

AlumNotes

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Calling All Poets

Mildred Speiser '49

Many of us remember the annual Grace B. Beach poetry recital, held at the Hunter College Playhouse, when Hunter High students read prose and poetry selections by noted authors. The Alumnae/i Association adapted this tradition on October 18 at Roosevelt House with a poetry reading, organized by Sheila Schnee. Among those who read their own works were Sondra Schechter Armer '61, Gertrude Bloom '41, Marian Abrahams Goldhamer '51, Sally Hertzberger Kya-Hill '52, Frances D. Landau '19, Elaine Mitchell '42, and Sheila Sisselman Schnee '59. The verses of Peggy Betz Perrin '55, Eve Kanner '49, and Doris Ismach Warren '49 were read in absentia.

Listeners and readers alike were so enthusiastic that all present spontaneously decided to hold readings on a continuing basis. The next will take place on Thursday, January 24, 1991, at 6 p.m. at Roosevelt House. Join us to read your verse or prose or come to listen, discuss and encourage. Readings should be no more than 5 minutes long. Please telephone the Alumnae/i office if you would like to read.

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Budget Cuts Hit Athletics Programs

Fran Moskowitz

Chair, Health and Physical Education

The New York City fiscal crisis has resulted in severe cuts on the CUNY budget lines through which the Hunter College Campus Schools are funded. Discretionary items such as extracurricular programs are suffering badly. This fall, for example, fencing, bowling and junior varsity basketball were dropped, and parents joined to rescue fencing and basketball. Now many vital and enriching winter and spring programs are jeopardized as well, because of the meager budget Hunter High receives through the also hard-pressed Board of Higher Education.

I thought Hunter alums would be interested in knowing about some gifted Hunter High athletes who were recruited by their college or given full or partial financial assistance and/or some special attention from a college coach. The list is incomplete and covers only a few recent years. Athletes whose names are marked with asterisks were selected as top PSAL (Public School Athletic League) athlete in their sports as high school seniors.

Shola Lynch, University of Texas - cross country, track; Terence Colter, Manhattanville - basketball; Eun-Hy Kim, Wheaton - softball; Bev Armstrong, Harvard University - basketball; *Chris Gahan, Ohio State - volleyball; *Andrew Lai, Rutgers University - volleyball; Andrea Vag, Princeton University - fencing; Holly Kurtz, Yale University - track; *Nnenna Lynch, Villanova - cross-country, track; Ben Jackson, Haverford - cross-country, track; Chris Heitman, Oberlin - swimming; David Niederman, Swarthmore - swimming; Desmond Bailey, Hamilton College - track; Bill Zedlovich, Hamilton College - track; Jeff Greenfield, Amherst College - cross-country; Ken Kloner, Brown University - basketball; Andre Haynes, Brown University - basketball; *Erica Michaels, University of Virginia - volleyball; Donna Layne, New York University - basketball; Chuma Hunter-Gault, Emory University - basketball; Terence Hardley, University of Rochester - basketball; Anthony Schiff, Tufts - basketball; Evan Houtrides, Haverford College - cross-country, track.

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EDITORIAL

Reunion '90 was one of the best yet. An overflow crowd of cheery and chatty milestoneers and other Hunter graduates, family members and friends filled halls, auditorium and cafeteria of Hunter High for an afternoon of catching up on old friendships and new news. Refreshments were excellent and plentiful. All food left over was donated that very afternoon to the Moravian Teapot, a shelter for homeless people, in downtown Manhattan. Our thanks again to Scott and Mitchell Schnee and their Scotch Catering service, of Bayonne, New Jersey, for the delicious food which we were fortunate enough to both enjoy ourselves and share with those in need.

Summer was spent planning and producing the Alumnae/i Association's new publication. *That's What's Special* was mailed to members in good standing early in the fall. Rave reviews are starting to come in.

Didn't receive a copy yet? We're offering a bonus to celebrate our premier issue: Your check for your 1991 Association membership, postmarked by January 10, 1991, will get you an immediate copy of the first issue of *That's What's Special* as well as the Summer '91 issue. Don't wait--Send in the coupon on page 5 with your check today!

Dear Friends,

In this first letter, I wanted to focus on the great pleasure we all shared at the June Reunion. My own class celebrated its 35th anniversary, some of us appearing for the first time at a Reunion. I wanted to focus on the joy we all feel when we come together--at reunions or regional gatherings--as Hunterites. (See Esta Pekow's report on the Chicago regional meeting on page 3.)

But then my thoughts turned to the challenges the Alumnae/i Association and Hunter High face this year. The Association is experiencing success in some areas and weakness in others. Regional interest is so keen that we are having difficulty keeping up with it. Our archive collection is growing and needs maintenance. Our mailing list has more than 7,000 names; dues payers are just over 1,000. Our two office volunteers have been working hard for a lengthy period and want a vacation.

And the High School is suffering from New York City's current fiscal crisis. Programs most of us never dreamed of are destined to be cut because the principal's limited discretionary money must be directed to essential items.

When I think of these challenges, I wonder what an Alumnae/i Association is, what it is for. Of course, it is, in part, a wonderful, large social umbrella under which we both continue and renew ties to other alums and to our own particular memory of Hunter. But doesn't the Association have a larger role, even a responsibility? Don't we owe something to the school that continues to make us proud and grateful?

I believe we do. In the coming months, the Association will explore ways we can more effectively support Hunter and the opportunity it guarantees, as a public school, to gifted youngsters citywide, from all walks of life, to pursue an education appropriate to their abilities and needs.

What kind of organization must we be to respond to these challenges? Right now, we need more local alums to help us carry out immediate goals and programs more effectively. I don't need to tell you that the executive committee, like most volunteer groups, consists of a few committed and overextended members. We need you to volunteer to share the daily operating tasks and then to join us as we address the larger, long-range issues.

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Come to Brunch

Anne Hoffman '60

Our brunch get-together has become a popular annual Alumnae/i event, with great food, company and conversation. We look forward this year to a return visit to Steve McGraw's, 158 West 72nd Street between Broadway and Columbus Avenue, on Sunday, February 10, at 12:30 p.m. The extensive menu will be the same as last year: a drink (alcoholic or non); entrée (eggs Benedict, Portuguese or marinara, omelette, sliced steak, hamburger, fresh fruit or cold chicken tarragon); dessert and beverage.

This is a perfect time to meet for milestone planning, as did about 20 from the class of '70 last year. If you pay your dues now and become a member in good standing for 1991, you can enjoy brunch and Reunion '91 at discount rates. See the coupon on page 5 and mail your check today to the Alumnae/i Association's office. For more information telephone the Association office or Anne Hoffman, 212-489-1974.

Your Alumnae/i Association welcomes your help in planning future programs. Display your talent in a creative or performing art, share a research or other interest in a talk or discussion, suggest or lead a visit to a museum or other cultural institution. Phone the Alumnae/i office to make your suggestion or join the program planning committee.

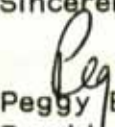
PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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So it seems that I can focus on the pride and gratitude alums feel as I tell you of the Association's concerns about Hunter today, its students and the Association itself. I hope you will put your pride and gratitude to work for Hunter.

On behalf of today's students, tomorrow's alums, we look forward to hearing from you. Our thanks to everyone.

Sincerely,


Peggy Betz Perrin '55
President

Chicago Region Alums Gather

Esta Epstein Pekow '49

The Chicago Region HCHS Alumnae/i held their first meeting on Saturday, May 12, in the Fellows Lounge of the Newberry Library. Nineteen women from classes ranging from the 1930s to the mid-1980s talked and networked in small groups for about 45 minutes. Then all gathered together and each told a little about herself and what HCHS has meant in her life. There were wonderful exchanges. Younger grads told the rest about the recent moves of the school, the arrival of male faculty and students, and other changes. Most gratifying and exciting, all felt proud of the enduring features of our Hunter education and grateful for it.

All agreed to come together again, and some offered their homes for meetings closer to Hunterites in Wisconsin and further afield. A few offered to help plan the next gathering.

If our experience is any indication, there's a real potential for regional get-togethers. We all thank the Alumnae/i Association officers for planting the seed that germinated into our happy Chicago area reunion.

What's New? *What's What* by Mail

You don't have to attend Hunter currently to read the school newspaper. The *What's What* staff is now offering subscriptions by mail at a cost of \$1.00 per issue, \$10.00 for a full year. The remainder of the 1990-1991 school year is \$8.00, with the subscription starting with the issue following receipt of a check. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

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All About You And You And You

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career in music--"after all, how many professional concertina players are there?"

'60s

Kim FELLNER '66, executive director of the National Writers Union, wrote an article entitled "Women Still Have No Standing in Unions. . ." that appeared on Labor Day on the Op-Ed page of *The New York Times*.

'50s

Robbie PFEUFER Kahn '59 is assistant professor of sociology at the University of Vermont in Burlington and is preparing her doctoral dissertation, *The Language of Birth: Female Generativity in Western Tradition*, for publication by the University of Illinois Press. Robbie wants to be sure we mention her son Levin Pfeufer, who is a freshman at the San Francisco Art Institute. . . . Twenty-two members of the class of '55 were at the Alumnae/i Association Reunion on June 3, gathered by Anita VALENTE Mulé, Ellen SINCOFF Rodis, and Peg BETZ Perrin. Anita COOPER Tsamakis came in from Volos, Greece, where she runs two English language schools. Yvonne CORPUZ Conrad is a director of nursing administration at SUNY-Stony Brook. Geraldine POPPA Schechter is a professor of medicine in the D.C. area. Libby FLEISCHER Wilson, a physician, directs a health care program for children with cleft lip and palate in Long Beach, CA. (Thanks to Alumnae/i president Peg for all this info, and more.)

'40s and '30s

Rosemary M. MADDEN '48 was intent on attending the Reunion last June, but was in an automobile accident the day before. Rosemary, we hope you (and your mistreated car) are recovered and will be able to join us this year! Thanks for writing. . . . Dorrit LEIPZIGER '47, Hunter College '52, received her J.D. from Nova Law Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in May, and intends to specialize in "elderlaw" either with a small law firm or in private practice. Dorrit retired in early 1987 after 30 years with the Social Security Administration, and says "go to it!" to all who are considering a second career. . . . Frances ROSENBERG Oppenheim '38, Hunter College '42, has been living in southern California since 1951. For 13 years she has been writing articles for *Current Biography*, where she had her first job after college graduation. She has also served as a school librarian at nursery school, high school and college levels. Frances is in touch with Frieda AZARK Hollander '38, and would like to be in touch with Fay STRUMWASSER Seltzer. . . . Sandra LONDON Schulman '46 phoned from West Lake Village, CA, to say she wants to see news of her classmates, especially those who, like Cynthia OZICK, have "achieved fame and fortune," in this column. . . . Ever wonder why you don't find your classmates' names and news in this column? We didn't get their stories! So--don't hide your light under a bushel--If you've got something to shout about, we'll be happy to spread the word. Just send us your news!

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'80s

Lauren R. BUXBAUM '81 is in her second year of a pediatric residency at SUNY Health Science Center at Syracuse. She is engaged to John EPHRON '82, who is in his second year of medical school at the same institution. . . . Glenn EVANS '82 and David BOLOCAN '82 are studying at the Harvard School of Business and MIT Sloan School of Management respectively and invite Hunterites in the Boston area to look them up. [Yes, David, contributions are tax deductible.] . . . Polly SHULMAN '80/'81, Yale '84, is a senior editor at the *Village Voice*, for which Donna MINKOWITZ '81, Yale '85, contributes articles. . . . Marvin YOUNG '85, a.k.a. Young MC, who won a Grammy this year as Best Rap Artist, is "one of the fastest rising rap stars on the scene today," according to *Ebony Man* magazine, which featured him in its June 1990 issue. Young MC signed a record contract while a junior majoring in economics at the University of Southern California, and his first record, *Stone Cold Rhymin'*, came out a week after he graduated. . . . Robert T. WU '86, Cornell '90, who is back at home in Flushing, sent along some in-jokes that your editor doesn't understand (and therefore won't print). He also writes, "Membership is cheap; when do you ask for dues again?" Every year, RTW, so we can keep these news items coming to you. Do join the Alumnae/i for '91 too (and explain the gags, please!).

'70s

Liz PHILLIPS Fisch '75, a consultant with the Prudential Property and Casualty Insurance Company, is on leave following the birth of her daughter in June. She and her husband own a store in Madison, New Jersey, and she would love to hear from classmates, especially from Stella CHAKARES. . . . Laura KAY '77 is completing her Ph.D. in astrophysics at the

University of California - Santa Cruz, and will be in New York as an assistant professor of physics at Barnard College in January. We look forward to seeing Laura at Alumnae/i Association gatherings then! . . . Elizabeth NEWMAN '77 completed her residency in family practice in Burlington, Vermont, and for the last two years has been working in the emergency room of a 36-bed hospital at the end of a cow pasture in Middlebury. She is engaged to be married and loves living in a rural area--but sometimes misses the subway and Zabar's. . . . Nan WEISSMAN '76 is a free-lance genealogical researcher in Arlington, Virginia. . . . Terry POMPER Weber '74, SUNY Brockport '78, writes happily that she is currently at home with her greatest accomplishment, her one-year-old son. . . . Emily ROSENBERG McLean '70/'71, who has a Ph.D. in biological psychology and an M.D., both from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, has a private psychiatric practice in Edmond, OK, and is also a clinical assistant professor of psychiatry at the Health Sciences Center. Emily, who tells people she's a "New Yorker by birth, and an Okie by choice," is married with two young children. She'd like to hear from any other Okie Hunterites as well as old classmates. . . . Donna J. ISRAEL '71 has been handling publicity for clients in fields from TV news to publishing, and writing feature articles on business subjects as a contributing editor to *Business Travel Management* magazine. She hopes to return to a second [continued on page 6]

Hold That Date!

Thursday, January 24, 6 P.M. Poetry and Prose Reading. See article, page 1. Roosevelt House, 47 East 65th Street.

Sunday, February 10, 12:30 P.M. Brunch. Steve McGraw's, 158 West 72nd Street, between Broadway and Columbus Avenue. Price to Alumnae/i Association members in good standing, \$10.50; others, \$12.50. See coupon on page 5 to pay your dues and make your reservation.

Tuesday, February 26. Hunter College Symphony Orchestra performance with Frederica von Stade and Hunter High students. For information: Irene Chan at Hunter College, 212-772-4085.

Sunday, June 2. REUNION '91! Watch for details in the spring '91 issue of ALUMNOTES. Milestone classes--graduation year ends with "1" or "6"--get ready now!

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Address Class year

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[] YES! I want to attend the brunch on Sunday, February 10. I understand that the cost is \$10.50 for members-in-good-standing, \$12.50 for all others.

Number of reservations _____ TOTAL for reservations \$ _____
NOTE: Reservations must be received by February 1.

[] YES! I want to be a member in good standing of the Alumnae/i Association. I understand that I will receive a discount to Association events and the Summer '91 issue of *That's What's Special*. (If my new membership application is postmarked by January 10, I will also receive as a bonus the Summer '90 issue of *That's What's Special*.) I enclose:

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IN MEMORIAM

Marion Wade '31, a folk singer who entertained at an Alumnae/i Association meeting in May, died of cancer in September. Starting a singing career after retiring 13 years ago, she performed at festivals and coffee houses around the country. She was an organizer of the People's Voice Cafe (a Saturday night coffee house in Greenwich Village) and was also active in the Pinewoods Folk Music Club. "I consider myself very lucky in the happiness of my recent years and in singing as a means of relating to the world and of communicating with some of the wonderful people in it. I still believe in love."

Elodie Kellogg Gilley died in August in California, where she had lived since 1974. Born in New York in 1901, she graduated from Hunter High, received a B.A. from Hunter College and an M.A. from Columbia University. She taught mathematics and chaired the core curriculum at Bryant High School in Queens until 1963.

Dorothy A. Bush, member of the Hunter High English department from 1928 to 1967, died in May.

Allie Lewis Olafson '40, who taught English at Hunter High from 1944 to 1951, when she left for Oxford on a Fulbright scholarship, died of cancer in February.

Della B. Meehan, registrar at Hunter High from 1943 to retirement in 1970, died in October 1989. Mrs. Meehan maintained our academic records and administered the admissions, attendance and transit programs.

Claudia Fantino Zizzo '53 died in February in Palermo, Sicily, after a long bout with cancer.

Viola Lurch Cox '16, Hunter College '19, who shared her school recollections at a Meet-the-Members meeting some years ago, died in January, 1988. She taught, chaired a department, and held other positions at Jamaica Vocational High School for 35 years.

Mary Ann Johnson '53, Hunter College '57, died in April 1990 in Massachusetts.

Anne Mullin '38 died in January 1990. An enthusiastic and supportive member of this Alumnae/i Association from its earliest years, she taught English in New York City junior high schools for over 30 years.

Joan Woodcock Fritzinger '54 died in May 1990.

Matilda Steinberg Tarr '12 died in summer 1990.

Ruth Danheiser Schattelen '10 died in July 1990.