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HUNTER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE/I ASSOCIATION

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REUNION '91--JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Teddy Christon '42

Reunion '91 is just around the corner - Sunday, June 2, to be exact, at the Hunter High building. Classes whose year of graduation ends in "1" or "6" will be observing their milestones.

Our annual Reunion is a kind of homecoming for all alums as well as for milestone classes. The day's program will focus on Hunter High, and Dr. Anthony Miserandino, High School principal and director of the Campus Schools, will speak. The Alumnae/I Association will honor Harriet Whitman Aufses '44, Hunter High librarian since 1967, and six members of the faculty who are retiring this year in response to the City University's early retirement incentive. They are: Adrienne Anderson Barnhart '53 (mathematics); Janet Baer and Anna Cacace Morello '53 (social studies); Anita Wells (science); and Maureen Schaeffler and Ingrid Wekerle (English/communications and theater). Representatives of *What's What* and other student publications will be on hand again to sell recent issues. Several milestone classes are also planning separate gatherings on other dates, and the Association looks forward to being represented at these affairs.

We will be serving a repast that - we promise - will be the best yet. Come as early as 11 A.M.; there will be coffee and pastry when you arrive. A gourmet brunch will include fresh fruit salad, pasta primavera, whitefish salad, mock liver pate, baba ghanoush, assorted cream cheese, bagels, onion rolls and more, all kosher and catered by Famous Dairy Restaurant of West 72nd Street.

Numerous milestone class coordinators are burning up phone and fax lines and filling mailboxes across the country. Letters are going out to classmates from '51 coordinators Marjorie Pearle Weiser (212-861-3795), Gloria Paret Lemme (212-831-6402), and Marian Abrahams Goldhamer (212-877-9147); leave your message with their machines if they don't answer in person. Graduates from '56 should contact Jane Perlberg Zacek, (o) 518-443-5282 or (h) 518-489-7639, and Ruth Rausman

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POETRY READING AND OTHER ALUMNAE/I ACTIVITIES

Peg Perrin '55 and Anne Hoffman '60

Following the enthusiastic reception of the Association's first poetry reading in October, fourteen HCHS poets and friends assembled once again at Roosevelt House on January 24. New voices joined some of the original presenters in readings characterized by introspection, self-revelation, wit, pride, and memory. The poets' works were inspired by neighborhood geography, first-year Latin, children, parents, spiritual experience, and personal loss. Some affectionately recalled particular Hunter teachers who had inspired or encouraged their first ventures into writing, and one, Louise Neuwirth Jaffe '53, presented two volumes of her poems for the High School library's Alumnae/I Authors Collection.

Enthusiasm for these gatherings stimulated plans for a third Alumnae/I Association poetry reading of 1990-1991 to be held at Hunter High and to which students and faculty would be invited to participate. It will take place in the High School library on Thursday, May 2, at 6 P.M. If you would like to read, telephone Ula Barrack (afternoons, 718-797-2285; evenings, 718-448-0052). Hunter poets and friends are also invited to attend the Newark Poetry Program on Saturday, May 11; for more information, telephone Sheila Sisselman Schnee (201-437-2415).

The Association's Midwinter Brunch was held on Sunday, February 10, at Steve McGraw's Restaurant in Manhattan. As always, the food and company were great and everyone had a good time. It was a particularly pleasant surprise to see former High School teachers Madame Dorothy Rothschild Brodin (French) and Nell Cochran Taylor '47 (English).

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EDITORIAL

Our new publication, the annual magazine *THAT'S WHAT'S SPECIAL*, received positive notices from many of you. We'll publish some of our fan mail in the second issue, due out sometime this summer. Those who missed the first issue will be able to buy it at Reunion on June 2.

From time to time we hear from one-time Hunterites who, for various reasons, did not graduate with their original class. They often ask about becoming members of our Alumnae/i Association. This concern was addressed in the July 1, 1989, revision of the Association's Bylaws, which opens regular membership "to all graduates and former students of Hunter College High School." A category of associate membership was also established for parents or other relatives or close friends who wish to pay dues. While unable to vote or hold office, associate members have all other privileges of membership (and are welcome at all meetings as well as to volunteer to help on committees). Members in good standing, of course, pay dues to the Association for the current fiscal year; they receive our annual journal, *THAT'S WHAT'S SPECIAL*, as well as reduced rates for the Association brunch, Reunion, and other functions.

The last issue of *ALUMNOTES* reached many of you later than we intended; we apologize for any inconvenience. Circumstances beyond our control, involving a new computer desktop publishing system, took longer than anticipated. We hope for constant improvement and, in the meantime, your patience.

Dear Friends,

As articles in this issue indicate, a lot is happening at the Association in New York City. Activity has increased in preparation for our June 2 Reunion and milestone class get-togethers. Teddy Christon, Ula Barrack, Esther Durant, and our student intern Douglas Kee '91 are coordinating your calls, letters, and requests for information and class lists. Dorothy Gottfried '37 has volunteered to help our office operations just in time.

Reunion '91 also gives all Hunter graduates an opportunity to support the High School financially. New York City and State continue to slash education allocations. Reductions in the High School budget penetrate the fiber of the school, affecting classroom programs as well as extracurricular activities. Alums can--and do--make a difference. Many, many thanks to those of you who have made the effort to seek matching funds from your employers. Milestone classes that target a specific dollar goal can have a tremendous impact. We urge milestoneers and non-milestoneers alike to think big and contribute generously.

Libraries are among the first services to be affected in a time of shrinking budgets. In the Alumnae/i Association's earliest years, we recognized that contributions to the library would benefit every student and teacher in the school. The letter from High School librarian (and alumna) Harriet Aufses on page 3 demonstrates how significant Alumnae/i support has been. Gifts large and small help. On behalf of the Class of 1960, the Alumnae/i Association presented as its milestone reunion gift a check for \$1100 to Mrs. Aufses. At the same time, we presented two volumes of poems by Louise Neuwirth Jaffe '53, given at the January poetry reading, to add to the library's Alumnae/i Authors Collection.

The Association has met with members of the Hunter College administration to explore ways in which we can cooperate for the shared benefit of the Hunter community. College President Paul LeClerc strongly supports the Campus Schools and has increased opportunities for Hunter High students to have access to college resources.

The majority of Hunter High grads concur that our education was unique, preparing us for lifelong learning and challenge. One way for us to show the gratitude we voice so often is to aid the school in providing today's students with the same wonderful experience.

Join us at Reunion '91 to hear and see what's happening today at HCHS.

See you there,



Margaret Betz Perrin '55

President, Alumnae/i Association

All about you & you & you ...

1980s

Adam (Harry) SERCHUK '83, Vassar College and Virginia Tech. U., is a Peace Corps volunteer in Sao Tome e Principe, Central Africa. . . . **John J. EDWARDS III** '88, a junior at Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, recently interned at the *Trenton Times* in New Jersey and hopes to be working in journalism in New York this summer. . . . **Roni NEFF** '85, Brown '89, in Philadelphia coordinating family planning information and writing grant proposals for a reproductive health/AIDS hotline, continues to study Chinese at night. . . . **Scott SHEPARD** '82 will start a residency in neurosurgery at the University of California/San Francisco this summer. Interviewing in Los Angeles last fall, he met **Kyle CABBELL** '82, who will start a neurosurgery residency at the University of Michigan. . . . **Julie GLYNN** '85, NYU '89, who loves receiving ALUMNOTES, studied film and video in college and has worked on several award-

winning videos as well as the "party line" commercials aired on late-night TV in New York. She sends news that **Philip LARIER** '85 is studying rap music at CMA and **Jacqui ALLEN** '85 is in an OB/GYN residency at Lutheran General Hospital in Merlington, KY. . . . **Cory FARNSWORTH** '85, following her interest in musical theater, has performed in *Legs Diamond* and is now a "chorus boy" in *City of Angels*. She invites Hunter grads to visit her backstage, and sends news that: **Wayne HOLLANDER** '85 has finished a stint as road manager for the rock band Bon Jovi and moved on to the world of advertising; **Jason DOMINUS** '86 is one of the youngest men to pass the NYC Police Department's detective exam; **Brett SONNENSCHNEIN** '85 completed a master's program at American University in Tel Aviv and is a geologist with Exxon; **Steven CHULIK** '85 is working toward a pilot's license in the Air Force; **Gena FEIST** '87, met while happily pushing a stroller around Central Park. Julie and Cory both report that **Rachel KRAMER** '85 is in New York where she devotes most of her time to running a homeless shelter on the West Side.

IN MEMORIAM

Vivian Feller Rosenfield '30, Hunter College '34, died suddenly on August 13, 1990. A niece of Pauline Eisenstein, Hunter College '19, Vivian was also the mother of two Hunterites, Carol Schneebaum '54 and Deborah Hensler '59, and the grandmother of Katharine Schneebaum '85. She was chief surgery assistant in her husband's office practice and retired with him in 1983. She was particularly proud of what she considered her major contribution to society--three daughters and five grandchildren and always proclaimed that HCHS was "the best girls' high school in the country."

Mrs. Eileen Fitzgerald of the Latin Department died recently.

Marilyn Holland '54

Maureen Avery Hasbrouck '50 died November 1, 1990, after a four-month battle with pancreatic cancer. Maureen had joined her classmates for their fortieth reunion last spring.

Betty Rollin Kornbluh '50 died of cancer in October 1990. A psychotherapist specializing in the treatment of eating disorders, she was a co-founder of the Westchester Chapter of the Anorexia and Bulimia Association, which is naming its spring conference in her memory. Betty is survived by her husband and three children.

Janet Silverman Cohen '29 died on March 20, 1990.

Lucy Schildkret Davidowicz '32, noted author and Holocaust scholar, died in December 1990.

1970s

Laura E. KAY '77 Ph.D. in astronomy and astrophysics, University of California/Santa Cruz '90, is an assistant professor of physics at Barnard College. . . . **Janice HERBERT-Carter** '73, Princeton '77, M.D. Howard '81, on the faculty of the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, is married to "the world's best husband" and they have a small daughter. Janice sees **Vanetta SPELLER Session** '73, a nurse at Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, and they would love to hear from **Judy MAMBER** '72. Janice also "rediscovered" **Phyllis RUTLEDGE Cohen** '73, who is in family practice in rural Pennsylvania. . . . **Laurie FRIEDMAN** '76, living in Somerville, MA, is a certified nurse midwife, delivering babies at the city hospital in Cambridge. Laurie looks forward to joining classmates at their 15th milestone celebration at Reunion. . . . **Nancy ALEXANDER** '75, MBA Yale, lives in New Haven, CT, with her husband and two daughters, and owns the largest diaper service in southern CT. The family lived for four years in San Francisco, and returned to visit during the '89 earthquake!

1960s

June SHERWOOD French '65, **Jane Schmidt-WILK** '68, and **Ellen LIEBMAN Finkelstein** '69 met for lunch in February and inaugurated the Fairfield, Iowa, chapter of the Alumnae/i Association. **Helene GILLEN** '47 was unable to attend. All four are living in the town of 8,000 to

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Alumna Grams

WHERE IS STEPHANIE BLUM, CLASS OF 1955? TOBY BROMBERG COHEN, 212-769-0194. 498 WEST END AVE, NY 10024.

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ELEANOR SACHS FRENCH '46 IS RETIRING TO DELRAY BEACH, FL THIS SPRING. ANY HCHS ALUMS IN AREA? 407-496-6465.

SANDRA BUTKA CARLE '65 LOOKING FOR ANN CORRIGAN AND ELEANOR CAWLEY PERRY. CALL 914-967-4912.

PHILIP A. VETTER IS A MISSIONARY INTERN WITH INNERCHANGE MINISTRIES IN SANTA ANA, CA.

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ANY OTHER PATIENT REPRESENTATIVES OUT THERE? LET'S TALK! CALL RENEE SOHNE ALTMAN '45. 718-327-5858.

BETH KELLNER REX WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM '74 FRIENDS--ESPECIALLY YOU, TERRY POMPER! O:212-385-2220; H:201-938-4177.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID GAROOGIAN, CLASS OF '82, WHO GOT MARRIED IN MARCH. BEST OF LUCK TO THEM.

HUNTER HOT LINES:

Alumnae/i office: 212-772-4079

News of Hunter High: 212-860-5060

YES! I want to be a member in good standing of the Hunter High 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*.

class of '90 gift membership
 classes of '89, '88, '87 \$ 7.00
 classes of '86 and earlier \$20.00
 additional contribution to aid HCHS \$ ____
 TOTAL DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS \$ ____

YES! I plan to attend Reunion on June 2:

\$13 per member in good standing \$ ____
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 TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ ____

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REUNION

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Davis, 718-779-1874. Three coordinators are online for the class of '66: Anne Kaufman Edwards (404-493-7853), Anita Stoller Lessinger (914-693-7751) and Rosa Blitzer Oppenheim (201-652-2343). Lauren Buxbaum (315-474-0509) is coordinating the class of '81. For the class of '61, Helene Williams Spierman (212-733-6151) and Leonore Tiefer (212-533-2774) are coordinators.

Milestone class coordinators who have not yet checked in with the Association are urged to do so to get an updated mailing list and other assistance. If you haven't yet heard from your class coordinators, contact one of them now; if no coordinator is listed for your class, telephone the Alumnae/i office or Teddy Christon (212-923-7800, G-41; leave a message with the operator if she's out). Whatever your class's reunion plans, your Alumnae/i Association would like to hear from you.

See you on June 2, between 11 A.M. and noon, at Hunter High, 94th Street and Park Avenue.

ALUMNAE/I ACTIVITIES

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On Saturday evening, February 23, several representatives of the Alumnae/i Association Executive Committee attended the HCHS Musical Repertory Club's production of Cole Porter's *Anything Goes*. It was well-acted and choreographed, exciting, sexy and sophisticated. The students are certainly a talented group! If you wish to be informed of Alumnae/i Association plans to attend student productions in the future, telephone the Alumnae/i office.

HOLD THAT DATE!

Saturday, April 27. Hunter College Birthday Luncheon. Sheraton Centre Hotel, New York City. Hunter College graduates: See the announcement in the Winter Issue of *At Hunter*; ask to sit at the Hunter High table.

Thursday, May 2, 6 P.M. Poetry Reading, Hunter High Library. 94th Street and Park Avenue. See story, page 1.

Saturday, May 11. Hunter poets and poetry lovers join to attend the Newark Poetry Program. For information, telephone Sheila Sisselman Schnee, 201-437-2415.

Sunday, June 2, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. REUNION 911 Buffet brunch, annual meeting, reception. Hunter High School, 94th Street and Park Avenue, New York City.

Milestone classes—graduation year ends with "1" or "6." Send in your reservation payment with the tear-off coupon on page 5 NOW.

Saturday, October 19, 1 P.M. Meet-the-Members Series: Yvonne Naum '49, savings strategist, scientist and singer, currently Director of Professional Benefit Planning of the Penn Plaza Financial Group. 12th Floor Lounge, Hunter College East, 68th Street and Lexington Avenue.

A LETTER FROM HUNTER HIGH'S LIBRARIAN

Dear Friends,

I can't tell you how grateful I am to the HCHS Alumnae/i Association and in particular to the Class of 1960 for your most generous gift of \$1100 to the High School Library. We will use this money to upgrade and expand the library archives and memorabilia collection.

I am happy to have this opportunity to thank all of you for your ongoing support of the library over the years. Previous gifts from the Alumnae/i have included:

- *The New York Times Index* and Microfilm for the years 1928, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1956, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1966 (a total outlay of almost \$20,000).

- *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, a 4-volume set, gift of the Alumnae/i Association.

- The establishment of four special book collections:

1. The Ellen Moers Memorial Book Shelf. In memory of Ellen Moers, Class of 1945. Approximately 130 volumes written by and about women.

2. The HCHS Alumnae/i Authors Collection. Published works of former students. About 65 authors represented.

3. The Clara Weiss Mayo Memorial Collection on Social Issues. In memory of Clara Weiss Mayo, Class of 1949. Approximately 80 books and monographs.

4. The Heather Reid Schaffzin Mathematics Book Shelf. In memory of Heather Reid Schaffzin, Class of 1959. Approximately 40 books relating to mathematics.

- Individual donations by many Alumnae/i of books, *Annals*, *What's Whats*, and memorabilia. Special thanks to Anne Hoffman for donating well over one hundred books.

Again, many thanks for your generosity and for your invaluable support.

Fondly,

Harriet W. Aufses '44
Librarian

CAMPUS SCHOOLS OFFER SUMMER PROGRAM

A Summer Enrichment Program for gifted students now in kindergarten through 9th grade will be held at the Campus Schools' building from July 8 to July 31. Students will take three courses a day, from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Tuition is only \$395 and includes a nutritious lunch. Some scholarship aid, based on need, may be available. For additional information, brochures and applications, telephone Carol Marsh, director of the summer program, at 212-860-1289.

All about you

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participate in the largest community of Transcendental Meditation practitioners in the U.S., meditating together to create world peace. To contact them, write c/o June French, 501 Highland Ave., Fairfield, IA 52556 or phone 515-472-3207. . . . **Susan L. SCHULMAN** '62, NYU, M.A. Columbia University, formerly head of corporate communications at the Arts & Entertainment Network, is now a vice president at Brown and Powers, an international public relations agency in New York with entertainment, travel, and health care clients.

1950s

Hon. **Marjorie COHAN Lawrence** '55, a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, PA, was astonished to learn that two more of the approximately 25 female jurists in Pennsylvania are also HCHS graduates. They are Hon. **Phyllis BECK**, Superior Court of PA, and Hon. **Elizabeth EHRlich**, judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Berks County. . . . **Adrienne ANDERSON Barnhart** '53 will retire on September 1 after 34 years of service at Hunter High--25 as a teacher and 9 as chair of the Mathematics Department.

1940s

Susan LAUBHEIM Berlin '46 recently retired from the NYC Board of Education after 27 years teaching English as a Second Language and serving as a guidance counselor. Susan offers to copy her *Annals* for any classmates who lack one; phone her at 212-795-4925. . . . **Marilyn LICHTMAN Graber** '49, principal of Temple Beth Rishon religious school in Wyckoff, NJ, was recently honored by the National Association of Temple Educators. . . . **Julia GINN Jacobs** '40 and her husband, involved

with the arts at Sullivan County Community College in NY, will spend their 18th summer working with professional children and adults in a theater festival. This year they visited the Soviet Union, staying with families in Leningrad and Riga; their theater connections enabled them to observe an exercise class at the Kirov Ballet.

1930s and earlier

Lillian ROSENFELD Vernon '32, who was living out west for more than 20 years, recently moved back east and hopes to see classmates in the future. Her daughter is **Lisa VERNON** '70 who, as we recently reported, has been ordained as a rabbi. . . . **Bertha BERSON Figarsky** '28 is living in Stanford, CA, where she started writing four years ago and has had about 40 articles published in antiques magazines. . . . **Esther ROGOFF Taus** '31, Hunter College '34, M.A. Columbia '36, Ph.D. Columbia, '42, asks about her class's 60th milestone reunion and for classmates **Lillian FRIED**, **Julia POULAS**, **Sylvia ROSEN**, **Edith TOMPKINS**, **Naomi SORKIN**, **Lorraine WHITE**, **Mildred WEISS**, **Emily SCHIELE**, **Edith KANE**. Esther is professor emerita, economics department, Lehman College, from which she retired in 1980 after teaching for 37 years at both Hunter and Lehman. She and her husband of 50 years live in San Pedro, CA. Her three sons are physicians, and she enjoys her seven grandchildren. Esther is chair of adult education at Temple Beth El, writes for its newsletter, submits a column on religion to the Palos Verdes *Peninsula News*, helps senior citizens with income tax returns, and is consultant to a university press. Says this active Hunterite, "Hunter taught me to study, learn, teach and serve. They remain the guideposts of my life."

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