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Class of '66 Reunion, Gift to High School Library

Dale WOLINSKY Wolff '66

The Class of '66 held its 30th reunion in the fall of 1996. We received donations from classmates all over the world beginning in August of that year and running until early 1997. Last spring ('97), we wrote a check for \$1,145 to the high school library for the purchase of books for, about, or by women. 'Specially designed Class of '66 bookplates were created by Rita Sherman to be placed in these books.

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Alumnae/i Gifts to High School

A number of contributions have recently been received earmarked for repairs to the High School's gym facilities, which are in a state of disrepair bordering on the unsafe. Additional funds are needed for this project. Contributions in memory of Elaine KATZ Bauml '68 are also starting to arrive. Elaine, who died in a car accident in January, taught math at the High School after graduating from college, and contributions in her name will be earmarked for faculty development in the High School Math Department. Faculty development is another area for which the High School particularly needs contributions, as alternative sources of funding are lacking.

Math Department Chair David Hankin summarized the Department's recent professional development activities. Staff have attended numerous conferences in order to keep up with the latest educational developments: Teaching Contemporary Mathematics, a two-day conference hosted by the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, focusing on using technology in mathematics education; several one-day workshops regarding the grading of the Advanced Placement Examinations in Calculus AB and BC; a week-long summer institute and a one-day workshop regarding the teaching of Advanced Placement Calculus and the new curriculum which has taken effect this year; a week-long summer institute and a one-day workshop regarding teaching Advanced Placement Statistics, the National Conference of

Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference, a general conference regarding mathematics education, a one-day conference regarding the use of Geometer's SketchPad, a dynamic geometry software package that can be used in geometry instruction; and several conferences regarding the use of computer technology in education.

The ability of Hunter teachers to maintain and update their skills helps maintain the high quality of teaching that is such an important element of the HCHS experience. Good teaching is a major contributing factor in the continued excellent math performance of Hunter girls and boys. (See Hunter Girls Earn Math Prizes, p. 5). Hunter's tight budget limits opportunities for such training, though, and the High School is actively seeking funds earmarked for faculty development. -Ed.)

Implementation of the Association's June, 1997 gift for library modernization continues. \$7,600 was spent barcoding the book collection; previously the Library had been using file cards. Two options for the actual automation were presented to the Library: joining OCLC, the national database that Hunter College Library uses, or purchasing automation software from Winnebago, a commercial vendor. The Library

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Save this date
Midwinter Brunch
February 8, 1998
Reservation form see Page 11



EDITOR'S NOTE

Jody Leight '72

I have all but given up trying to find my desk, which is hidden under a pile of mail. Thanks! In addition to volumes of alum-related news, we've been getting a flood of membership forms. Our membership has more than doubled since the beginning of the fiscal year, and more alums than ever are including additional contributions. If you keep this up, we should be able to maintain our office staff, publish *AlumNotes* more often, and increase our contributions to the High School.

Jeff Wilson is a welcome addition to our staff starting with this issue. Jeff's talents include experience in Web page design, and he's already made some needed improvements to the Association's portion of the HCHS web page. You can find the Web page at <http://heimdall.hchcs.hunter.cuny.edu/~alumnae>

Contact Jeff at jwilson@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu or me at jleight@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu if you have material for the Web page or you're interested in being a virtual class coordinator. Contributions for *AlumNotes* can be sent to the same e-mail addresses or by "regular" mail to the office; if you're mailing a contribution, please type it or put it on an IBM-compatible diskette. □

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I always wanted to give the School \$100; today, I did.

Esther ROGOFF Taus '31

To the Editor,

Shame, shame! Just received the fall 1997 *AlumNotes*. I don't remember the Alumnae Association, but how many people could there have been who acquired lifetime memberships? Why should you NOT honor them as counting towards current dues? I think the good name of Hunter High and its Alumnae/i organizations, present and past, REQUIRE honoring those old lifetime memberships! Please rethink your policy. It certainly won't make or break the current association, and it will certainly be the right and gracious thing to do.

Judith GORENSTEIN Ronat '52, M.D.

Actually, we have no way of identifying members of that Association, since there are no known records. In any event, while we certainly don't want to seem ungracious to any members of the former Alumnae Association, we are even more loath to be ungracious to the almost 1,600 alums who have subsidized the Association and helped the High School by paying their current dues. -Ed.

To the Editor:

The July issue was in today's mail. It's gorgeous. Thanks for the acknowledgment re: Class of '61's contribution towards the school sign.

Helene Williams Spierman '61

To the Editor:

Now that there is a resurgence of interest in single-gender schools, what do you and other former Hunterites think of our present co-ed status?

Judith RUSKIN Wasserman '60

To the Editor:

Keep up the good work!
Conni SPIVACK Holtzer '66
Maureen K. Molloy '49

Thanks! Ed.

To the Editor:

For years now, I have been trying to find the source or inspiration for the name "Sarah Maria" coined by the late great Miss Hochman in the song she wrote. My granddaughter is named "Sarah Maria" after a great-aunt who lived in the South. I'd like to add to the lore if possible....Anybody out there able to enlighten me?

Rachel Lee Lawrence '53

How about it? Is there a sleuth out there with Hunter in her bones who can solve this mystery? -Ed.

Submissions Policy

Concise submissions from alums and other members of the HCHS community are always welcome. Articles and other submissions can be sent care of the Association office. They should be typed or on an IBM-compatible diskette or can be e-mailed to

jleight@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu.

Naum '49 Resigns as President

Yvonne Naum '49 resigned as President of the Association in October in order to devote needed time to her business. She has also resigned from the Board of Directors but will remain on the Diversity Committee. The Diversity Committee is one of several new committees established during Naum's tenure, which also saw several other innovations including the Association's incorporation as an independent non-profit, more frequent publication of *AlumNotes*, and the advent of full-time professional staff at the Association's office. We wish Yvonne well in her future endeavors.

At the request of the Board of Directors, Executive Vice President **Angelica Petrides '49** will be functioning as Acting President until the end of the current Board's term in June. □

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Chapter Coordinators Sought

There are frequent inquiries about chapter activities in Florida and in the metro D.C. area, but, alas, we lack coordinators for both of those areas. If you are interested in organizing chapters in these or in any other areas, please contact **Vera Julia Gordon '47** at 334 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, New York 11218-4342/(718) 282-6693. We can help you with mailing lists and with costs for an initial mailing. ☐

Class Coordinators As Of Press Time

1938	Evelyn B. Schaefer (516) 742-1967 (Looking for other '38 alumnae to help organize the class.)
Jan. 1948	Rose Knopf (718) 848-1246
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All other years are open at this time.	

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Privacy Policy

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

Recent Alums Happy Hour

Amy Gong '93

A good time was had by the 25 alumnae/i from the 80's and 90's who gathered at the Bull's Head Tavern last November for the first Recent Alums Happy Hour. Shouts of recognition turned quickly into talk of jobs and graduate school, reminiscences about high school, gossip about old friends, and yes, networking. Although announcement of the Happy Hour did not arrive in most mailboxes until after the event, e-mail messages and word of mouth spread rapidly to draw out a sizable crowd. We hope to see even more alums at the upcoming winter events.

- Alums/Teacher Lunch, Le Figaro Café, 186 Bleecker Street (at Macdougall Street), Saturday, January 10, 1998, 1 PM. Come chat with recent alums, Spanish teacher José Díaz, and Social Studies teacher Irving Steinfink over coffee and lunch. A great way to meet up with alums you missed at the last Happy Hour!
- Happy Hour, Bull's Head Tavern, 295 Third Avenue (at 23rd Street)
Wednesday, January 28, 1998, 6:30-9 PM
Wednesday, February 25, 1998, 6:30-9 PM
Kick back with fellow alums at the first Happy Hour of the New Year. 17 beers on tap, \$10 pitchers, \$3 shots, and 2 pool tables.

Recent Alums activities are open to graduates of the 80's and 90's. To be added to the RAG mailing and email list, please contact **Christine Bergmann '92** at 560 Main Street #732, New York, NY 10044 or e-mail cbergmann@gkm.com. ☐

London Chapter Forms

Sascha Segan '92, newly arrived in London, has agreed to organize a chapter there. Contact him at sascha@darjeeling.demon.co.uk or by phone at 44-171-691-9343. ☐

Chapter News

Vera Julia Gordon '47

Our first "area of interest" chapter is the Hunter High Lawyers Chapter, coordinated by:

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Please contact Kate directly if you are interested in joining this chapter, as the Association does not have complete records on alums' current fields of employment.

Now: doctors? city planners? artists? educators? musicians? Let's work on more "areas of interest" chapters.

Marie Ciaiola, Jan. '45 reports that the Southern Westchester Chapter is organizing. The group has met twice, and is shaping goals and projects. ☐



Use Our Webpage to Achieve Fame and Fortune

Jeff Wilson

With the new changes taking place on the Hunter High School Alumnae/i Association Webpage, it will now be easier for Hunter alums to gain their promised fifteen minutes of fame. If you have poetry, prose, lyrics, artwork, essays, or any other creative work lying around the house, begging to be seen and appreciated by the wider world, send it in to the office and we'll put it on the webpage for you. That way you can share your genius with your fellow alums, inspire the next generation, and who knows, maybe even get discovered by a passing agent. Length is not a problem, but please send a copy, not the original work, and try to use discretion in subject material. If you can e-mail us your work, that'll get it up on the Net even faster. I know we've got an incredibly talented group of people in our alums, and here's the chance to prove it!

Also, please feel free to put links to the Alumnae/i Association Webpage on your personal homepages. If you e-mail and let us know that you've done so, we will gladly return the favor by linking your page to ours. For that matter, any alum who wants us to link to their homepage is encouraged to send us the URL, and we will add you to the on-line database we are assembling. And, as always, suggestions about how we can improve the content of the Webpage are gratefully received. Our Web address is <http://heimdall.hchs.hunter.cuny.edu/~alumnae/index.html>, and you can e-mail me in the office at jwilson@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu/~alumnae. ☐



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Publisher Needed

Arlette KAHN Boumendil '47, who attended Hunter as a refugee from France during WWII, is seeking an American publisher for her manuscript. She is currently living in Switzerland; please contact the office if you can make a referral.

REUNION REMINDER

Don't forget! Reunion '98 will be held at the High School on Sunday, June 7th. See you there. ☐

BOARD ELECTIONS TO BE HELD

Elections for all 15 positions on the Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting at Reunion on June 7th, but you don't have to be there to vote. As long as you're a member in good standing, you can vote by mail proxy as well as in person. The current Board will be setting up a nominating committee within the next couple of months. Please contact the Association if you're interested in serving on the nominating committee or if you have suggestions for alums who might be willing to serve on the Board of Directors. Serving on the Board involves attending about nine meetings a year, generally on weekday evenings, and most Board members are also involved in ongoing Association projects. ☐

HUNTER BOOKSHELF

Jane LEVINE Lewit '58 and Ellen Epstein have written *The Bar/Bat Mitzvah Planbook*, published by Scarborough House (800) 462-6420. Jane and her co-author have planned eight bar/bat mitzvahs for their families, and their book aims to help other parents with practical guidance on varied topics including: understanding the synagogue service; preparing children, including those with special needs; creating guest lists and preparing invitations; and extending the festivities with a party. The authors have led many workshops for parents and educators. Together they run Concierge America, Inc., a professional organizing business.

Shirley YANISHEFSKY Cohen '53 is the author of the book *Targeting Autism: What We Know, Don't Know, and Can Do to Help Young Children with Autism and Related Disorders*, published by the University of California Press (1998). This is the third book on disability written by the author, a Professor of Special Education at Hunter College. The book is available at Barnes and Noble and Borders bookstores. ☐

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Literary Salon Selectives

Remember all those wonderful literary conversations we had at Hunter? Well, some alums have expressed an interest in forming a reading discussion group. We were thinking we could meet once a month in a central location in Manhattan (or other boroughs or suburbs) to talk about literary works in a non-threatening, but intellectually stimulating, way. Interested? Please e-mail us at janetangel@aol.com or write to "Book Discussion" c/o Janet Angelillo, P.O. Box 389, Millwood, NY 10546-0389 and we'll get back to you with more information. ☐



FACULTY NEWS

Notes From the HCHS Liaison to the Alumnae/i Association

Marjorie Landsberg Goldsmith '61

I had a wonderful time at the June Alumnae/i Association meeting. As an alum, former Senior class advisor and current Chair of the Science Department, it was a delight to see so many former students, and catch up on old careers, new career changes and growing families. Everyone was interested in the news of the school, but particularly interested in news about retired teachers. And so begins a column which may help to catch you up on some of my friends and colleagues who spent many joyous and challenging years in the halls of Hunter.

Regards to all from **Harriet WHITMAN Aufses** (Library and Alum). Mrs. Aufses is busy traveling the world with Dr. Aufses, recently retired as the Chair of the Department of Surgery at Mt. Sinai Hospital. They have reached Europe three times, Israel, Jordan and the U.S., lecturing and teaching at medical meetings. Mrs. Aufses is always thrilled to see many alums who are part of the medical community in any regions.

Maria LoFrumento (Principal and Foreign Language Chair) has relocated to Morristown, New Jersey and is a proud grandmother of three. Since her daughter has a busy pediatric practice in the town, Mrs. LoFrumento is an

important volunteer at the hospital's pediatric clinic, translating Spanish for the doctors and patients. Travelling to Puerto Rico and Hilton Head complete a busy schedule.

Adrienne ANDERSON Barnhart (Math Department Chair and Alum) is busier than ever, and very happy doing many things that she never had time for. The Barnharts have been travelling to Lake George and Vermont and visit Carole Evans Newman '53, a Hunter classmate in N.Carolina. Mrs. B is godmother to the Newman's son and is now a "grand godmother". In addition, Mrs. Barnhart is very active in her church, the 304-year-old St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bronx, N.Y. She is involved in many volunteer programs for young people and serves as Treasurer of the congregation. Mrs. Barnhart is proud that her parents now in their nineties are still an active part of their family life. Keeping up with the social contacts of four active and lively people makes every day busy!!

Please contact me with any requests or thoughts, and a very Happy Holiday and Happy New Year to you and your families.

Marge Goldsmith
Science Department
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Hunter Girls Earn Math Prizes

Given Hunter's long tradition as a single-sex school, it's not surprising that many alums express concern about whether Hunter girls still excel in math and science courses. Math Department Chair David Hankin responded to a recent inquiry with the following good news.

Our school's Math Teams have met with increasing success recently, and many of our top participants our girls. Last year's eighth grade team placed two girls among the top ten in New York State in the annual MathCounts competition. I have heard from Ms. Yaloz, our Seventh Grade Math Team teacher, that our two leading seventh grade participants, both with perfect scores —so far— in the Continental Math league contests are girls. On our Junior Math Team, Elizabeth O'Connor tied for first place in New York City in the Interscholastic Math League contests and Alice Cheng is close behind her. And Kathy Chang is one of the top members of our terrific Senior Math Team. Last year, as a junior, Kathy was one of four students from our school chosen to represent New York City on its twenty-person team for the New York State Math League and the Atlantic Region Math League contests. □

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Hunter Teacher Receives Grant For Language Institute

The changing face of NYC's student population continues to offer new challenges and opportunities to the City's schools and teachers. One teacher who is on the cutting edge of providing for the evolving nature of student needs is Hunter College High's own Dr. John Webb, chairperson of the Foreign Language Department. Dr. Webb recognized that students who grew up speaking a language other than English have different needs in foreign language education than those who grew up in an English-language environment. To further his goal of providing the best education possible for these students with special needs, he recently accepted a \$30,000 grant from the United States Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education.

Dr. Webb is using the grant money to design and implement a teacher training institute that will educate foreign language teachers about the specific needs of students studying a non-English language with which they were raised. He plans to start out the program focusing on French and Spanish speakers and teachers. The plan is currently designed to be implemented in three year-long stages. This year, Dr. Webb is working with many other New York teachers to develop the concepts and strategies to be used by the institute. Next year, he plans to implement the institute, and the third year will be used to evaluate the program. The end result will be a symposium scheduled for June of the year 2000, hosted by Hunter College, which will address and examine the issues that arise out of the work. □



Class Notes

1930s ● **Rachel FENICHEL Erlanger '39** writes "The notice about **Goldie Margolis (Small) Kurtin** in Class Notes, Fall, 1997, brought me back to the fall of 1937 when I was a fourteen-and-half-year-old junior at Hunter High, and a beautiful, dynamic, young history teacher came striding into our JA5 classroom." Mrs. Small made history live for us, and it was in her class that my lifelong fascination with history began. After receiving an MFA in the writing of non-fiction from the School of Arts at Columbia, I published biographies of Lucrezia Borgia and Savonarola, and wrote an as yet unpublished memoir of my life during the Great Depression and the Second World War. At present I am at work on a book about two would-be messiahs who showed up in the ghetto of Venice in the 1520's." ● **Jeannette AARONS Goldberg '32**, who hopes to attend reunion '98, has ten grandchildren and wonders if any of the other alumnae has more. She writes "My only regret is that nary a one lives in New York City, so no HCHS for them." Jeannette would also be interested to hear about any families with more than one generation of HCHS alums.

1940s ● **Helen LASKO Silberbush '40** and **Vera Julia Gordon '47** sat next to each other in a watercolor class at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden this fall, and, at the last session, discovered why they had found each other compatible - they were fellow Hunterites. ● **Mildred Speiser, Jan. '49** will be a speaker at an elderhostel in Pennsylvania this summer. Her topic is "A Whimsical Tour of Noteworthy Women, which will include historical tales of our fantastic founding sisters, our fascinating former first ladies, and our early conquering Congressional women." ● **Maureen K. Molloy '49, MD, JD**, continues her active practice of medicine and law as a medical/legal consultant in Shelburne, VT.

1950s ● **Susan QUIRICONI Ellis '58** took a few days off from practicing medicine in Kansas City, MO recently. She and her husband both ran in, and finished, the New York City Marathon, despite the less-than-ideal rainy conditions. ● **Alice ISAACS Zyetz '55**, now living full-time on the road, is writing a book scheduled for publication in Fall 1988. Based on her work as president of In Plain English Associates, the book, *You Shoulda Listened to Your Mother*, is a plain English guide for women entering or re-entering the work force.

1960s ● **Rosemary Hoffman '61** e-mails "What a neat surprise! I ran into **Sue Gerbi** totally by coincidence and discovered that it really is a small world. (Yes, I'm in Mississippi-the last place on earth in which someone from the Bronx would ever expect to find themselves.) Here's my update. After receiving an AB and MA in Zoology and Biology from Hunter College, I moved around the country (Los Angeles, Houston, Nashville), working as a research technician and later an Instructor. In 1985 I married a

neuroscientist, **Jim Hutchins**, and we moved to Nashville where I worked as a scientific editor and medical ghostwriter while Jim did a postdoc at Vanderbilt. In 1989 Jim found a position teaching Neuroanatomy at the University of Mississippi Medical School in Jackson and I returned to graduate school. I earned my Ph.D. in Biochemistry in 1995. This being a small town, they had a newspaper article (we wanted to call it "Oldest

Living Confederate Graduate Student Tells All") about my accomplishment. I'm currently working as a postdoc doing basic research on adult-onset diabetes. Incidentally, my photo was in the NY Times in 1985 in an article that described homeowners cleaning up debris after Hurricane Alicia hit Houston. Yes, that was me wielding a chainsaw while thinking about how wonderful renting an apartment can be. Over the years I've become increasingly interested in dogs and their behavior. I've been involved with dog training for about 20 years and am hoping eventually to know enough that I can leave science and support myself as a dog trainer and behaviorist. We currently have an Australian Cattle Dog and a Norwegian Elkhound, Annie and Kodiak, respectively. We train and show Annie in obedience and agility competitions. Kodiak is our problem child, and from him I've learned a tremendous amount about behavior modification and operant conditioning. You learn nothing about training from the easy ones and everything from the difficult ones." You can reach **Rosemary** at hoga@misnet.com. ● **Diane LEVINE Umemoto '61** e-mails that she has gotten back in touch with classmate **Dorothy HOLLAND Magette**; they recently spent a wonderful afternoon together in New York. **Diane** teaches English to high school and junior high school age kids, and has two grown children of her own. **Kim (27)** graduated Tufts in art history, worked for CARE and Irish CONCERN in Cambodia and in several countries holding Rwandan refugees, got burned out, spent last year interning with World Monuments Fund restoring a temple in Cambodia's Angkor Wat complex, and is now headed to New York for a masters in historic preservation at Columbia. **Nicole (26)** went to Brandeis, got a masters in public health at Emory, and is now heading CARE's HIV/AIDS project in Myanmar (Burma). ● **Helene WILLIAMS Spierman** has moved to the Rego Park section of Queens with her Significant Other, **Leonard Lehrman**. You can reach **Helene** by e-mail at helenespierman@juno.com and you can hear her sing on the World Wide Web at a location set up by **Leonard Lehrman** as part of the Long Island Composers Alliance web site at C.W. Post University. The URL is cwupost.liunet.edu/cwis/cwp/library/imc/lica.htm. ● **Myrna EDELMAN Watanabe '66** has just been elected Eastern Regional VP of the National Writers Union, a member of the United Auto Workers, representing about 4600 freelance writers nationwide. She's also editor of two new, successful newsletters out of Cornell Veterinary



College: *CatWatch* and *DogWatch*. ● **Laurie Nisonoff '66** was just promoted to Professor of Economics at Hampshire College, where she has taught since 1974. She teaches with **Myrna MARGUILES Breitbart '67**. Laurie has just published a co-edited text, *The Women, Gender and Development Reader*, from ZED Press, distributed in the US by St. Martin's Press. She and her co-author on China, Marlyn Dalsimer, also have an article in the *Reader: Abuses against women and girls under the one-child family plan in the People's Republic of China*. Laurie and Myrna would love to hear from alumnae who are interested in sending their children to any of the Five College campuses (Smith, Mt.Holyoke, Amherst, UMass-Amherst, and Hampshire). You can reach Laurie at: Department of Social Science, Hampshire College, Amherst, Massachusetts 01002, e-mail lnisonoff@hampshire.edu. ● **Judith Sachs '64** has a book coming out in 1998, co-authored with Dr. Richard J. Paulson, the physician of Arceli Keh, who gave birth at 63. The book, entitled *SARAH'S CHILDREN: Rewinding the Biological Clock*, explores the meaning of motherhood.

1970s ● **Mona DEUTSCH Miller '70** is living in Los Angeles with her husband, fellow Stanford Law graduate Steve Miller, and their wonderful daughter Thäis Helene, born July 23rd, 1988. Thäis likes to act, write, sing, dance, perform and play violin. **Mona** is with a small civil firm concentrating on real property and intellectual property litigation, writes screenplays and short fiction on the side, and wonders if any of her classmates happens to be an agent or producer. She keeps in touch with as many classmates as possible, including **Fay Greenbaum**, who's still in Manhattan, **Helen Bendix**, now a municipal court judge in L.A. **Helen** and husband John Kronstadt have three kids, Jessica (almost 16), Erik (almost 14), and Nikola (almost 6). **Joan Fabry** is an architect with her own firm in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Michael Klein, are the parents of two sons, Nicholas (Niko) and Alexander (Sasha) aged 14 and 9. **Mona** would love to hear from **Janet Beizer**, who she's lost touch with, and who was a professor in the French Department at the University of Virginia when last they spoke. ● **Deborah Beth Kahn '75** has opened her own law office on Park Avenue in New York. Her practice concentrates on matrimonial and family law matters. ● **Kate RABASSA Wallen '77**,

coordinator of the new Lawyers Chapter (see page 3) attended her husband's 20th high school reunion, where she met another lawyer - **Adrienne OLECK Williams '76**, currently living in Maryland and working for the AARP. ● **Marcia Stern '73, Ph.D.**, announces the opening of her practice in clinical psychology in Riverdale, NY. You can reach Marcia at (212) 886-9816.

1980s ● **Julia Eisenberg '88**, on tour from California, will be back in New York in December with her band, *Charming Hostess*. The band will be performing at CB Gallery on December 21st and at the Knitting Factory on December 25th. ● **Morris S. Levy '87** expects to finish his Ph.D. in folklore from Indiana University in April of 1998. ● **Diane Schretzman '89** completed her Master of Science degree in Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania in August of 1997. She is recently certified as a Gerontological Nurse Practitioner and is currently working in neuroscience critical care at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. ● **Marianne Haughey '84, M.D.**, was expecting the imminent arrival of her first child as this issue went to press. She has been working as an Attending Physician in Emergency Medicine at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx. ● **Ellen Flax '82** was ordained as a rabbi by Hebrew Union College in May of 1997. She now works for the Jewish Fund for Justice in New York City and serves part-time at a congregation in Elizabeth, NJ.

1990s ● **Justianna M.E. Birzin '91** gave birth on August 17, 1997 to a beautiful, energetic baby girl, named "Brooklyn" after her mom's hometown. Justianna, who's currently doing field work in welfare reform in Telluride, CO, reports that Brooklyn has gained five pounds in the past six weeks and that she hopes to take her skiing with her by the end of the season. She'd love to hear from friends and can always be reached at P.O. Box 4143, Telluride, CO 81435. ● **Julie Salganik '92** is in graduate school at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., headed towards a career in international policy analysis. ● **Sascha Segan '92** is now in London, England, working as a freelance writer and Web designer, and attempting to brew the perfect cup of tea. Inquiries about the class of '92 should go to sascha@darjeeling.demon.co.uk or cbergmann@gkm.com. □

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

We Need Geeks!

Carolyn Mayadas, computer teacher and coordinator of the Computer Advisory Committee, is eager to hear from local area alums with expertise in computer applications and training to advise and, we hope, to help with staff development. If you can assist in this vital part of the computer project or need more information, please e-mail Ms. Mayadas at cmayadas@shiva.hunter.cuny.edu or call her (212-860-1314). □

Wedding Bells

Bouqui Ann Kya-Hill '88 married Guido Wolfgang Möller on September 21, 1997 at the New York Marriot East Side Hotel. Bouqui graduated from Yale University and is a manager of electronic product development at McGraw-Hill in New York. Bouqui is the daughter of **Sally HERTZBERGER Kya-Hill '52**. Congratulations!



Class '66 Gift

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Other news of our class:

Every five years, as part of our reunion planning, we request information for a class directory. In '96, for the first time, we asked for email addresses. With approximately 30 addresses worldwide, a mailing list was set up, giving classmates the ability to send email to either the entire list or to individual members. Since then, we have been in touch with classmates we not seen for, well, up to 30 years. (Classmates, if I do not have your email address and you wish to be included, write to me at dsu@cloud9.net.) In addition, several of us in the NYC area have been meeting monthly since early 1995. Topics of conversation began with our experiences at Hunter, giving way over time to discussions of anything and everything concerning our lives today. Both the monthly gatherings and email discussions have provided us with friendship and support that we could not have imagined as recently as five years ago! □

Moving? Let us Know.

We don't want to lose touch with you.

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

Mina S. Rees '19

Dr. Mina S. Rees, one of Hunter College High School's most outstanding alums, passed away on October 25 at the age of 95. A true pioneer and genius in a largely male-dominated field, Dr. Rees' list of accomplishments is far too long to tally here. Dr. Rees, a gifted mathematician, became the first female President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest organization of scientists, in 1971. Her groundbreaking work on rocket propulsion, hydrofoil design, and fluid flow during World War II earned her the President's Certificate of Merit and the British Medal of Service in the Defense of Freedom. She went on to head the mathematics branch of the Office of Naval Research, eventually becoming deputy director of the entire science division until 1953, when she returned to Hunter as a professor and dean of students. From 1964 to 1970, she served as a Presidential appointee to the board of the National Science Foundation. Dr. Rees was the founding president of the Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York.

Originally from Cleveland, Mina Rees graduated from Hunter College High School in 1919, and summa cum laude from Hunter College in 1923. She studied law as a graduate student at Columbia University, and earned her Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Chicago in 1931. She was married to Dr. Leopold Brahdy from 1955 until his death in 1977. She is survived by her niece Dorothy Halpin, and her great-niece Suzanne Schmitz and great-nephews James, Kevin, and Paul Halpin.

A memorial service was held for Dr. Rees at the CUNY Graduate School on December 8. Speakers included Dr. Mildred Dresselhaus, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, F. Forrester Church, pastor of the Unitarian Church of All Souls (where she was a member for more than thirty years),

Frances Horowitz, President of The Graduate School and University Center, and CUNY professor Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. □

In Memoriam

June McNICOL Keller '37, on January 6, 1996. She is survived by her husband, Geoffrey Keller.

June SHERWOOD French '65, on August 23rd, 1997. □

Elaine KATZ Bauml '68

Elaine KATZ Bauml '68 died in a car accident on January 22, 1997. Elaine started college at SUNY-Stonybrook and finished her degree at Lehman College, where she transferred to be closer to high school sweetheart Steve Bauml. After her graduation and marriage she returned to teach math at Hunter High. When her children were young, she started a business tutoring students in math and SAT preparation in order to stay at home; when the children were older, she retained the business in addition to a full-time teaching position. She is survived by her three children, Amy, 21, Debbi, 19(both of whom are studying at University of Pennsylvania), Josh(still in high school), her husband Steve, her brother George, and her sister Laura. A beloved wife and mother and dedicated teacher, she will also be missed by everyone who knew her at Hunter. □

Contributions in Elaine's memory can be sent to the Association office and will be earmarked for teacher training in the High School Math Department.



Ages

I couldn't wait, before age ten
To see my birthday come again,
And in my teens, it was the same—
My life was just a numbers game.

About the time I first could vote
Next year no longer seemed remote.
Then thirty, forty crowded on
And fifty, sixty both were gone.

If Medicare can comfort you
Those payments now come trickling
through.

The more you age, the faster go
The years that once seemed far too slow.

At seventy, one has more to do
Than let mere numbers bother you.
At eighty I will take the time
To write the memoirs of my prime.

At ninety, I'll again compete
And tell my age to all I meet;
I'll get to brag my genes are strong
If I just stay alive that long.

Then, come one hundred, I may choose
To get my picture in the news.
It's ages now since I was ten—
I'd hate to live all that again!

Jean Parker Katz '38

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Spring Poetry/Prose Reading

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

ERRATA

The office phone number given in the
last issue for Deborah Beth Kahn '75,
who is organizing her class, was
incorrect. The correct number is (212)
308-7697.

Peggy Betz Perrin '55 was incorrectly identified
as a '57 graduate in the byline to her article on
page 1 of the last issue. "

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We're Seeing Double

Just a friendly reminder that we'd like you to pay your dues if you haven't done so within the past year. The all-purpose form below has apparently induced a strong Pavlovian reaction in many alums, causing them to write us duplicate checks for dues. Now that we're publishing more often, it's no longer safe to assume that, if you've received an issue of **AlumNotes**, a year must have passed and you must therefore owe dues. We're working on improvements to our computer system that will let us print your renewal date with your address information on **AlumNotes**. In the meanwhile, we'll be happy to check your records and let you know when you last paid dues. Just ask.

Contributions, of course, are always welcome, and you can make them as often as you'd like. ☐



GOT A MATCH?

One of the advantages of being incorporated as an independent non-profit is that it makes the Association eligible for matching grants. If your employer or another organization you're involved with makes such matching grants, you can double the value of your contribution to the Association. There are some requirements to keep in mind. Corporations and foundations that provide matching grants to charitable organizations generally require a copy of the 501(c)(3) letter along with the application, and we're still waiting for confirmation from the IRS. However, it is not too early to look into a matching grant from your employer, as most granting organizations will match donations for up to a year after the original donation is made. You should be aware that, in order to comply with tax law requirements, most granting organizations will not match the part of your contribution that goes for dues. Check with your employer to find out what the requirements are for a matching grant from your company, and let us know what documentation your employer needs from the Association. We'll be happy to provide it. ☐

Alumnae/i Gifts

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decided to go with the Winnebago software, because it provided the same services, protected the book collection from excessive non-HCHS inter-library loans, and saved more than \$8,900 on the initial installation compared to the OCLC cost (as well as having a yearly membership fee that is \$270 dollars cheaper). This decision will allow the Library to use the remaining money donated by the Alumnae/i Association to further improve its facilities and collection. ☐

Share your ICY Experience with Juniors

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

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

WHEN DUES ARE DUE

Many alums are confused about when dues are due. Current policy is that your dues are good for one year from the date on which you pay them, whenever that is. While we will continue to mail *AlumNotes* to all alums regardless of their dues status, we encourage everyone who can pay dues to do so. Feel free to call or e-mail the office at any time to check on your dues status. We like hearing from you.

LOST AND FOUND

Are you in touch with a classmate who isn't getting *AlumNotes*? Let us know how to reach her. We rely on information from alums to help us keep our database up to date.

Are You looking for a "lost" classmate. Let us know that, too. We may be able to put you in touch with him.

A Few Items From the High School's Wish List*

Because of the High School's unique status, there are extra hurdles to gaining the funds needed to keep the school's high standards of education and facilities. Your contributions are crucial to insuring that the students have the sort of resources they need. Contributions earmarked for a specific project are guaranteed to go towards funding of that area. Below is a partial listing of areas that need immediate funding:

General - funding for faculty development

By Department-

English/CT-

Copy machine
Poetry books for each grade (single authors)
Computer software and CD-ROMs

Science-

4 safety stations
Overhead projectors
6 centrifuges
2 glassware dishwashers
Lab furniture including storage cases for microscopes

PE-

Replace broken divider partition in gym
Repair bleachers in gym
Support for girls' and boys' sports teams

Arts-

Portable keyboards
Adobe photoshop software
Slide projectors
Art history slides

*Watch future issues for wish lists from other departments. Call the office for further information on how you can help.

For information about ordering HCHS tee-shirts and other merchandise, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the office.

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



MugShot

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



Alumnae/i Midwinter Brunch February 8th

February blahs got you down? Come and enjoy good food and conversation with your fellow alumnae/i at Raymond's Cafe, 88 Seventh Avenue, between 15th and 16th Streets.

Time: Noon. Tickets are \$25, but one coordinator from each milestone class can attend as a guest of the Association. For more information call Marilyn Zinder at (212) 425-3777.

Midwinter Brunch Reservation

Make checks payable to: HCHS Alumnae/i Association, Inc.

Mail to: Marilyn Zinder, 450 East 63rd St. Apt. 11J, New York, New York 10021

First name	Surname at Hunter	Current Surname (if Different)	Year Graduated
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☐ Here's my check for \$25.00 plus and additional contribution of \$_____ to help the Association and the High School.

☐ I can't make this year's brunch, but I'm enclosing my contribution of \$_____.*

* The cost of the brunch is not deductible, but if, as expected, our pending application to the IRS for 501(c)(3) status is granted, any other or additional contributions will be deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

YES! I want to be a member in good standing of the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association

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Hunter Online

Peggy Betz Perrin '55

The fall issue of *AlumNotes* reported on a number of class and individual gifts to Hunter High School departments, projects, and activities. The largest gift so far has been the Association's \$23,000 contribution to complete the automation of the High School library's circulation system. We want you to know the gift is being well used.

In November, Diane DeVeaux, High School librarian, reported to the schoolwide computer advisory committee on the conclusion of an evaluation she had made of the several systems available. She

recommended to the committee and to Dr. Anthony Miserandino, High School Principal and Director of the Campus Schools, that the Winnebago system be selected. Dr. Miserandino agreed, and all systems are now go.

The Winnebago system is a complete package that will convert the library's existing card catalog to an online system and provide electronic records for all new library acquisitions. The system is easy to use and to train users and staff for. It is also the system adopted by the Elementary School.

And the bottom line is that the Winnebago system is cost effective. The initial cost is approximately

\$6,000; a yearly service contract costs \$450. Last spring, the library collection was barcoded at a cost of \$7,600 in preparation for automation. The Association gift will also permit the school to engage the services of a school library automation consultant to advise on upcoming purchases of hardware and software, among other things.

So, your generous gifts continue giving right into and through the holiday season and beyond. Many, many thanks on behalf of today's Hunterites. □

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