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HUNTER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

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ASK NOW WHAT WE CAN DO FOR OURSELVES

After concentrating for five years on ways in which we could be of service to Hunter High in one of its many periods of need, we are planning to turn in a new direction. Our aid to the school will continue, as will our concern for maintaining its high educational standards. But it is time for us to concentrate on ourselves--on you, the members of this unique Alumnae Association. Expanding our program is a particular interest of our President, Mildred Speiser, and it was Mildred who initiated the two new events we organized this past winter.

THINK SPRING, THINK REUNION

The place is the new Hunter High. The date is Sunday, May 21. The time is 2 PM, the event is--REUNION! Would you believe it's our Sixth Annual? It seems only yesterday that, alerted by small notices in the personal column of The New York Times and a few other publications, and by word of mouth, we gathered in an office building on Lexington Avenue wondering who else would be there and what it was all about. And now here we are, established, and looking forward to our biggest and best get-together yet.

Special milestone events are being planned for the class of 1928; Fanny Kaufman Casher has been corresponding with classmates for months now. And from the "silver anniversary" class '53, Evelyn Schnabel Hunt and Joan Loeb Healy have written to ask about Reunion plans; and we also expect to see Leona Rund Zions, who was at last year's Reunion, and Jane Hines Reis. The class of '58 has been represented at past Reunions by Gail Grange Berson, and we're sure she's busily contacting former classmates for this year's get-together. From '48 we're looking forward to seeing Miriam Levine Bockman, Miriam Kostiner Roschelle, Barbara Brotman Janes, Barbara Lechtman McGann, and Miriam Shapiro Grosof. Anna Erhardt Tomecek has been reaching out to her '38 classmates, and Miggi Warms has enthusiastically been writing to members of her class of '68. (If you're a member of any of next year's milestone classes, please come to meet with your classmates too and plan ways to have a bigger get-together a year from now.)

Refreshments will be served, of course; we hope the air-conditioning will be working. News of Hunter High, guest faculty members, election of Alumnae Association officers (see story on page 1), and discussions of our plans for next year are all on the agenda. So join us on May 21 for a grand Reunion. A nominal charge of \$2.00 will help defray expenses.

Forty-five former Hunterites and some of their relatives and friends saw a delightful revival of Allegro at the Equity Library Theatre. And hardy Hunterites braved the mountains of snow and the freezing temperatures of this legendary winter to have a leisurely luncheon at The Worry Bead, a charming and intimate restaurant. You don't have to meet with a classmate to enjoy a Hunter High event, as we all discovered. Several animated conversations flourished simultaneously as experiences and points of view were compared and reminiscences about Hunter and life since Hunter were shared, while all enjoyed the exotic Middle Eastern cuisine. Among the guests were: Judith Gluckstein David '42, Debbie Rothman '73, Carolyn Herbst '60, Carole Brafman and Borisse Paulin '57, Marian Abrahams Goldhamer '51, and Miriam Weisman '49.

Both theater party and luncheon are scheduled to be repeated next year. But other plans are being discussed also. How about a travel program? If enough of you are interested, we can plan anything from a weekend in another city--doing museums, (continued on page 5)

SPEISER HEADS SLATE AGAIN

The following slate was presented by the Nominating Committee at the Steering Committee meeting of March 4:

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The Nominating Committee, formed at the Steering Committee meeting of January 21, consisted of Marjorie Pearle Weiser '51, Mary DiPerna '70, and Sheila Sisselman Schnee '59. (continued on page 4)

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EDITORIAL

With this issue we complete four years of publication of ALUMNOTES, and it continues to be one of the most gratifying of activities. In the arena in which our editorial and writing activities most usually take place there is little opportunity for us to interact with the unseen audience on the reading end of all the words that go through our typewriter. But in putting together ALUMNOTES we feel we are talking directly to the more than 4,000 of you to whom each issue is sent.

Especially gratifying was your response to our last issue, Fall 1977. So many of you took the time to write, to send us a brief or longer notes, to send your dues and contributions. We received more than \$2,000, and so much news "about you and you and you" that our column of news and intellectual gossip is being expanded so we can catch up with what everyone is doing.

We are overwhelmed at the power of this little press. In our last issue we mentioned that Claudia Fantino Zizzo '53 is involved in feminist activities in Sicily; our grapevine informs us that Claudia has received mail from literally all over the world--even from Australia--as a result!

So--when we say we love to hear from you, we really mean it. Our indefatigable office manager Clarice Mertzels loves to open your letters (and with her other hat on, as our probable incoming treasurer, she'll be equally delighted to deposit your checks). And when we say we want to see as many of you in person as possible, we really mean that, too. Come to the Reunion on May 21 and look for all of the people whose names you recognize from these pages; if you don't find us, ask for us. And plan to come to some of the activities we're planning for next year (see article on page 1). We'll be looking for you!

Dear Members,

Many of you have written to us asking whether we can provide job leads or contacts in a specific field. We also get inquiries from out-of-town Hunterites who are visiting New York and would like to get together or stay with in-town Hunterites. Until now we have been unable to help out in such areas. However, this is one of the new directions we hope to develop in the coming year. As usual we like to hear your thoughts on what services and activities you would like your Alumnae Association to undertake.

The loyal members of the Steering Committee, many of them from outlying areas (Long Island, New Jersey) literally came through snow, sleet and ice this winter to put in many hours of discussion on the hows and whys and wherefores facing us. With many new plans in mind, we look forward to seeing many new people at our Steering Committee meetings in the coming year. Here is the schedule: September 16, October 14, and November 18. All meetings take place at 12:30 PM on Saturday at Hunter High, 94th Street and Park Avenue. Do join us and have some input.

See you at the Reunion!

As always,

Mildred Speiser
President

MEANWHILE, AT STUYVESANT

We have just received Vol. 1, No. 1 of the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Spectator, and want to share some of the news from one of the other bastions of academic educational excellence in New York City. Stuyvesant is now also co-educational, and we note that Natalie Reich, a '74 graduate, is one of the officers of their long-dormant Alumni (sic) Association, which was recently revitalized and boasts that "in just four short years (it) has gone from...barely 100 to a vital group of over 1,000 dues-paying members." Like our Association, they are concerned with providing amenities for their school in an era of budgetary crisis, and with maintaining educational quality. Special attention is given to a rebuttal of a recent charge by the Federal Office of Civil Rights that Stuyvesant, Bronx Science and Brooklyn Tech discriminate in student selection as demonstrated by the lower percentages of minority and female students in these schools than in the other city high schools.

All about you and you and you...

Reggie AMBROSE '48 teaches math in a Los Angeles high school, is a doctoral candidate in confluent education at UC at Santa Barbara, plays tennis and has learned serigraphy and calligraphy...Ann JICHA Blackwell '48, a research associate in environmental systems analysis and a consultant in dynamic systems analysis, has participated in many professional symposia, and has two children...Miriam LEVINE Bockman '48, a member of the Hunter College Hall of Fame, was unanimously elected the first woman leader of the Manhattan Democratic organization; she is Democratic co-leader in Greenwich Village, and a member also of the reformist New Democratic Coalition and a long-time close friend and political associate of New York City's Mayor Edward Koch.. Helen CHUSID Bresenoff '48 is a school librarian in Norfolk, Va., and has one daughter...Barbara BRONSON Fox '48 is a counselor/therapist, the administrator of the post-graduate Center for Mental Health, and a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology...Dorothea ZUCKER Franklin, a member of the Hunter College Hall of Fame, is a physician and professor of medicine at NYU School of Medicine, has written a book and numerous articles in her specialty, hematology, and is a fellow of many professional societies; Dorothea has one daughter...Carol HAHN Glasser '48 is a speech teacher in New York City, has one son and one daughter...Rita COLBY Goldman '48 has been a teacher and office manager, has held many offices in her temple sisterhood in Flushing, New York, and has two sons... Edith HAMMERSCHLAG Grossman is a professor of psychology and a psychoanalyst in private practice; she is active in many professional organizations and received the Public Service Award from the New York Society of Clinical Psychologists; Edith has two children... Barbara BROTMAN Janes '48 is in charge of public relations for a hospital in NYC; she has created and been editor of a number of magazines for teens, and has been active in Hunter College Alumni activities as well as in her block and tenants' associations...Dorothy GWON Kahn '48, MSW, was formerly co-director of a shelter for abused women, and is now a homemaker caring for her three sons...Pearl COHEN Metz has been an art teacher and is now a homemaker with one son and two daughters...Barbara SCHWARTZ Needle '48 has taught elementary school and been a school librarian; she is president of her temple sisterhood in Roslyn, Long Island, and a member of its board of trustees...Geraldine DUPER Reilly '48 has

been a dietician for New York Telephone and is getting her M.A. in health from Adelphi; she has three sons and one daughter...Miriam KOSTINER Roschelle '48 is an elementary school teacher with special expertise in administration, and has three children...Barbara KLAUSNER Weinstein '48 is a planner in the office of Crime Control in Yonkers and a vice-president of the Scarsdale Democratic Club; Barbara has two children...Many of these women were at the Hunter College Birthday Luncheon last year to celebrate the 25th anniversary of their college graduation; we hope to see them all celebrate the 30th anniversary of their high school graduation at the Reunion on May 21...Also there were Anita SIMON Ullman '49, who is an associate auditor with the New York State Racing and Wagering Board, and Doris ISMACH Warren '49, chairperson of the English Department at C.W. Post College, Waterbury; Doris was formerly an English teacher at Hunter High, has been named the Teacher of the Year at Post, and is compiler of the National Poetry Anthology...Maria Teresa GRIECO '74 is a music education major at the NYU School of Education, and has been a piano teacher and accompanist as well as a rehearsal pianist, and is now principal accompanist of the NYU Choral Arts Society as well as a published poet--in Italian!... Esther Mona FRIESNER-Stutzman '68, Vassar '72, was a teaching fellow in Hispanic Studies at Yale, and received her Ph.D. in Hispanic Studies in May '77...Rael Jean ISAAC '50 is a political sociologist, has written several journal articles, and is the author of a recent book about political parties in Israel, published by the Johns Hopkins University Press...Nell COCHRANE Taylor '47 was appointed to fill an interim term as councilwoman, Town of New Castle, Westchester County, and was elected in November 1976 to the remainder of the term. Nell's sister Gloria COCHRANE Onque is a psychiatrist in private practice and a fellow of the American Psychoanalytic Institute. Gloria has two teenage sons and a daughter attending Mt. Holyoke College... (continued on page 4)

GOING TO THE HUNTER COLLEGE BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON? SATURDAY, MAY 6, IS THE DATE. ASK TO SIT AT THE HUNTER HIGH TABLE, OR BE SURE TO LOOK FOR US. WE'LL BE SEEING YOU THERE!

All about you and you and you...

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senior programming analyst that she has "realized my most significant achievement through my children, both of whom are doing outstandingly well academically...I believe much of my children's success is related to my own attitude toward education, a goodly portion of which was formed through my own enriched and rewarding experiences at Hunter High." (We're sure thousands of us agree, as we watch our children's achievements with pleasure and pride; Ed.)...Betsy ROSENFELD Ginsberg '61 has graduated with honors from the University of Wisconsin Law School and is with the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC; Betsy is trying to locate Naomi RICE and Frances ROSENFELD, both '61; anyone out there know them?...Well, it's finally happened. A literary work by a Hunter High woman has been--yes--banned near Boston, as The New York Times gleefully reported. Jody CARAVAGLIA takes photographs for Rolling Stone; seven years ago, 15 years old and a Hunter student, she wrote a vividly angry poem as a response to being hassled by construction workers on the street. "The City to a Young Girl" was published in Argus and subsequently reprinted in Male and Female Under 18, an anthology. The Chelsea, MA, High School has banned this book, of which more than 40,000 copies are in print, because of Jody's poem, described as being "objectionable, salacious and obscene." A defense committee of teachers, parents and students took the banning to Federal court under the First Amendment. We've yet to hear the verdict, but we'll keep you posted...Ruth WALCOTT '40 nominated to be a vice president of the Hunter College Alumni Association, tells us that Hyacinth DAVIS received the Community Service

Award from the Delta Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for outstanding services as Physician-in-Charge of the Medical Screening Clinic at the Harlem Hospital Center from 1933 to 1978; we join in congratulating Hyacinth on her devoted service and illustrious career. Ruth Walcott tells us also that Ruth BISHOP, who was supervisor of teachers in the Bureau for the Education for the Physically Handicapped from 1965 to 1976, was named Zeta of the Year by the Delta Mu Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta... (Emma) Svea BLOMQUIST Wathen '25 recalls that her class was "shifted between 108th Street and Amsterdam Avenue and 93rd Street, with a treat of going for several semesters to Hunter College (then at 68th Street and Lexington Avenue, eventually to become a HCHS home; Ed.). There was no available auditorium for our graduation ceremony, so we just picked up our diplomas at the office of the principal, Miss Webster." Svea was in the Hunter Model School class of '21 and wonders if any of its alumnae/i are around; she attended Vassar '29 with her HCHS classmates Elinor FALK Elting and Elizabeth ZORB; and would like to locate any of her classmates, in particular Sybylla Alice WELLOW... Ruth LEWINSON '13 has practised law for 57 years, and was director of the New York County Lawyers Association for 42 years, received the Hunter College presidential medal, and was elected to the Hunter College Hall of Fame; she writes us also that while in her first year at NYU Law School she also taught English at Hunter High, and was appointed a Trustee of Hunter College by Mayor Hylan in 1926, was a member of the first Board of Higher Education from 1926-39, and a president of the Hunter College Alumni Ass'n.....

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According to our Bylaws, additional nominations for any office may be submitted in writing by any member in good standing until three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting and Reunion, when elections are to take place. If there are no additional nominations, the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee shall be deemed to have been elected. If, however, there are additional nominations for an office or offices, members in good standing present at that meeting shall vote by paper ballot. The Nominating Committee members will have the responsibility for overseeing the elections. Election will be by simple majority, and the results will be announced as soon as feasible.

MISSING PERSON

A letter has come to us from a non-Hunterite asking whether anyone knows the whereabouts of Erika White, with whom she attended 11th and 12th grades in New Delhi. Erika attended Swarthmore College. If anyone has any information about her, please write Pamela (Stone) Cutrell, 1301 S. Scott Street, #527, Arlington, VA 22204, or telephone (703) 979-2885.

ALUMNA-GRAMS

ANNA ERHARDT TOMECEK '38 IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE GRADUATION OF HER DAUGHTER MARIANNE '69 FROM GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL.

Do you have a message to send? Here's your chance to communicate with thousands of your fellow alumnae at one fell swoop. Send an ALUMNA-GRAM. Your check for \$5 made out to HCHS Alumnae Ass'n will buy you three lines of copy in our next issue due in the fall of 1978. Send your copy in now while you have it in mind. You can use the form below or a separate sheet of paper. Only 45 characters, including spaces and punctuation, to a line, please. Add another \$5 for each additional three lines.

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Here is my check for \$5 and three lines of copy:

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...Ruth NEWMAN Ozer '38 writes that her daughter Alison OZER '70 graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Smith College in '75 and is currently doubly involved in dance, as a performer with the Larry Richardson dance company and as a photographer...Beth BOEHM Millstein '63 is co-author of We, The American Women, A Documentary History (Jerome S. Ozer, Inc., publisher), and writes that the education she got at Hunter "is one of the major reasons I had the confidence and motivation to write this text."...Helen FINEGOLD, also '63, head of the Fine Arts Department of Hunter High, was married in July to Jeffrey Franklin Friedman. Helen, a graduate of Barnard and with an M.A. from Harvard, has studied also at the Juilliard School of Music and in addition teaches at the Hebrew Arts School for Music and Dance in New York. All best wishes, Helen!...Julia GINN Jacobs '40 has been guest theater reviewer for the Times Herald Record, Sullivan County, and writes from Monticello, NY, "I book over 12 theater events--So come--breathe our fresh air and see the best of theater for 1/2 of NY prices...Charlotte TALLERDAY Huntington '50 is an anesthesiologist at Martin Luther King Hospital in Los Angeles...Kathryn KANAREK James '66 writes to correct a recent statement

in this column: "I have never been and will probably never be a Newsweek employee, as I was trained to be an electrical engineer at M.I.T. I received the S.B. at M.I.T. in 1969 and the S.N. and E.E. degrees in 1971. I was a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellow 1969-71 and was elected to Tau Beta Pi in 1969 (first year women were admitted as full members)," and has been a consultant to the Air Force for the procurement of military communications systems since 1973...Laurie NISONOFF '66 is a professor at the School of Social Science, Hampshire College, Amherst, MA...Ruth WINTER Bloom '66 writes that she is "working on a Ph.D. in Genetics at the University of Chicago and enjoying my young son"...Anita STOLLER Lessinger, also '66, teaches the Lamaze method of prepared childbirth in association with the American Society for Psychoprophylaxis in Obstetrics, and writes that she would "be happy to give any interested alumnae information about the Lamaze method and NYC classes; write her at 130 Gale Place, Bronx 10463, phone 212-543-8069...Linda KITTIEL MacAdams, who describes herself as being of the "burning midnight oiler class of '54" writes from Colorado Springs, where she is a (continued on page 6)

HUNTER WOMEN IN COLLEGE HALL OF FAME

Among the 17 new members elected to the Hunter College Hall of Fame are three women who attended also Hunter High: Leona Feifer Chanin, Martha Tuchman Froelich, and Ruth Ulman.

Election to the Hall of Fame is based on outstanding accomplishment and/or service to the Hunter College Alumni Association. Hunter High alumnae are prominent among previously elected members of the Hunter College Hall of Fame as well, and note has been taken of them in these columns from time to time.

Ruth Ulman, an editor with the H. W. Wilson Company, receives this honor for her many years of work on numerous committees of the Hunter College Alumni Association. As a member of our Steering Committee, Ruth is valued for her efficiency, good counsel, and the time she has put in on unglamorous but essential chores. An ardent and wise feminist, she attended within the last year important meetings in Albany and Houston and has been active in establishing guidelines for non-sexist use of language in writing and publishing.

Leona Feifer Chanin is president of the National Women's Division of the American Jewish Congress and Co-Chairperson of the AJC Governing Council. Leona has been head of the Hunter College President's Circle, and has been a generous and enthusiastic supporter of Alumni Association projects.

Martha Tuchman Froelich is a lawyer and a member of the New York City Board of Examiners as well as a retired school principal; (continued next column)

NOTE: To save on mailing and office costs, we do not bill our members for dues. Therefore, it is up to YOU to remember to pay the small annual amount that makes it possible for us to help the High School, conduct a Reunion, send out these mailings, and keep our files up to date.

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ASK NOW ... (continued)

historic sites and restaurants, and meeting local alumnae--to a more far-flung excursion. Anyone for cross-country skiing? China? Macchu Pichu?

Another plan now in the discussion stage is a "Meet the Members" hour, to follow our (mostly) monthly Steering Committee meetings. Come and participate in the deliberations at those meetings, or come a little later and listen to a fellow former Hunterite talk about her career/interests/experiences. Backstage at the ballet, the art of stained glass, travel and the single woman, retirement and pension planning--these topics represent only a few of the areas of interest and expertise of our Steering Committee members. "Hunter High Tea" will be served.

If you have ideas to add to these ideas, or additional suggestions for other activities that might be of interest, do let us know. And watch for an announcement of our program schedule for 1978-79.



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the Reunion--

Sunday, May 21, 2 P.M.

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her achievements at P.S. 129 in Manhattan have been cited by Charles Silberman in Crisis in the Classroom, and others as exemplary of a successful inner-city school. Martha has long been active in the Hunter College Alumni Association and is particularly involved with the Scholarship and Welfare Fund.

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