I looked "mahvelous." Now that I see that other Hunterites were on and didn't win, I feel that I am in good company.

Anita VALENTE Mulé '55

To the Editor:

My husband is a retired Reform Rabbi and during the winter he serves a small congregation in San Juan, Puerto Rico. One Friday evening a vacationing couple came to services and on Saturday we all went to dinner. I think Joyce SALOMON Kimmel '66 and I may have disturbed all the other diners when we discovered that we had both gone to Hunter and began a loud and enjoyable "Do you remember?" conversation. Whenever I meet someone who is also a Hunter alum, the reaction is

always one of delight. So that is my "small world" story.

Robin SPERO Rubinstein '60

To the Editor:

My husband and I enjoyed [the *In the Heights* theater party arranged by the Alumnae/i Assn.]; it was great fun. Hopefully, Lin-Manuel Miranda '98 and all have a good shot at being successful.

We had a chance to talk with some of the alums including several less ancient than we at the reception afterward. It was amusing to see some of their faces when I said that I graduated in 1944. I'm getting there age-wise, but don't consider myself over the hill just yet. It was very interesting to hear what these young people are doing with their lives.

At any rate, I hope that there will be other occasions to join HCHS alums. HCHS was and continues to be a very special educational institution: it produces so many grads who have made and are making their mark in many fields. When I think of the institutions where I have studied since, my high school experience still stands out.

Again, thanks for the work of those who put the "event" together.

Harriet KRONMAN Fein '44

HCHSAA Website

Our web address is www.hchsaa.org. Highlights of our site include archives of past issues of *AlumNotes*, a list of Distinguished Graduates, and a listing of class websites and egroups. The site also features online credit card payment capability—check it out! Certain pages are password-protected with our common password: purple (all lower case).

ALUMS ENJOY THEATRE PARTIES

Fall Party: Cynthia Nixon '84, Star of "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie"

Winter Party: Lin-Manuel Miranda '98, Creator and Star of "In the Heights"

Raymond Tsao



Cynthia Nixon surrounded by '84 classmates

More than 100 alums and their guests attended each of two theatre parties arranged by HCHSAA. The first, on the evening of September 21, was to see Cynthia Nixon '84 at off-Broadway's Acorn Theatre in the title role in *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*. The play, based on the 1961 novel by Muriel Spark, and adapted for the stage by Jay Presson Allen, concerns a dramatic teacher at an all-girls school in 1930s Scotland who passionately advocates causes such as sexual freedom and Italian Fascism, while she inspires and bullies her chosen clique of girls. Many alums of the 1970s recalled reading the novel while at Hunter, though apparently it is no longer a staple of the High School's reading list.

After the performance, alums delighted in the opportunity to meet Nixon at a reception hosted by the Alumnae/i Association in the theatre's lounge. HCHSAA past president and Nixon's classmate, Mimi Eng, expressed the Association's happiness to support the efforts of a fellow alum and the strong desire of Board members to continue hosting similar events in the future. Nixon graciously posed for photos and signed autographs.

THE NEW GROUP



The PRIME OF Miss Jean BRODIE

of a ship on their journey to the U.S.)—a bodega owner who dreams of returning to his native island, but comes to understand that he's already living on his "island."

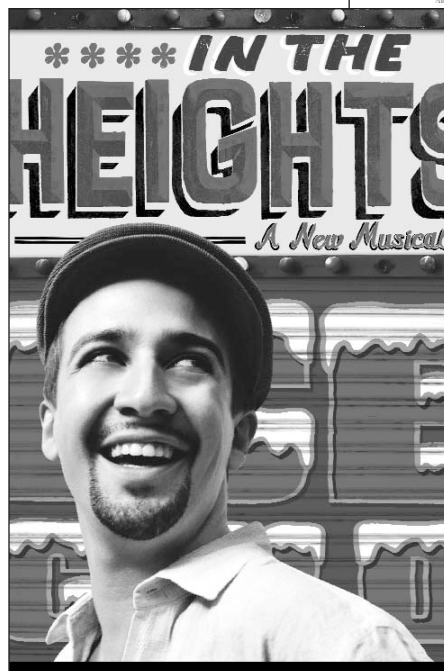
The music blends pop, latin, and rap—*New York Magazine* called the lyrics "some of the best that New York has heard from a young songwriter since *Avenue Q*" (coincidentally co-written by another HCHS alum, Bobby Lopez '93!). *The New York Times* also ran a favorable review, praising performances of "uncalculated exuberance," remarking

on Miranda's "scholarly affection for musical theatre," and talent—"his musical voice shines forth most pleasingly."

Miranda actually grew up in Inwood, not neighboring Washington Heights (he jokes that "In Inwood" just didn't sound as catchy as *In the Heights*!). He started writing *In the Heights* as a sophomore at Wesleyan, although back then it had a different set of songs and a different story. After Wesleyan, Miranda taught at HCHS for a couple of years while he worked his show and performed as a free-style rapper.

After the performance, Miranda and many of the cast members participated in a "talk-back" with alums. Embarrassed that all the questions were addressed to him, Miranda encouraged the audience to question other cast members. So someone queried, "What's it like to work with Lin?" The action then moved to a neighborhood club where alums and friends enjoyed a post-theatre gathering.

In the Heights is currently on an open run at the 37 Arts Theatre, with tickets on sale for dates through July 15, 2007.



On January 27, HCHSAA hosted another theatre event at a preview performance of *In the Heights*, an off-Broadway musical starring Lin-Manuel Miranda '98. The work is a fond portrait of a NYC neighborhood—a corner in Washington Heights dominated by Latino businesses. Miranda wrote the lyrics and plays the lead character, Usnavi (named after the "U.S. Navy" his parents saw on the side

DR. JOHN MUCCILO DEPARTS HCHS

**Randy Collins Named Interim Director of the Campus Schools;
Sonya Mosco Named Interim Principal of the High School**

Dr. John Mucciolo, the Director of the Campus Schools and Principal of the High School, left his position as of March 1.

Hunter College president Jennifer Raab issued the following letter to the parents and students of the campus schools.

Dear HCCS Parents and Students,

It is with deep regret that I write to tell the HCCS community that Director John Mucciolo has resigned his position due to health conditions and family circumstances, effective March 1, 2007. Dr. Mucciolo declined our offers of a sabbatical, a leave of absence and other accommodations. He has served the Hunter College Campus Schools ably for the past two years and we will certainly miss him. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Dr. Mucciolo and I have discussed the best solution for interim leadership, and with his guidance, we have developed a strong interim plan which involves restructuring the current administrative organization of the school. Randy Collins will become the Interim Director of the Campus Schools and will also remain Elementary School Principal (Acting). Mr. Collins came to the Hunter College Campus Schools in September 2006. He has significant expertise in gifted education and K-12 administration, having served as a high school and elementary school principal, head of school at a private K-12 day school, and as a director of K-12 gifted programs. He is a past President of AGATE (Association of Gifted and Talented Education), where he collaborated with many in the Hunter community on a number of projects.

Assistant Principal Sonya Mosco has graciously agreed to assume the position of Interim Principal of the High School. Ms. Mosco has been an integral part of the Campus Schools for 20 years, having served 10 years as a high school counselor and most recently as Assistant Principal. During her tenure, she has worked closely with department chairs, faculty, students and parents and has extensive experience in all facets of administration. She is working closely with Dr. Mucciolo to ensure a seamless transition at the High School.

We are fortunate to have two strong administrators at the school who are well positioned to assume these interim leadership roles, and we appreciate their willingness to serve. We will provide the support and necessary resources to make this transition a success.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. Please be assured that during this time of transition we are committed to continuing to provide the best academic environment at HCCS.

Sincerely,
Jennifer J. Raab
President, Hunter College

HCHS CHOOSES 2007 DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE: SUSAN LEVINE FUHRMAN '61

Susan LEVINE Fuhrman '61 has been named the HCHS Distinguished Graduate for 2007 and will address the graduating class at its



commencement on June 26. Dr. Fuhrman is currently the president of Teachers College at Columbia University. Prior to that, she was dean of the School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. She has also worked on the faculty of Teachers College and as a social studies teacher at a Chicago area public school. Her reputation in academic research is built upon her work in the "school standards movement," which calls for the setting of achievement goals for students and emphasizes accountability for schools.

Dr. Fuhrman earned her BA and MA from Northwestern University and her PhD from Columbia. She has written or edited several books on reform and accountability in education and she is the founding leader of the Consortium for Policy Research in Education, a joint venture among five universities that evaluates state and local school reforms. In an interview with *The New York Times*, Dr. Fuhrman said that she intended to bring some of the center's work on school reform and management to Teachers College, and that she hoped to expand the college's involvement with New York's public school system.

Each year, a committee at the High School selects that year's Distinguished Graduate. To see a list of past honorees, please visit our website: www.hchsaa.org (click on "About HCHSAA" on the menu bar on the left-hand side).

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

OUR FOUNDATION, OUR LEGACY—THE CAMPAIGN FOR HUNTER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

A CAMPAIGN TO CREATE AN ENDOWMENT AND IMPROVE HCHS RESOURCES

Not quite a year into the effort, the Our Foundation, Our Legacy campaign for Hunter College High School has already attracted donations of several hundred thousand dollars toward our endowment goal of \$3 million, plus additional dollars to assist with other important needs. This is more than HCHSAA has ever raised! The campaign also establishes an historic collaboration between the Alumnae/i Association and Hunter College, which has committed personnel and resources. The endowment fund resides at the Hunter College Foundation.

We've heard from old friends and new, been peppered with questions about what Hunter's like today, why our *alma mater* needs an endowment, and how we can help. We've worked with a tireless team of volunteers, from the Board of Directors and beyond, started a new program to help classes organize their milestone reunions, and are rolling out our online directory (see story on page 1), to make it easier and more convenient for Hunterites to keep in touch. There's a long way to go, but we are confident that we'll reach our goals and make Hunter stronger and the Hunter community more vibrant and useful to all of us.

To recap what the effort is all about: Our first goal is to establish and build a permanent endowment to provide a steady, yearly stream of funds to help Hunter with key strategic initiatives such as ongoing staff development, faculty retention, development of innovative and leading edge curricula, broadening student

support and enrichment opportunities, strengthening community outreach to improve the school's ethnic and socioeconomic diversity, reducing student attrition, and promoting awareness of Hunter amongst New York City's elementary and middle schools.

Our second goal is to maintain at least the current level of HCHSAA's annual giving to HCHS (which has topped \$100,000 in each of the last three years) to help with more immediate needs such as technology, equipment, guest lecturers, support for the library, and curricular materials.

Our third goal is to raise funds to expand the Alumnae/i Association's operations and services, so that we can do a better job serving you and reconnecting alums with each other and back to Hunter.

Our focus going forward will be to work closely with milestone classes, which this year are comprised of those classes ending in 2 or 7. We'd like to briefly focus on the class of '82, which is putting forth an exemplary effort with respect to organizing class giving on the occasion of its 25th reunion.

According to Campaign Director, Matt Blumenfeld '83, the class of '82 has been absolutely stellar in its organizational efforts. "The team of class agents that has volunteered to work with us has been terrific and we'd like to extend a special word of thanks to Sara Corello who has worked tirelessly and with great cheer. We expect that '82 will set the standard for future 25-year reunions...well, at

least until next year," he said with a grin. The class of '82 began its efforts in early winter, with several alums agreeing to act as organizers and class agents, receiving some training, and agreeing to contact classmates to ask for commitments to Hunter. The goal for '82, and all other milestone years, is to get as close to 100% of the class to participate in the campaign as possible, and for each person to give as much as they can, depending on their own financial and life situation. "Each of us is different in terms of where we stand financially," said Blumenfeld, "but everyone is similar in that they can ask themselves what's the most they can possibly give to Hunter."

Alums who are interested in participating as donors and/or volunteers for the campaign are encouraged to contact Matt Blumenfeld at fdamattb@aol.com, any member of the Alumnae/i Association's Board of Directors, Marge Kolb '78 at the AA office, or Ann Goldberg at the Hunter College Foundation at ann.goldberg@hunter.cuny.edu.

"It is important for everyone to consider making a pledge that can be paid over several years," said former AA Board Member and Campaign Co-Chair, Tai Wong '88. "By doing so, we can magnify the impact of every commitment, and begin to see the results of the campaign pay off at Hunter."

Yes, we have a long way to go. But with all your help, we will get there.

MAJOR GIFTS

LEONA FEIFER CHANIN '34 HONORED FOR LEADERSHIP GIFT

On September 12, 2006, a ceremony honoring Leona FEIFER Chanin '34 was held in the HCHS library, where one of the rooms was named "The Leona Chanin Reading Room." This event celebrated Mrs. Chanin's \$100,000 gift to the High School's newly established endowment fund. Hunter College president Jennifer Raab '73 said of Chanin, "As a friend of Leona's, you know of her many achievements as a distinguished philanthropist and generous supporter of public education and other worthy causes. You also know of her tremendous personal kindness and compassion. But many do not know that she is a proud graduate of Hunter College High School, as well as Hunter College. Mrs. Chanin often credits her Hunter High School years as the transformational experience of her life. I am so proud to honor her for her leadership gift." In acknowledging the honor, Mrs. Chanin laughingly remarked that it's good to be lauded while you're still alive! She remembered her years at Hunter High as being transformational—it was where she learned to study—and where she met some brilliant people. She stressed her belief that everyone must take personal responsibility for public education—she is deeply committed to Hunter College and to the High School and feels that it is an honor for her to contribute to this special school.

FORMER FRENCH TEACHER LEAVES SIGNIFICANT BEQUEST

Dorothy Brodin, who taught French at HCHS from 1943 to 1961, recently bequeathed more than \$100,000 to Hunter College High School. Brodin inspired generations of students with a love for the French language and literature. A brilliant teacher and scholar, she and her husband Pierre, who for years was the director of the Lycée Français de New York, actively promoted French literature and culture in the U.S. After leaving HCHS, Brodin taught at the Lycée Français de New York and later at Lehman College, where she was Associate Professor and later Professor Emerita. She died on August 20, 2005, at the age of 87. A memorial service held at HCHS on November 3, 2005, was well attended by former colleagues, students, and friends.

ALUMS FUND POETRY PROGRAMS AND STUDENT TRAVEL AT HCHS

Two alums, Lyda PINKUS Rochmis '26 and Miriam WEIL Rand '32, have provided for generous funds for HCHS—Mrs. Rochmis through a personal donation of \$20,000 in 2004, to fund poetry speaking and reading programs, and Mrs. Rand through donations of more than \$100,000 from her family, friends, and colleagues in honor of her 90th birthday in 2006, to assist needy students by providing subsidies for school-sponsored trips.

In the first year of the poetry grant, the English Department arranged for poets Mark Doty, Angie Mlinko, and David Perry to visit the school. Mr. Doty, who was the first American poet to win England's £10,000 T.S. Eliot Prize for Poetry, read his work and spoke with students about his feelings about writing. Ms. Mlinko and Mr. Perry presented their work and led weeklong workshops for interested students from all grades. In the second year of the grant, two more poets visited the school: Bill Zavatsky and Bob Hirshon.

This year, two professional directors of Shakespeare productions led master classes in Shakespeare recitation for students competing in the annual English Speaking Union Shakespeare Contest, and poets Marc Wolf and Myla Goldberg held readings at the school. Additionally, funds from Mrs. Rochmis' gift have been used to purchase 60 copies of *Selected Poems of Pablo Neruda* for the 10th grade, 90 copies each of the Dover thrift editions of poetry by Emily Dickinson and Walt Whitman for the 11th grade, and 90 copies each of *The Norton Anthology of Poetry, 5th Edition* and *Poetry of Robert Frost* for seniors. The English department has also decided to award one student-poet per year a \$1,000 scholarship to attend a summer writing program of the student's choice—the first recipient will be chosen in May.

In the current school year, the Rand travel fund has granted more than \$11,000 to nine students, in awards ranging from \$350 to \$1,600 so they can travel with the Art department to Italy and on an Eco-Science trip to Puerto Rico. One student receiving travel assistance had never been on a plane before!

ANNUAL GIVING 2006–2007

At right is the text of the letter sent to alums and friends last November to kick off the HCHSAA 2006–2007 Annual Giving campaign.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has already donated to this year's effort. We encourage everyone who has not yet participated to do so today! You can give online at www.hchsaa.org (click "View Online Payment Center") or return the form on page 27 with payment in the pre-addressed envelope provided for your convenience.

HCHSAA's current fiscal year runs from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007. All donors who contribute \$100 or more to the Annual Giving drive during this period will be acknowledged on the Honor Roll of Giving, to be published in the next issue of AlumNotes.

November 2006

Dear HCHS Alum or Friend:

It's that time of year again—autumn leaves and early snowfalls, football games and the Macy's parade, the end of daylight savings and the beginning of holiday season, and yes—the kickoff of the Alumnae/i Association's Annual Giving drive.

Each year, funds generated from this appeal make an important and tangible difference at Hunter—providing such essentials as computers, equipment for science and language labs, Smart Carts (digital projector cart systems), library furniture and books, and direct support to the academic departments for staff development, text book replacement, and curriculum design. Even as we seek to expand our fund raising efforts by helping to build a long term endowment, Annual Gift funds will continue to play an essential role in our alma mater's ongoing success.

In part thanks to your support, Hunter students continue to excel and succeed, maintaining Hunter's standing as one of the finest (if not *the* finest!) public secondary schools in the nation. Your tax-deductible contribution this year will enable Hunter to be a better Hunter for today's Hunterites, and ensure that this group of students is better prepared to become tomorrow's leading scholars, writers, doctors, jurists, scientists, visual and performing artists, business leaders, entrepreneurs, librarians, educators, and public servants.

Hunter helped shape us and provided a strong foundation on which to build our adult lives. This foundation and the lasting friendships formed make us all part of a Hunter community that stretches across age and geographic lines. We believe it is important to nurture this growing Hunter network at the same time that we do our part to support the youngest members of our community—today's Hunter students. We encourage everyone to give back, to ensure that the legacy of excellence continues and that Hunter remains a bastion of intellectual rigor and freedom in this challenging 21st century.

Hunter needs and welcomes your help and participation. Please give as generously as you possibly can. Thank you.

Best wishes for 2007,
The Board of Directors
Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association

P.S. Your gift may be eligible for an employer match. HCHSAA is also able to accept gifts of securities. Please contact our office for more information or to schedule an individual gift consultation.

P.P.S. If you haven't paid dues (which support our office operation, including production of *AlumNotes*) in the past twelve months, or would like to renew your dues, please return your dues payment with your contribution to the Annual Giving drive.

ALUM EVENTS ROUNDUP

50TH BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR GRADS OF '73 (AND '74 ICY)

The class that began HCHS in September 1968 held a communal 50th birthday bash on October 21, 2006 at classmate Tracey GREENE Riese's apartment in lower Manhattan. Organized by Nancy Lashine and Shelley Gunner, the event was most enjoyable.

AUTUMN RECEPTION AT HCHS

The HCHSAA annual reception for alums and friends was held on November 1, 2006, in the HCHS Library. This was an informal get-together for alums of all ages, who enjoyed conversing with each other, nibbling and drinking, and listening to a high school jazz combo. AA President Purvi Sevak welcomed everyone, including past AA presidents E. Mildred Speiser, Jan. '49, Bunny WORMAN Hauser, June '49, and Peggy BETZ Perrin '55. AA Board Member John Marks '83 spoke about the AA's new campaign for the High School—Our Foundation, Our Legacy (see page 6) and Principal John Mucciolo and current students Chelsea Weinberg, Kristin Brown, and Ben Samuels-Kalow addressed the attendees about life at Hunter today.

YOUNG ALUMS THANKSGIVING HAPPY HOUR

About 125 alums showed up at some point during the November 25 Fall mixer at Society Bar & Restaurant near Bleecker Street in the NYU neighborhood. Young Alums coordinator Errol Bakal '99 reports that everyone had an incredibly fun time. The next Young Alums event is planned for Friday, June 1—if you're a member of one of the classes of 1991–2003 and you haven't been getting our email notices for these events, please ask us to add you to our listserv by email-ing us at hchsalums@yahoo.com.

RECENT ALUMS AT AVA LUNA'S ROCK SHOW

The AA office was happy to pass on an invitation from Siheun Song '03 for the classes of '01–'06 to attend the December 22 show by rock band Ava Luna at The Lion's Den in Greenwich Village. Three of the band's five members are HCHS alums. Song reported afterward that about 50 alums attended the show. To hear some of the band's songs and join their email list, go to www.avalunaband.com.

ALUM NIGHT AT HCHS MUSICAL REP.

About a dozen alums and friends attended the March 23 HCHS Musical Rep. presentation of *Damn Yankees*. It was a lively performance with a strong cast. The role of Applegate (a.k.a. Satan) was played by a female student, Birdy Sahagian, who was wonderful. Faculty member and alum Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61, reported that Richard Adler, who with Jerry Ross wrote the music and lyrics for the show, attended the Thursday afternoon performance and addressed the audience and performers from the stage before the show.

MOMA TOUR

On private tours held April 10 and 15, Nora Lawrence '97 led more than 30 alums through MOMA's Armando Reverón exhibition and a luncheon at MOMA's Café 2. Lawrence is a Curatorial Assistant with MOMA and co-authored the Reverón exhibition's companion catalog. The retrospective introduced the work of the celebrated Venezuelan artist, who died in 1954, to international audiences. The work was divided into sections of figurative and landscape painting, and also included the life-sized dolls and many of the imitation practical objects that Reverón and his partner Juanita Ríos created to fill their secluded home in the small Caribbean village of Macuto.

Are You Missing Out? Send Us Your Email!

If you're not on our email list, you're not receiving invitations to great alum events like theatre parties (featured on page 4 of this issue of *AlumNotes*), happy hours, and other special events like the recent alumna-led MOMA tour! Email is the only way we advertise Young Alums events as well as get-togethers of our new Social/Networking Group (for alums from 1980–1993). We also send notification of special alum events like the theatre parties, events open to alums which take place at Hunter College or the High School, as well as other performances of interest (alum concerts, comedy shows, speaking engagements, etc.). Email is the best way to hear about the latest alum events! To be added to our email notification list, simply send an email to hchsalums@yahoo.com with the subject line: "Add Me to Blast Email." You can opt out of email at any time by following the instructions in any bulk email you receive from us. We generally send email no more than once or twice per month and we never give your email address to outside parties.

2006 MILESTONE REUNIONS: FALL GATHERINGS

Class of '61 Celebrates 45th Reunion in NYC

by Helene WILLIAMS Spierman,
Class Coordinator

On Saturday, September 16, 2006, the Class of '61 had a lovely 45th anniversary reunion at the classy Italian restaurant, Arqua, on Church St. 35 members of the original class of 137 graduates gathered, although several people who had planned to come could not at the last minute; some due to illness, others to business. Our reunions continue to attract class members who haven't ever attended before; and several people who left Hunter before graduating join us as well. We gave a round of applause to Claudia Wilson, who was to be ordained as a Priest in the Episcopal Church the following weekend; and to Susan LEVINE Fuhrman, who was appointed this summer as the new President of Teachers College of Columbia University.

A highlight was the reading of a letter from retired Latin teacher Irving Kizner. Mr. Kizner was known for his sense of humor and warm personality. His letter elicited a reaction after almost every sentence, proving he still can work the crowd, even in absentia, with what was actually a sincere note of appreciation: "There are some who think it best to warm up a car before starting out in the cold winter, while there are others who think it best to start right away and let the engine warm up while in motion. And we have been exposed to many movies in which a prize fighter loses the initial rounds, and then gets his second wind and destroys his opponent; and also with horse racing stories in which the 'hero' is held back and then with a final burst of speed crosses the finish line first. Nonsense! My teaching career started out, with zero experience, in Hunter College High School on the 'fast track.' I was



'thrown in' with a group of intelligent and vibrant and self-assertive young women whose abilities forced me to keep up with them at once. No 'warming up' or 'holding back'—there they were, that is, there you were—and there was no direction I could take other than 'full speed ahead.' I consider myself fortunate in meeting this class in my early years as a teacher. I started in 1954 and had some of you in class not many years later. When you graduated I had just finished my 6th year at the school—I was not quite 31 years old. And yet, there was only one way to keep up with you—not by fighting your intelligence, but by emulating it. Yes, I became a successful teacher by teaching successful students: You were, in every sense of the word 'my teachers.' I often wonder why I am thanked when I am the one who should be doing the thanking. THANK YOU ALL!! Irving Kizner P.S. What are we doing in 2011?"

We also heard from our classmate, Marjorie LANDSBERG Goldsmith, Chair of the High School's Science Department and a Board member of the Alumnae/i Association, who gave an update on the High School.

After all the thank-yous were finished, we gathered into a group for a class photo (*see above*), a first for us. Pictures had been taken all afternoon by several people, and they are on our class website, <http://www.hunterhigh1961.homestead.com/>; click on 45th Reunion Index. Last but not least, our class donated \$5,700 to the High School, not including some donations which are eligible for corporate matching programs which will increase our contribution to almost \$6,000! This will be used to spruce up the lobby of the school.

We are all looking forward to our 50th Anniversary and more leisure time to devote to "re-unioning."

Class of '66 Reunion

About 80 women attended the 40th reunion of the class of '66 on Sunday, October 29, 2006. Lois KAPLAN Goldrich wrote about the gathering in an article entitled "We Meet Again" published in *The Jewish Standard* on November 30, 2006. She credited her classmates—even the ones fighting cancer or recovering from painful divorces—with trying their best to rekindle and project the youthful irreverence for which

the class was known. In high school, they were loud, edgy, argumentative, funny, and caring—and apparently they still are!

Memories of Hunter High include learning how to talk without dentalizing and how to hold your own in a debate. Without boys around to mock their gym suits (bloomers and all—a real treat for passersby when they marched out onto Lexington and 68th Street during a fire drill), the class excelled in sports, and those whose interests took them in other directions, held the reins of student government, joined the drama club, composed the music for the annual “Sing” and otherwise reveled in discovering their many talents and abilities.

Class of '71 Reunion

by Alison Ozer '70 (early grad of '71)

At the 35th reunion of the class of '71 on September 16, one classmate observed: “We were used to getting all As, but though we could ace academics we couldn't necessarily ‘ace’ life.” Nevertheless there we were, 42 of us, and if you could compare us to a deck of cards, I think you'd describe us as Queens if not Aces. Yes, life had challenged us, aged us, humbled us, and brought us wisdom—yet most of us appeared to be thriving both physically and mentally. We gathered together to share, support, and spur each other on.

Our class of all women, from the days when Hunter was known as the school for “gifted intellectual young women,” finally gathered in the fall in our own unique way, well after the official Hunter reunion. Here we were—a group of gifted “mature” women and post-feminist representatives of the boomer generation. While enjoying a catered buffet, we took turns sharing some of our stories in the delightfully decorated '60s style living room at Paulette BERND Erde's classy home in Scarsdale.

We could boast and toast a class full of lawyers, doctors, psychologists,

researchers, and academic teachers, as well as geologists, computer programmers, writers, editors, performers, martial artists, and dance instructors. Several themes emerged from our personal chats and round-room discussion, many typical of the boomer generation and representing the values of the '60s and '70s: We were a class of girls grown into women who would not be silent. Intelligence, both intellectual and emotional, was a quality we admired and brought into our work, relationships, and advocacy in the world. Diversity and tolerance were values that we were taught and upheld. Humor and humility highlighted our reflections on our youth and aging, and our position sandwiched between the younger generation and elderly parents. We acknowledged the courage it took to deal with the death of family members, friends, and even face it ourselves. Having struggled with stress and illness, many felt they now focused on enjoying every day, and appreciated the privilege of being at this gathering. We were still growing and welcoming change as we gathered experience and wisdom, looking to express ourselves, and make a difference.

This theme of growth emerged quite often in our recollections of high school and college days. We were geared to be girls who excelled. The existence of so many doctors, therapists, and scientists was a testimony to the inspiration of our science teachers. But it was also a “sign of the times” since in the 1970s women were finally admitted in larger numbers to Ivy League schools and allowed and encouraged to compete with men. We still faced sexism though—male colleagues would strip naked, oblivious to the fact that females were present. They expected their female classmates to do the same and ignored them as if they were neutered. They'd gossip about the girls from “sister” schools that they dated and slept with, insensitive to the hearts, minds, and sexuality of their own “sister” students.

One alum even remembered her mother warning, “Don't let a man know how smart you are!” Yet at Hunter, we were taught by teachers like Mr. Peck who became a notable writer and who valued “independence and independent thinking, separating oneself from the crowd, learning to discover who you really are—and standing up for it.” Still, many shunned and teased us “smart” girls. Our fierce allegiance and enjoyment of our “sisters” also resulted in taunting. I recalled us being labeled as “lesbians” simply for holding hands while walking to the Hunter College lunchroom. We didn't even know what the word meant.

Hunter's male English teachers were memorable for their charisma and confidence, daring subject matter, self-approving smirks, and distinguished dress-styles including turtlenecks and socks of different colors. We learned about Italian Opera, Feminism, and Black power, as well as literature. Linda Wallack recalled Mr. Taylor showing her off in front the class when she uncharacteristically dressed, not in pants, but in an African dashiki! And she reminded us of his introduction to *A Streetcar Named Desire*, when he entered the room dressed in character and yelled “Stella!” Many could never forget Mr. Marienhoff, whose witticisms kept us alert and whose criticism sharpened our analyses in Social Studies.

In addition to creative teachers, we were privileged to experience trust and freedom that most city school students did not. We could knit in class or buy Gristedes sour pickles in the morning and eat them through first period. We got the dress code changed so we could wear jeans (bellbottoms) to school. And sometimes, we were allowed to sleep. By third period, many of us had been up for at least six hours and I recall laying my head on the cold slab during an AP Bio lab. We also got to laugh a lot. Recalling the detailed dissections of cats and frogs, with their legs splayed and smelling of formaldehyde,

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Norma ALEXANDER Abdulah '39 was featured in the December 2006–January 2007 *Freedom Socialist* newspaper in the Radical Women Interview entitled “Snapshot: The Remarkable Life and Times of Harlem Revolutionary Norma Abdulah” (www.socialism.com/fsarticles/vol27no6/27616norma.html). The article states that Abdulah is a proud member of Radical Women in Harlem, and who as a unionist and a radical, has always been moved by the promise of liberation and has lived her life as an agitator for workers’ and women’s rights and Black freedom. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Hunter College and then became the first black woman in Columbia University’s graduate program in philosophy and science. She worked as a NYC public school teacher and was instrumental in teachers winning the right to unionize in the 1960s. She was also active in the civil rights movement and has her name inscribed in the Southern Poverty Law Center building in Montgomery, Alabama.

Cecilia Hodges '42 was the subject of a March 6, 2007 article in *The Princeton Packet* newspaper. The Women’s History Month Profile, entitled “A Life That Melds Art, Perseverance,” focused on Hodges’ creative expression, which she funnels into recitations, one-woman shows, book club meetings, and the verse-speaking choir at Witherspoon Street Presbyterian Church. Hodges, a retired Princeton University professor, is quoted as saying: “I grew up in a household in which the spoken word and reading were important. By osmosis, I took it in.” Hodges earned her bachelor’s degree from Hunter College, her master’s, in history of drama, from Columbia, and a doctorate in oral interpretation of literature from Northwestern University. She taught at Talladega College in Alabama, and then Douglass College, the women’s college of Rutgers, where she was the

sole black faculty member. As a tenured associate professor in the late 1960s, she helped establish that college’s African/Afro-American Studies program. When she joined Princeton’s English Department, she was the lone woman and lone black person on a staff of 50, but her students made her experience enjoyable, she said.

Mildred SPIEWAK Dresselhaus, Jan. '48 was honored in February 2007 with the L’Oreal-UNESCO 2007 Women in Science Award. Dresselhaus, who in 1968 became the first female tenured professor in the engineering department at MIT, has dedicated her life to understanding the fundamental physical elements of carbon fibers and, more recently, carbon nanotubes and other nanostructures. Peter Eklund, a physics professor at Pennsylvania State University who trained with Dresselhaus as a postdoctoral student in the 1970s and nominated her for the award, was quoted in a March 5, 2007 article in *The Boston Globe* stating, “There can’t be more than 10 women in the world right now of her stature in science.” After HCHS, Dresselhaus attended Hunter College where she was encouraged by Professor Rosalyn Yalow (who later won a Nobel Prize for medicine in 1977) to go to graduate school. She became a Fulbright Fellow in 1951, earned a master’s in physics from Radcliffe College in 1953, and a doctorate in physics from The University of Chicago in 1958. She was hired at MIT’s Lincoln Laboratory in 1960 and joined MIT’s department of electrical engineering and computer science as a professor in 1968.

Martina ARROYO de Maurel '53 was featured in an October 2006 interview in *Opera News* entitled “Martina—Straight Up with a Twist.” After spending 20 years at the Metropolitan Opera as a world-class soprano, making more than 20 appear-

ances on *The Tonight Show* during the Carson years, and teaching at Indiana University, de Maurel recently took on the role of director of the “Prelude to a Performance” workshop—a destination for young professionals who seek guidance in more than just singing technique. In the program’s 2006 season, five weeks of classes and rehearsals in June and July culminated in fully-staged performances of *Don Giovanni* and selected acts from *Don Pasquale*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Falstaff* at Manhattan’s Teatro Heckscher. In her interview, de Maurel recalls that when she was a student at Hunter High, she and a few friends were outside the auditorium imitating the professional opera singers taking part in Hunter College’s Opera Workshop when she got “caught.” As punishment, she had to sing for Professor Turnau, who recognized her talent and allowed her to take the workshop. She subsequently received a scholarship to Hunter College and was sent to study with Marenka Gurewich, after which music took over her life entirely.

Sharon Drager '63 and groom Wyit Wright were the featured couple in the February 11, 2007 *New York Times* wedding announcements. Their story has the twist that although they first met at a National Science Foundation camp for gifted young scientists in 1962 when they were teenagers, and Mr. Wright accompanied Ms. Drager to her senior prom (at HCHS) and dated her during college, they eventually broke up (at the insistence of her parents, who noticed a dip in her grades) and later married others. Drager became a vascular surgeon in California and Wright, a scientist working at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, MA. After Drager divorced in 1996, she soon began corresponding with Wright via email, which ultimately led to their getting together again.

Elena Kagan '77 was featured in a February 1, 2007 article in *The Harvard Crimson* entitled “Under Kagan, A Harmonious Harvard Law School.” There was speculation, at the time of the article, that Kagan, the first woman president of the law school, was a candidate for the presidency of Harvard, though the post eventually went to another woman. The article elaborates on Kagan’s reputation as a consensus-driven diplomat who has brought unity to the historically fractious school. The full text can be accessed at <http://www.thecrimson.com/printfriendly.aspx?ref=516745>.

David Bauer '05, who currently attends the Macaulay Honors College at City College (CUNY), was recently awarded a prestigious 2007 scholarship from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. Established by Congress in 1986 to foster and encourage excellence in science, mathematics, and engineering the Foundation operates an educational scholarship program designed to provide opportunities for American undergraduate students with excellent academic records and outstanding potential. Bauer has been investigating synthesis and assaying of novel aspirin derivatives for the development of new anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer medications.



ALUM COVERS ALUM FOR SPORTS ILLUSTRATED ONLINE

Steve Hofstetter '97, a stand-up comic and sports commentator, wrote about the Texas Rangers baseball team general manager Jon Daniels '95 in an article entitled “Reunited and It Feels So Good” on October 16, 2006. An excerpt is included here and the full article can be accessed at: http://sportsillustrated.cnn.com/2006/writers/steve_hofstetter/10/16/standup.guy/index.html.

“When I was a kid, I got teased by the general manager of the Texas Rangers. Let me explain...I’d read about the Rangers’ 28-year-old phenom this past year. The youngest GM of all time. And due to the common name, I never put two and two together. He was the same Jon Daniels who used to tease me on the school bus. Flash back to 1992. I was 13, he was 15. There was a hierarchy on that bus, like any other. The older kids mattered, the younger kids didn’t. It was the reverse of figure skating. I don’t recall any specific stories of Jon torturing me—the

worst I remember is that he’d constantly yell at me to shut up and let him sleep. But I do know that he didn’t like me very much, and I felt the same way. So when I called the Rangers to interview him for this column, I had my angle planned out ahead of time. I was hoping he’d be a bit of a jerk. That he’d say something to prove that in the 14 years since we last spoke, nothing had changed. Which would have been a very easy angle if I were writing about going to high school with Terrell Owens...But Jon made things difficult. He was nice. He was humble. He was genuine...I was surprised at how human he was—and not because we butted heads when we were kids, but because I’ve spoken to a lot of people in positions like that, and most of them spend their interviews reciting clichés. Jon joked around, discussed everything from our high school baseball team to what we’ve been doing since college, and I really got a sense of how happy and passionate he is about his job.”

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It will contain a link to the directory as well as a unique access code. (If you’re not sure whether we have your email address, please send it to hchsalums@yahoo.com.) The directory link will be added to our website: www.hchsaa.org. Alums can update their own directory record as well as search other alums by their married or Hunter name. It’s even possible to search an entire graduating year! Each directory record contains fields for home address, phone number, email, job information, degrees earned, and spouse/partner and children’s names.

Please note that you may be receiving mailings from us (*AlumNotes*, etc.) at

your correct address, but your contact information on the online directory may be outdated—so please be sure to check your record as soon as you receive the link from us. If you have never received email from us, this means we don’t have your email address on file. You will have to contact us to get your access code. Once you are logged in, please update your record.

You will have the option of selecting which fields will be viewable by other alums. If you do not want your record to be viewable, you have that option as well. If you would like our office to block access to your record for you, please email or phone the office with your request.

ALUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roberta Hodes '43 announces that Vassar College, from which she graduated after Hunter High, has established a "Roberta Hodes Collection" in their archives. It consists of Hodes' films, scripts and various correspondences and other papers in relation to her film work and her sojourn in Israel during the 1948–50 War of Independence, her work teaching film in the South Bronx, Lower East Side, East Harlem and as a professor in the Tisch School of the Arts, NYU Graduate School of Film and Television. In 1972, while teaching a summer class in filmmaking for high school juniors and seniors, Hodes had Hunterites Milly IATROU Morgan '73 and Pola Rapaport '73 in her class—both of whom are still making films today. Morgan is an experimental filmmaker whose work has appeared in many festivals and Rapaport's documentaries have been shown on TV and can be rented through Netflix. As a student at HCHS, Hodes was Secretary, Treasurer and Vice-President of the G.O., but couldn't "get arrested" in various high school drama projects or the Poetry Recital because of her "alleged" New York accent.

Gloria Harper Dickinson, PhD, '64 was appointed International Regional Director of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (<http://www.aka1908.org>) by International President Barbara A. McKinzie at the organization's July 2006 National Convention in Detroit. Dickinson, a former International Secretary (1998–2002) for the oldest Greek-lettered organization of college women of African descent, will oversee all chapters outside of the U.S. She will also preside at the 50th Anniversary of the International Region whose first chapter was chartered in Monrovia, Liberia where Alpha Kappa Alpha soror Dr. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf is now president. Alpha Kappa Alpha, whose membership exceeds 200,000 and includes luminaries such as

Toni Morrison, Ella Fitzgerald, Jada Pinkett-Smith, and astronaut Mae Jemison, will celebrate its centennial in July 2008 in Washington, DC.

Ellen Wallenstein '70 had 10 of her photographs featured on the Director's Cut section of the Aperture Foundation website last summer. The photos can now be viewed on Wallenstein's website: www.ellenwallenstein.com.

Martha Hodes '76 announces the publication of her book *The Sea Captain's Wife: A True Story of Love, Race and War in the Nineteenth Century* (W.W. Norton & Company, Inc., September 2006). The book tells the story of Eunice Stone, an ordinary, white, working-class woman from New Hampshire who, in 1869, married a black sea captain from the West Indies, and was transformed from a near-destitute widow of a Confederate soldier into a genteel lady in an elite family of color in the Caribbean. The narrative is based on more than 500 family letters, and countless archives, census records, and local histories. Hodes is a professor of history at NYU and won the Allan Nevins Prize for her previous book *White Women, Black Men: Illicit Sex in the Nineteenth-Century South*.

Tamara Nadel '91 will be performing with Ragamala Music and Dance Theater for a two-week run at the New Victory Theater on 42nd Street in May. Nadel has been dancing with Ragamala—a Minneapolis-based dance company that presents classical and contemporary work based in the South Indian classical dance form of Bharatanatyam—for more than 10 years. She has toured with the company nationally and internationally since 1997 and also serves as its Development and Outreach Director. Most recently, Nadel was the recipient of a 2006 Artist Fellowship for Dancers from the McKnight Foundation. More information on the dance company can be found at

www.ragamala.net, on the New Victory performances at newvictory.org/show.m?showID=1007533 and on Nadel's McKnight fellowship at http://www.southerntheater.org/mcknight/2006_nadel.php.

Mynette Louie '93 announces the Fall 2006 theatrical release and the February 2007 DVD release of *Mutual Appreciation*, an "absorbing," "uncanny," and "hilarious" NYC comedy of manners by Andrew Bujalski that she co-produced. Another Hunterite, **Seung-Min Lee '99**, plays Sara in the film. In her review of the film, *The New York Times*' Manohla Dargis (coincidentally, also a Hunterite, from the class of '79) said it was "wonderful... artfully artless... doesn't look like any film out on screens today... [shows] hopeful signs of cinematic life from young American directors." The film won Best Screenplay at the Newport International Film Festival and Best Director at the Sidewalk Film Festival; was named a Top 10 Film of the Year by Cinematerial; and was part of the *Village Voice* Best of 2005 Film series. For more information on the film, visit mutualappreciation.com.

Rafi Kam '94 appeared online as an "Internet Celebrity" reporting from the Sundance Film Festival last January in seven spots directed by **Cas Nozkowski '94**. The videos appeared on The Daily Reel (www.thedailyreel.com), which boasts that it "showcases the best in online video." Kam and Nozkowski previously worked together on the hit web videos *Ghetto Big Mac* and *Bodega* (and Nozkowski appeared on *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno* in August 2005 with **Daniel Engber '94** to discuss their website—www.cryingwhileeating.com—which they designed as an entry for a "contagious media" contest).

Jason Rockland '94 started Empire City Records in 2005. The company signed their first artist, Sky Balla, in 2006. In

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October of 2006 they released their first single nationwide entitled “Big Boy Things.” The hip-hop track has been moving up the mainstream mixshow charts ever since. Rockland currently lives on Manhattan’s Lower East Side, and can be contacted at jrockland@hotmail.com.

Jeffrey Lane '97 announces that his new book *Under the Boards: The Cultural Revolution in Basketball*, has been printed ahead of schedule and is now available for purchase and shipping from University of Nebraska Press, amazon.com, and barnesandnoble.com. To order from any of these three venues, please visit Lane’s website at undertheboards.com and click on “Buy Book” where you’ll find all ordering links/options. The book will be of interest to sports fans, academics, journalists, those intrigued by critical discussions of popular culture, hip-hop, race, race relations, identity, fashion, and sociology.

You can have your announcement published by writing or emailing the Alumnae/i office. Authors are encouraged to donate a copy of their published books to the High School library, where they will be placed in a special area with other books by alums. The address to which to send your books is: Hunter College High School Library, 71 E. 94th Street, New York, NY 10128-0798. Enclose a brief note to advise the librarian that you are an alum.

Cynthia Ozick '46 at Queens College on March 13, as part of a discussion moderated by Leonard Lopate entitled: A Roundtable on the Life & Death of the Novel...**Deborah Tannen '62** on WNYC radio’s *Leonard Lopate Show* on February 28, talking about her best-selling book *You’re Wearing That?: Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation*, which recently came out in paperback...**Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61** singing at the People’s Voice Café on February 17, in a set of songs dubbed “Songs of Love and War,” with tenor Gregory Mercer. Spierman also sang several dates in NYC, Long Island, and New Jersey in *E.G.: A Musical Portrait of Emma Goldman*, in which she played Emma and her partner, Len, played all the men in her life while playing the piano. Details on these and other programs (including Yiddish in Amherst on June 3) can be found on her flyer page at: <http://llehrman.artists-in-residence.com/flyer2007.html>...**Simone Schloss '75** in several solo cabaret shows during March at Upstairs at Rose’s Turn in NYC. Schloss was also the subject of an article in *The New York Times* entitled “County Lines: Suburban Mom is Following Her Inner Muse”...**Kyle Baker '83** at the New York ComicCon on February 23–25, 2007

at the Javits Center. Baker debuted new animation and sold original art and his award-winning books; he also took part in a panel discussion entitled “Make Me Laff: The Craft of Humor Comics.” Baker’s animation was featured in last fall’s new Cartoon Network show *Class of 3000*...Rapper Young MC (a.k.a. **Marvin Young '86**) performing at the Beatstock Festival at PNC Arts Center in NJ last August. In addition, his song *Bust a Move* was played during the closing credits of the recent movie *You, Me and Dupree*...**Prof. Daniel Kirk-Davidoff '86** on NPR on November 29, 2006, discussing the science of car emissions for a story entitled “Has the move to make cars greener stalled?” Kirk-Davidoff is an assistant professor of climate dynamics at the University of Maryland in College Park, MD. The clip can be played online at: <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyid=6556416>...**Ben Dattner '88** on NPR with Renee Montagne in February as a “workplace expert”...**Evan Neumann '98** in a new ad for Volkswagen...Author **Amy Sohn '91** taking part in a panel discussion entitled “When Three Threatens Two: Sex and Parenthood” with Esther Perel and Ian Kerner, PhD, on February 8 at JCC Manhattan...

Help Raise HCHS’s Profile

As the Alumnae/i Association moves forward in working closely with the College and High School to reconnect alums to the High School and to raise additional funds for the school, one easy thing all of us can do to raise the school’s profile and help ourselves is to cite HCHS on our resumes, CVs, and in other situations (e.g. casual conversations, interviews with news media, etc.). Help create the Hunterite network by letting the world and each other know that you went to the best school there is!

1920s

Dr. Ethel G. GARFUNKEL Berl, Jan. '23 was honored at the Fall 2006 Hunter College Alumni Association's luncheon and association meeting. Ethel is both an alumna and a professor emerita of Hunter College, having taught in the Department of Education for many years. She celebrated her 100th birthday in May 2006.

1940s

Ada FRIEDMAN Agronin '40 visited Dallas, for her granddaughter's Bat Mitzvah, and then NYC, in May 2006, from her home in Natanya, Israel. Ada recalls that shortly before she left the States for Israel in 1976, one of her students told her that she sounded just like his high school Chemistry teacher—who turned out to be none other than classmate **Lillian LICHTENSTEIN Friedenreich**. Ada and she had been in Olive Burch's speech class together at Hunter High. • **Sophie DITTMAN Heymann**, Jan. '45 has been elected Mayor of Closter, NJ. According to Sophie's classmate **Florence KLEIN Knopf**, Sophie has been a very active member of Closter's community organization, and this election reflects the town's confidence in her considerable competence and deep dedication. • **Hon. Raya SPIEGEL Dreben** '45 was awarded the Haskell Cohn Distinguished Judicial Service Award by the Boston Bar Association. • **Evelyn Konrad**, Jan. '46 was job-hunting when she wrote last November, having earned her second law degree in June 2006 from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (JD in 2005 and LL.M. in 2006). Evelyn is a member of the Lexington Democratic Club and active in Southampton Village politics. • **Renee HEIMOWITZ Rohatyn** '47 is sorry to report that her husband, Mordecai Z. Rohatyn, passed away on March 5, 2006.

1960s

Judy ZAHLER Kronenfeld '60 is delighted to finally be a grandmother since son, Dan, and his wife Lisa had a baby girl last August. Her joy was tempered, however, by the fact that the whole family has since relocated to Vladivostok, Russia for two years, where Dan is the Economic and Political Officer at the U.S. Consulate. • **Eloise Angiola** '61 has retired from her art history faculty position in Tuscaloosa, Georgia and has moved to the Providence, RI area. • **Esther KLEIN Buddenhagen** '61 has a new granddaughter—Tennessee (Tenny for short) Knight SteelFisher—her first from her own kids (she has five stepkids). Esther currently lives in Mexico, which she finds endlessly interesting. She and her husband have been exploring over dirt and rock roads way up into the mountains and they've met a whole bunch of interesting people—from Mexico, Peru, Ireland, the U.S.—you name it. She blogs about life in Mexico at: www.bakirita.blogs.com/xico. • **Barri LIMPUS Clark** '61 is currently studying Italian and singing in two choruses: one for a production of *Pirates of Penzance* which will be performed in May, and the second with a choral group that participated in a competition at Claremont College in March. She's happy to report that her daughter is getting married in November. • **Joann TOMASZEWICZ Dale** '61 reports that during a mini-vacation in Vegas last August, she was able to see classmate **Marge DEISSENBERGER Schmitt**. • **Sharon KLAYMAN Farber** '61 became a grandmother for the first time in April 2004, and expects her second grandchild in September. She has had several professional papers published in the past few years, with three more on the way. A film documentary producer read one of her papers, "Ecstatic Stigmatics and Holy Anorexics, Medieval and Contemporary" and contacted Sharon

and interviewed her for the new Travel Channel series *MiracleQuest*. Sharon appeared on two programs in the series, on the miracle of the stigmata of Padre Pio, and on the miracle of the snake-handling sects in the south (the miracle is that so few of the handlers die of bites even though they do not receive medical treatment). Sharon presented alternative explanations to the belief that these are miracles from God. • **Susan LEVINE Fuhrman** '61 writes that it's been an amazing time for her—she was inaugurated as Teachers College's 10th president on January 31, with two days of magical celebrations. [See Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith's report on the inauguration, below.] She also learned that she's receiving Northwestern's Distinguished Alumni Award of Merit (she got her BA and MA there) on March 31 and that HCHS is honoring her with its Distinguished Graduate award on June 26. • **Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith** '61 writes that she had the pleasure of attending the inauguration of **Susan LEVINE Fuhrman** '61 as 10th president of Columbia University's Teachers College. It was a majestic ceremony with a full academic procession held in Riverside Church. Susan spoke eloquently about the mission of the College and the responsibility to public education in NYC. There were many distinguished guests and a few "Hunter connections." Donna Shalala, former president of Hunter College, spoke; she was one of Susan's early mentors. In addition, **Augusta SOUZA Kappner** '62 was a guest; she is currently president of Bank Street College of Education. Marge also reports that Susan is the second member of the class of '61 to achieve the HCHS Distinguished Graduate award; Patricia Williams was Distinguished Alum in 2001. On a personal note, Marge writes that granddaughter Molly Lauren is 13 months old and adorable. She knows several words, especially "quack" and "Elmo"! She's

starting to walk by herself and seems to have a wonderful disposition and attention span, prerequisites for Hunter! • **Rosemary Hoffman '61** is still enjoying living in northern Utah. After taking a physical geology class last spring, she decided she would miss it so much that she signed up for a class in historical geology—that's all the fossil stuff. Utah has some of the most dramatic formations in the country and the massive prehistoric lava flows all over Southern Idaho are just chilling. Rosemary has been fully retired for about a year now and finds it wonderful. She and her husband, Jim, follow women's basketball and train their dogs for agility; he has moved from administration back to teaching in the College of Health Professions at Weber State University. Rosemary adds that just about her whole life now entails things she never even knew about when she was at Hunter, but the background she got there is still with her. When her geology class discussed Epochs and Eras recently, she could remember Miss Bunker telling her high school class that: "the word is 'eera'—an 'errra' is a mistake." Drop in on her life at <http://jim.hutchins.name/roxylog.html>. • **Muriel SHURKranowski '61** writes to "plug" cohousing. She and her husband have lived in the university town of Blacksburg, Virginia, since 1984, and for the last four years they've been at Shadowlake Village Cohousing, and find it a most satisfying way to live. Cohousing meets their needs for friendly social contact and local involvement, without infringing on their personal lives. It's great for people of all ages, but is particularly wonderful for young families with young children. • **Gale BRINN McCall '61** has set up a website at <http://web.mac.com/galemccall1>. She is also teaching classes for Arizona State University in the Life Long Learning division. • **Susan GERBI McIlwain '61** writes that

after surgery and treatment for breast cancer in early 2006, she is back to full-time work on the faculty at Brown, teaching and doing biology research. Her basic research has been using flies to understand how the process of DNA replication (doubling the genetic material) is started and regulated by the cell. Her team's findings that a steroid hormone is involved have implications for cancer. Therefore, ironically, she is now beginning some translational research in breast cancer and hopes to discover if estrogen triggers re-replication (amplification) of the HER2 growth factor gene. The project is trying to regain its funding from the National Institutes of Health, which has received the worst budget in 30 years: 90% of scientists are not getting funded, which Susan states will have dire consequences for biomedical research in our nation. At Brown, Susan served for 10 years as founding Chair of the Department of Molecular Biology, Cell Biology and Biochemistry, with much of her energy going to lobbying for a new research building which has now become a reality. • **June Patron '61** is enjoying retirement. She takes an annual month-long trip to Florida and this year, traveled to Israel for three weeks in April. She is also in the process of purchasing the little cabin in Minnesota where she's been spending summers for many years. • **Betti REISS Ravel '61** is delighted to announce her marriage to Roger Curtis Ravel on January 21. She was happy that classmate **Marina Angel** was able to attend. • **Mary LECHNER Smoke '61** traveled to Vietnam in December and found the people extremely friendly and curious about tourists—very few have any ill will toward Americans; after all, most of them weren't even born at the time of the war and are eager to join the world economy now. Mary stayed overnight with a Vietnamese family and made home visits to others. She found it quite

an interesting way to travel; the trip was through Overseas Adventure Tours. • **Ann KOPPELMAN Stamler '61** started a new job last summer as administrative director at a domestic violence agency covering two cities and five (very wealthy) suburbs in Fairfield County, CT. This has plunged her into an issue about which she knew almost nothing before. It hasn't been easy—she did not anticipate the impact of seeing women (90% of domestic violence victims are women) every day, most of them minorities, often with young children, and knowing they are being battered by their men. • **Ruth Steinbook '61** continues to volunteer for a project on the Internet, an encyclopedia called Citizendium. She adds, "This one has experts approving all articles!" • **Leonore Tiefer '61** was saddened to lose her mother in September 2006. At the memorial held in December 2006, classmate **Helene WILLIAMS Spierman**, who was often accompanied by Lenore's mother over the decades, sang a lovely Brahms song (there were tons of speeches and other music). Classmates **Stefi Keller** and **Pat Williams** attended, too. Leonore continues her anti-pharma campaign (with respect to female sexuality) and recently had a lecture she gave at Columbia taped and put online, both in its entirety at <http://www.scribemedi.org/2007/02/05/marketing-female-sexuality/> and the first 10 minutes on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a8aw45aSArg>. Leonore adds, "Those of you still waiting eagerly for some kind of (ugh) Pink Viagra are encouraged to see the opposing point of view!" • **Ina K. Bendis '64** closed her private internal medicine and pulmonary practice in 2000 after earning a Masters degree in Management from Stanford Business School in 1996. She then got a Real Estate broker's license and later studied for her law degree through the Internet-

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based Concord Law School. After passing the Patent Bar, she externed for a Federal Judge, graduated valedictorian, and passed the California Bar. She was also elected to the Santa Clara Unified School District Board and writes that the wonderful public school education she received at Hunter inspires her daily in her school Board work. Ina has five grandchildren from her two children and a wonderful “significant other,” who is also a lawyer. She adds that although she has many expensive and beautiful rings, she proudly sports her HCHS graduation ring often!

1970s

Sheila Feit, MD, '72 is enjoying a career in medical publishing after having spent many years in clinical practice. She is currently a Product Development Editor with the BMJ Publishing Group, developing, writing, and editing articles related to evidence-based medicine; she finds it fascinating and rewarding. Sheila also has two wonderful sons, ages 10 and 15. • **Heather FREIRICH Rome '79** is pursuing her acting career with renewed vigor now that her two children are older. She is currently Jessica Lange's understudy in London's West End performance of *The Glass Menagerie*.

1980s

Marni Centor '80 and husband, Charlie Brown, are delighted to announce the birth of their son, Timothy Samuel Brown, on September 9, 2006, just a few weeks shy of his parents' 10th wedding anniversary. Marni is now back at work part-time as an instructional designer for Cognistar, a provider of online continuing legal education. The three live in Boston, MA. • **Greg Lichtenberg '84** reports that his son, Zev, is a member of this year's kindergarten class at Hunter Elementary.

• **Pam Renner '85** has an article about Passover seders in her family in the “Memories” department of the April issue of *Savueur* magazine. Classmate **Sofia Perez** edited the piece, but complains that it was so beautifully written it gave her very little to do! • The class of '85 is experiencing a baby boom with the births of: Joseph Solomon on August 31, 2006, to dad **Jonathan Blaine**; Emma Reilly Bornstein on September 17, 2006, to **Joseph Bornstein**; Carlos Martin Sofge-Osorio on September 18, 2006, to **Neal Sofge**; Rose on October 20, 2006, to **Vizhier Mooney**; Owen Allen on December 11, 2006, to **Brett Sonnenschein**; and a baby girl on October 13, 2006 to **Robin Harper** (and then Robin successfully defended her dissertation four days later). • **David MacAron '85** has posted four original songs to his MySpace music page: <http://www.myspace.com/francesca39sbrother>. He hopes to have a full CD out soon. • **Bouqui KYA-HILL Stautmeister '88** gave birth to her second son, Luke Valentin, on August 25, 2006. She lives with her husband and sons in Switzerland and would love to hear from other alums in that part of the world.

1990s

Nina HABIB Spencer '90 submits the following news for her class: **Desmond Bailey** lives in Oak Park, IL (the childhood home of Ernest Hemingway, he points out) with his wife, Laura, and their two boys, Jai, 4, and Jady, 21 months. Dez is the development director for a national nonprofit called Democracy Matters that puts in place publicly financed political campaigns throughout the U.S. He's also an independent fundraising consultant for nonprofits. **Debra BERNSTEIN Dane** is still living in Australia with her husband and two daughters—Olivia, almost 2, and Alexandra, almost 4. **Naomi BERNER Derner** gave birth to a boy, Gabriel

Joseph, in November. She reports that baby is doing very well and that big sister Veronica is enjoying him, when she's not stealing his stuff. **Ivan Galic** and his wife celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary last summer with a trip to Europe—three days in Paris without kids. He also just finished coaching the first season of his son's pee-wee tackle football team. Great news from **Ali Garbarini**, who in October had her book *Numbered Days: Diaries and the Holocaust* published by Yale University Press. It's a historical study of Jewish diary writing during the Holocaust and is sure to be a fascinating read. **Leila Gerstein** provided a treasure trove of information: **Scoop** (a.k.a. **Adam Horowitz**) and the writers of ABC's *Lost* were nominated for a Writers Guild Award, a Producers Guild Award, and a Golden Globe; **Thisbe Nissen** is teaching creative writing at Columbia for the semester; **Chris Heitmann** had his second baby girl, has just moved to New Haven, and continues to work in NYC; and **Leila** herself was writing for *The OC* until it was recently canceled, and married Nate DiMeo in August 2006. Last October, **Vincent Gong** ran into **Dan Distler** and his wife, Hilary, at, of all places, Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx. They were all on a tour group during Open House New York, and were able to enter some mausoleums. **Cathy Harris** and her partner Cheryl welcomed Rose Stella Terwilliger into the world on September 27, 2006. Rose has already met **Leila Gerstein**, **Jennifer Clarke** and **Rikki Ades '89** and “is looking forward to meeting more of her Hunter friends!” **Chih-Wei (David) Jiang** and his wife, Jeannie, welcomed their first child, Spencer Jiang, on November 25—good luck to the new parents! **Joe Lazauskas** is celebrating one year at American Express and participated in the *Men's Health* magazine 1st NYC Urbanathlon, a 10-mile run interspersed with obstacle courses, and a 52-flight stair climb up 7 World Financial Center. It's

safe to say that Joe has unearthed his inner jock! **Jen Lingeman** is finishing her last year of residency at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in Emergency Medicine. She reports that **Sage Wiener** is still an ER/toxicology attending at Kings County and **In Young Chase** is working as an in-house lawyer at Morgan Stanley. **Stephen Nachamie** is still writing, directing and teaching in NYC. He recently directed Seth Rudetsky in the 25th anniversary revival of *Torch Song Trilogy*, and you can catch up on all of Stephen's productions at www.stephennachamie.com. **David Niederman** is still enjoying Portland, OR with his family. He and his wife had their second child, Bruno Douglas, on July 25, 2006. David's a senior research analyst at Pacific Crest Securities covering the GPS and telematics sector. **Camilo Ortiz** and his wife, Betty, welcomed their second child, Gabriel Will Ortiz, on June 10, 2006. **Janine Poreba** will be graduating from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California in May with an MA in teaching English to speakers of other languages. From time to time she gets up to the Bay Area to see **Allison Bryant** and **Isaac Bess**. **Darryl Siry** and his wife are expecting their first child, a girl, in May. He's left his job as CMO of Fireman's Fund to head marketing for a startup manufacturer of high performance electric cars, Tesla Motors (www.teslamotors.com). Check out his blog on the subject: <http://sirycars.blogspot.com>. **Josh Thomases** lives in Brooklyn with his wife, Tresa Elguera, and is the Chief Academic Officer for the Office of New Schools in NYC's Department of Education. He's responsible for new school development for the Department and providing support for new principals in new schools. **Nina** asks that all classmates email her with their news at habibspencer@verizon.net. • **Jessica Ambats '91** recently got her pilot's license. She is living in Santa Monica

and working as an editor and photographer at *Plane & Pilot* magazine. Her experiences learning how to fly the Cirrus SR22 was profiled in the March 2007 issue. If anyone wants to go up for a flight, email Jessica at jessicaambats@gmail.com. • **Abby Foster '92** keeps busy chasing her 15-month old son around and is also working part-time as a tax lawyer for the I.R.S. • **Nicole Roux '92** is working with a group called Blackstone on a retro-sounding soul album; songs can be heard on myspace.com/nicolerue. She is also working on a hip-hop/R&B solo album. • **Lisa Chau '93** has returned to the NYC area after completing her Masters degree at Dartmouth College. • **Jeremy Rosof '93** was married to Rachel Fetner in September in a ceremony which took place at the Lighthouse at Chelsea Piers. Jeremy is the son of retired HCHS Social Studies teacher and acting assistant principal Patricia Rosof. • **Haydee Brown, MD, '96** is currently an orthopaedic surgery resident at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. She is planning to marry Kenneth Madrigal on Martha's Vineyard in September 2007. Haydee also reports that **Kahlilia Robinson '96** and **Loren Hammonds '95** got married at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on November 25, 2006. • **Christine Pon '97** married Matthew Chin on October 28, 2006, and they had their announcement published in the October 29 *New York Times*. Several Hunterites attended the wedding in Elmhurst, Queens, including classmates **Patrick Kim**, **Jean Park**, **Hannah Berkin-Harper**, **Allison Sayer**, **Michelle GOLDBERG Richter**, **Dr. Josh Richter**, **Derek Chin**, as well as **Sal Chan '99** and **Sang Yul Bae '91**. Christine is currently working as a real estate agent at Bellmarc and lives in Brooklyn.

2000s

Peter Siroka '00 graduated from Hofstra

University School of Law and passed the New York State Bar Exam last July. He is now working as an associate at the international law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP. • **Michael Zannettis '00** is a writer who has completed the manuscript for his first book *At the Feet of Giants*, and is currently looking for a publisher. His writing is dedicated to the pursuit of truth, mainly through science, but also through alcohol (combining Hunter's motto of "Mihi cura future" with the more famous motto "In vino veritas"). You can access his writings at his website: www.michaelzannettis.com. • **First Lieutenant Alejandro Alves '01** returned from Iraq last November and is due to go back again in September. He was recently promoted and turned over his Platoon Leader position in March to take a job as Executive Officer for a Cavalry Troop of about 100 soldiers.

You can contribute your news to Class Notes by writing or emailing the Alumnae/i Association office.

Desperately Seeking Sarah Maria Jones

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Class of '71 Reunion

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Linda reminded us of when an eyeball popped out and rolled on the floor.

We were not just intellectual nerds, nor a dull lot. We participated in talent shows, music, art, and drama classes. We played flutes and created copper African masks. We'd act in spontaneous improvisations and serious scenes. I could recall Macbeth: "Is this dagger I see before me, the handle toward my hand? Come let me clutch thee"—which sparked giggles as our minds proceeded to concoct dirty associations. And a throwback to earlier expectations for future wives was cooking class—with tuna fish chow mein, Bisquick rolls, and cinnamon toast. Memories of physical education brought groans as we thought about the ballooning blue gym-suits we had to wear. We even were made to parade in them to Central Park for outdoor classes such as field hockey, or stand in them, exposed and freezing, during fire drills on the corner of 68th and Lexington.

We were reminded that our class was known for being rebellious. It was amazing how many had cut classes, mostly during senior year, to wander about the city—our larger classroom—where we learned far more about the world and attitudes towards women that would also shape us. Classmates cut school to get tickets to concerts at the Fillmore East, the ballet at Lincoln Center, or to visit the upscale art galleries along Madison Avenue. Some went to hang out in Central Park and listen to the congas at the Fountain or meet boys.

Long before "multicultural" became a buzzword, we experienced it at Hunter. Diversity included a range of religions, beliefs, economic classes, and experiences in addition to race. Catholics, WASPS, and Jews from all over the city studied together. There were those who were protected and naive, and those

who were dating married men by our sophomore and junior years. We even amazingly accepted the right of a couple of our classmates to believe in the Easter Bunny and Santa Claus well into the upper grades. Some dressed in furs and fancy boots and others wore simple shoes and shifts.

The fact that our campus was Manhattan also shaped our views and led us from naiveté toward awareness and a more worldly perspective. After the move to the office building on 45th St., Amy walked into a nearby bookstore to look for *The Aeneid* for English class. She innocently asked for help until she noticed the strange men and Adult book titles around. Many talked about being groped on the subways and having random males expose themselves. I recalled an incident while waiting for the elevator in the lobby of Carnegie Hall to go to my ballet class. A messenger boy just "whipped it out!" Our Hunter cool served to preserve us from fleeing or freaking out. It enabled us to stand our ground or stare down a potential pervert, or pull a newspaper away and shout "AHAH" while pointing to the perpetrator.

Though rough reality impinged on our innocence we also clung to our imaginations. We studied and daydreamed on the long train rides between the various boroughs and Manhattan. We read textbooks and fantasy like *Lord of the Rings*. Towards the end of our reunion, Melanie led us in the "Let's Pretend" song we used to sing through Hunter's halls: "Let's pretend just you and me and be whatever we want to be, and you can be my special friend and we'll play let's pretend." Some knew all the words as well as other songs besides *Sarah Maria Jones* who had Hunter in her bones. We realized we still had Hunter in our bones, many of the dreams did indeed become real, and we were still special friends.

In the current school year, HCHS has been pleased to offer the following enrichment opportunities to students: Robert J. Seidman, co-author of *Ulysses Annotated*, discussed with Richard Roundy's *Ulysses* Seminar the process of researching Joyce's novel; Dr. Jean Marc Oppenheim, a professor at Columbia's Teachers College and NYU, led discussions with students and faculty about Middle Eastern history; Dr. Teri Milner, a neuroscientist and professor at Weill-Cornell Medical School, as well as a Hunter parent, spoke about different aspects of the brain at the Science Club's Friday Forum; James Shapiro, the Larry Miller Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Columbia University and author of *A Year in the Life of William Shakespeare: 1599*, inaugurated the English Department's annual Shakespeare lecture on January 8, with a talk entitled: Shakespeare the Foreigner; poet Bill Zavatsky led a poetry workshop in the Creative Writing class; and 50 A.P. Contemporary Literature students received a soup-to-nuts theatrical experience in February, beginning with a Broadway Classroom workshop led by professional acting teacher and director Erin Ortner, followed by a Q&A with the actress Maia Nkenge Wilson from *The Color Purple*, attendance at the show, and finally, a talk-back with many of the actors after the show...The Math Department has a new chair, Tony Fisher. He takes over from Carolyn Mayadas, who had been acting chair for the last three years. Fisher has a PhD from The University of Chicago and previously worked at two independent schools in Manhattan—Collegiate and the Elizabeth Irwin HS of the Little Red School House...PTA funding has helped support the formation of 19 new student clubs, including American Sign Language, Ham Radio, High Step Team, and others. The PTA is also helping support the construction of a traverse climbing wall in the

gymnasium. Rock climbing is taught to all 7th graders to reinforce cooperative games and is offered as an elective to juniors and seniors...Jane Sun and Lynn Yi were semifinalists in the 2006–2007 Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology...Eight students were among the 250 finalists (out of 1,000 entrants) in this year's New York City Science and Engineering Fair: Donglin Yi, Samson Chen, Jane Sun, Pearson Miller, Thea Goldring, Alison Polton-Simon, Timmy Li, and Gillian Collins. Gillian Collins' project on "The Effects of Pesticides on Aquatic Organisms" earned her top honors and the opportunity to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair in Albuquerque, NM in May. Gillian was one of only 15 students to advance to this level and the only 9th grader!...The 7th grade Chess Team won first place in the U.S. Chess Federation's K–12/Collegiate Chess Championship at Disneyworld in December...Birdy Sahagian won the annual Manhattan/Staten Island Shakespeare Competition in March for her recitation of a monologue from *The Merchant of Venice* and a Shakespeare sonnet. The event was sponsored by the English Speaking Union...Five students were selected as semifinalists in the U.S. Biology Olympiad by scoring in the top 10% of all students who took this national exam: David Brazell, Dorian Kusyk, Diana Lam, Hyunju Lee, and Katherine Pelletier...The Math Team finished first out of 25 teams in the MathCounts Manhattan Chapter Competition held February 10 at Columbia University. Meena Boppana was the top-scoring individual at the contest, Genghis Chau finished third, and Aaron Landesman finished fourth...The Science Club is pleased to have had several forums this year featuring alums Thomas Levi '97, who's doing postdoctoral work in string theory at NYU; Roger Frankel '84, a neurosurgeon in

Atlanta; and Adam Cohen '97, who just finished his second doctorate at Stanford and spoke about his current research (Adam won the Westinghouse Science Competition in 1997 while a student at Hunter). About 50 students attended each of the three sessions and had lots of questions for the speakers...Columbia University professor Pat Gallagher gave a lecture at HCHS on December 6, 2006 to students from HCHS and Dalton, as part of a new joint seminar series organized by the Math departments of the two schools. Prof. Gallagher's lecture was entitled "Rational Approximation to Irrationals" and offered estimates and proofs of pi and other irrational numbers...In sports news, the Boys Fencing team defeated Stuyvesant to win the city championships for the second year in a row. The Girls Basketball team finished their season undefeated, but was eliminated from the playoffs in the 4th round when they lost to Francis Lewis High School. Boys Varsity Basketball captain Kareem Halim broke Hunter's record for most points, scoring his 700th point in his final regular season game on February 8...Brandeis University's male *a cappella* group, VoiceMale, performed at HCHS on January 11. Simon Schreier '06 is one of the group's members. VoiceMale is listed on Brandeis' website as one of the school's top five noteworthy achievements...Not to be outdone by Brandeis, a Harvard *a cappella* men's group, the Harvard Din & Tonics, performed at Hunter on January 25. Ari Pena '06 is one of the group's members. The unique show included songs and comedic impressions, with the singers contorting their bodies to simulate everyday objects such as a tub of popcorn and a flushing toilet...Of the four students featured on *Ivy Dreams*, a reality show/documentary about the college process on AZN (The Network for Asian America), two were from HCHS—Diana and Michelle. See more at www.azntv.com/ivydreams.

In Memoriam

Frances ROSEN Hand '23 died on August 30, 2005. Her daughter Susanne reports that she was 99 at her passing and had lived a good long life. Frances loved Hunter High and was very proud to have gone there. She often spoke of Hunter and her friends and teachers there. Frances developed a lasting love of language at Hunter—into her 90s, to keep her mind sharp, she would write new words on backs of envelopes and play Scrabble with her grandchildren.

Fannie KAVESH Goldstein '24 died on October 29, 2005. She was a graduate of Hunter College, and taught in the NYC school system until the 1960s. She may have been the oldest living pensioner, a fact which delighted her no end. She lived in Canton, MA for the last 10 years of her life, but continued to travel to New York by herself almost up until her death.

Roxee WARD Joly, Jan. '31 died on July 31, 2006. A career educator, she worked as a math teacher at Bronx's Walton High School, then became principal of Julia Richman High School and later John Bowne High School, and finally retired after working as the superintendent for western Brooklyn and Staten Island high schools. In 1973, she became one of the first 16 American educators invited to China and afterward

published "A First Look at Education in the People's Republic of China." It was among scores of books and papers she wrote. In the last five years of her life, she organized current affairs seminars and meetings of the American Association of University Women in the Glen Cove assisted living facility where she lived. Roxee earned her bachelor's degree from Hunter College and her master's in mathematics from Columbia. She was selected by Hunter High as its Distinguished Graduate in 1976. She is survived by her two sons and four grandchildren.

Anna COHEN Rockowitz, Jan. '35 died on September 25, 2006. She was a noted instructor of languages at Queens and Mercy Colleges, author of the definitive work on Yiddish verbs, a lifelong Zionist, and a philanthropist of educational and Jewish causes. She was proud to speak to HCHS alums at her 70th reunion in 2005. Anna is survived by her two sons and their wives and eight grandchildren.

Josephine Johns '37 died on October 26, 2006 in Flagstaff, AZ. She earned a BA from Hunter College and an MA from Columbia University, majoring in Counseling with a minor in Music. She first worked for Hearst Publishing in NYC, then as a counselor for the

University of Florida. After marrying, she settled in Pennsylvania, where she became a Juvenile Probation Officer for Delaware County and also maintained a private counseling practice. She loved classical music, fine art, reading and writing and was an accomplished violinist, cellist, and organist, performing with the Lansdowne Symphony Orchestra. She is survived by two sons and a daughter as well as seven grandchildren.

Anneliese SEUL Goetz '41 died recently. She lived in Lake Ronkonkoma and was retired from the Port Jefferson public school system. Her classmate, Carol Stewart '41, writes that Anne came to the U.S. from Europe as a young girl and she always appreciated the wonderful education she received at Hunter High.

Paula SIEGEL Present '43 died on October 29, 2006 from complications related to Parkinson's disease. She was a retired epidemiologist and statistician. While working for the Centers for Disease Control in 1967 in the tuberculosis control unit, she was the co-author of a definitive study on the effects of the TB bacillus in pregnancy. From 1973 to 1975, she was at the National Institute of Mental Health, where she worked on studies on community mental health that have been the

basis for continued research. She worked as a statistician with the Consumer Product Safety Commission from 1975 until 1993 and while there, she received awards for her work on banning urea-formaldehyde foam insulation and a comprehensive study on drownings of children in backyard pools. Paula is survived by her husband of 55 years, Arthur Present, three sons and six grandchildren.

Jean BAKER Miller, Jan. '45 died on July 29, 2006, of respiratory failure after a long struggle with emphysema and post-polio syndrome. Jean was a psychiatrist and the author of a groundbreaking 1976 book entitled *Toward a New Psychology of Women*, which identified as strengths many traits that had long been regarded as flaws in the mental and emotional makeup of women. Miller taught at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Harvard University, and Boston University before ending her career at Wellesley; she also had private practices in New York and Boston. A 1987 review of the second edition of her book in *Psychology Today* stated that Miller "did nothing less than alter the course of gender psychology." In 1995, Wellesley established the Jean Baker Miller Training Institute, which instructs therapists and others in relational theory. Miller was the director until late in 2005. She is survived by her husband of more than 50 years, S.M. "Mike" Miller, two sons, and a grandson. A lengthy

obituary is available from the *Los Angeles Times* online edition at: www.latimes.com.

Marion SUESS Krauthamer, Jan. '46 died on January 28, 2007. She worked as a buyer for Federated Department stores before retiring. She and her husband, Harold, recently sold their house in the Hamptons and moved to a retirement community in New Jersey. Classmate Carolyn COHEN Ganz writes that she and Marion attended Hunter College together and continued to celebrate many important milestones in their lives together. Marion's wit and intelligent advice, as well as her warmth and concern for others will be missed.

Selma GOLDBERG Siegal '48 died in July 2006 following a heroic struggle against colon cancer. She lived for many years in Boca Raton, FL and is survived by two daughters and five grandchildren.

Ina FRIEDLANDER Bloomberg, Jan. '49 died on November 22, 2006. She is remembered fondly for her work in the HCHS Alumnae/i Association office in the 1980s.

Fay ZUKER Dworkin '52 passed away in September of 2006, from Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia. Her classmate Sheila EISENBERG Saltzman writes that Fay was one of the dearest, brightest, and most courageous members of the class of 1952.

Anne MULLER-THYM Jones '52 died recently. Her friend and classmate Miriam UNGAR Weinfeld writes that Anne entered HCHS in 9th grade, and because of her fine performance on the entrance exam, was placed in 9A1. She excelled in all her subjects and was a member of the honor society, Sigma Gamma Pi. In addition to her academic achievements, Anne was a fine athlete and was elected to the presidency of the Athletic Association. She won a NYS Regents Scholarship, entered Barnard College, and was later graduated from Hunter College. Anne worked for many years at the American Management Association as a librarian. Having come to NYC from St. Louis, Anne remained a loyal Cardinals baseball fan throughout her life. She loved music and reading, especially mysteries, and was well-versed in politics. One of her cherished activities, in addition to her devotion to her family, was her involvement in the West End Presbyterian Church, where she sang in the choir. Anne had a wonderful sense of humor and a sparkling personality. She leaves behind a loving sister, two loving brothers, many devoted nieces and nephews, and grieving friends.

Joyce MARION Daniels '55 died on November 5, 2006. Joyce was a speech pathologist until retirement and then became the consummate world traveler and performing arts devotee. Family, friends, and living

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life fully were her priorities. Her passing was sudden and her exuberance and caring will be missed by all who knew her.

Mary HOMAN von Guillaume '56 passed away on September 16, 2006 of pneumonia in Johannesburg, South Africa, her home for the past 44 years. After HCHS, she earned a BS at Wilkes University and met her husband in California, where they both worked. In 1962, she went to South Africa where she had six children. After 33 years, she returned to NYC and met classmates at her 40th reunion.

Lillian Sara Robinson '58 died on September 20, 2006 in Montreal, where she lived. She was a distinguished feminist scholar and the principal of the Simone de Beauvoir Center at Concordia College in Montreal. She was also the author of many books, among them *Wonder Women: Feminisms and Superheroes*; *Night Market: Sexual Cultures and the Thai Economic Miracle*, co-written with anthropologist Ryan Bishop; *From the Canon's Mouth: Dispatches from the Culture Wars*; *Monstrous Regiment: The Lady Knight in Sixteenth-Century Epic*; *Modern Women Writers*; *Revealing Lives: Autobiography, Biography, and Gender*, co-authored with Susan Groag Bell; and a novel entitled *Murder Most Puzzling: A Literary*

Mystery. Classmate Jo Manning writes that Lillian was her best friend for many years and was witty, charming, and the smartest person she has ever known. Lillian leaves behind a son and a fabulous legacy in the area of feminist scholarship.

Patricia CONNELL Litwinko '68, of Glendale, CA, died on September 8, 2006. Patricia earned a BA in English Literature from SUNY Stonybrook, an MA in English from Bryn Mawr, and an MFA from NYU. A traveler, conservationist, gourmet, editor, and writer, for the past several years she worked in the *Los Angeles Times* editorial department as a copy editor and features writer. Since moving to LA in 1979 to work at the Los Angeles County Museum as an arts conservator, she spent many years in magazine publishing with *Discover* magazine, *Bon Appetit* and Disney Publications. Sorely missed by her many friends and her family, she is survived by her husband, Tony, her daughters, Kate and Elena, and her mother and sister.

Dr. Melinda Stern '68 died on February 24, 2007 from breast cancer. An astute and compassionate pediatrician, friends and family knew her as affectionate, funny, outspoken and wise. She loved crosswords, the Beatles, and good food—her *joie de vivre* saw her

through her long illness. She is survived by husband, Lon Dubey; children, Jared and Mara, and numerous other family members. Her husband writes that Melinda always felt very connected to Hunter and she cherished the education she received and the teachers and other students she met there. Hunter gave her confidence and a desire to participate in the world in a meaningful way.

Wanda BIEGELEISEN Dobrich '68 (an early graduate of the class of '69) died of cancer on July 23, 2006. Wanda graduated Phi Beta Kappa from NYU in 1972 and earned a Ph.D. in psychology from Rutgers in 1988. She was a clinical psychologist, author, educator, and innovator in developmental psychology. She also maintained a private practice in psychology and assessment. As a principal with D&D Industrial Consultants, Wanda was engaged in ground-breaking research and development in the area of hostile work environment harassment, and also developed anti-violence initiatives for the corporate sector and for school systems nationwide. Wanda is survived by her husband, Marino, and three children.

Deborah SLOTKIN Orin-Eilbeck '64 passed away on January 28, 2007, from an extremely fast-moving form of stomach cancer. She was

The New York Post's longtime DC bureau chief and in its obituary, the *Post* wrote that her "passion for politics and unrivaled integrity kept Washington on its toes." Her classmates Leslie LUXEMBURG Rosenthal, Claire GOLDBERG Cornell and Claudia HOFFER Gosselin wrote: "The multi-talented and brilliant Debbie Slotkin, as we knew her in our Hunter days, was the 'shining star' of our class and left an indelible impression on us all." President Bush issued the following statement: "Laura and I were saddened to learn of the death of Deborah Orin-Eilbeck. Deb had a distinguished, decades-long career as a journalist, covering every Presidential campaign since 1980 and joining the *New York Post's* Washington bureau in 1988. Deb fought a valiant battle against cancer with the same tenacity, devotion, and determination that she brought to her work in the White House briefing room through numerous administrations. Laura and I send our condolences to Deb's husband Neville Eilbeck, and to her family, friends, and colleagues. She will be missed by all of us at the White House who cared deeply for her." Deborah's husband has set up a website with complete information about her life and career at www.deborahorin.com. Contributions to a memorial fund which has been established in her name at the request of some of her classmates may be sent to the Alumnae/i Association office.

The Alumnae/i Association also has been advised of the passing of the following individuals: **Edith WHITE Seiden '28, Hilda OLMUT Friedlander '32, Adele H. Dern '37, Mary BRICE Weber '38, Ethel FEINBERG Minkin '39, Nathalie LOOK-STEIN Friedman '44, Anna FLATISHER Petsche '47, Margot ERLANGER Wegner '47, Sue Wilensky '49, Dr. Joan Rumberg, Jan. '50, Jeannette HUPFER Campbell, Jan. '51, Marie SCALZO Gray '57, Mary Sweda '60, and Laura Chakrin '71.**

Retired HCHS Music teacher **Martha Kraus** died in May 2006, according to her son, Robert.

Former HCHS Social Studies teacher **Renate Wheelock** died on January 2, 2007, after a valiant battle with cancer. After leaving NYC, she taught AP history for many years at Bennington's Mount Anthony Union High School. On sabbatical in the early 1990s, she traveled to China and taught American history to college juniors. Renate was a member of Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society; a recipient of the Thomas Hunter Award for outstanding work in history; a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship finalist; a White House Commission Presidential Scholars Distinguished Teacher; a Vermont Teacher of the Year finalist; a UVM award recipient for promoting Asian studies in Vermont; and a Christa McCauliffe

Fellow. She and her husband wrote the teacher's guide to an Emmy Award-winning PBS documentary, *Revolutionary Roads: Building the Interstates*. Marie DeVITO Crowley '71 writes that Mrs. Wheelock was one of her favorite teachers.

Former Hunter Elementary nursery teacher **SnowBee Holder** died in December 2006. She taught for decades at the school and her last students are current seniors in the High School. A memorial service was held on February 11, 2007, at Metropolitan Community United Church in Harlem. Susan McDonough '92 attended and wrote that it reminded her how great Hunter was and is. The service was filled with teachers, students, and parents, all singing and talking, and with a slide show that really captured what made Hunter the wacky but wonderful place it was. Commemorative donations can be made to purchase children's books in SnowBee's name—please send to Trinity UM Church, Attn. Ali Eger, 4 Selby Lane, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418 (write "SnowBee Holder Book Fund" on the memo line).

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