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Winter 1999

HCHS Reunion '99

Amy Gong '93

Preparations are underway for Reunion '99, to be held Sunday, June 6th, at Hunter College High School. All graduates are invited to participate. We'll have special activities planned for non-milestoners and milestoneers (class years ending in 4 and 9) alike. Milestone classes are encouraged to arrange extra activities for Reunion weekend. Class coordinators will receive a list of class members' names and addresses for one mailing, which is reimbursable by the Association. Now is the time to start telephoning your classmates and forming a core group to work on festivities. Milestone class coordinators are also invited to the Winter Brunch for free to brainstorm activities (see page 5 for details about the brunch). If you are interested in serving as coordinator for your milestone class, please call Amy Gong at (212) 226-5631. □

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President's Letter

Eve S. Ferdman '79

I am delighted to be writing to you as the newly elected President of the Association. Let me introduce myself. I have been involved with the Association in various previous capacities: as a founding member and Treasurer of the Washington DC Metro Chapter; as co-chair of the NY Area Metro Networkers Group; pitching in as office manager at the Association office; as a member of the Executive Board; and presently Board Director and President. No matter where I live, whether in the New York area or elsewhere, the Hunter experience has been and continues to be a defining and significant part of my life.

Please take this opportunity to think about the impact that Hunter has made in your life. Your contributions can make a difference in the lives of the present students and teachers at Hunter. One of our current fundraising efforts is helping teachers to integrate computer use and educational software into the curricula of the school. Your help enriches the quality of education at the school. The Association gives to the High School to enhance student life.

Won't you join us today as a paying member of the Association? Your dues do a lot, including paying for producing *AlumNotes* and keeping the office running. Regardless of when your annual membership expires (the date appears on the mailing label of this issue), you continue to receive issues of *AlumNotes*. We all enjoy *AlumNotes*, although a significant number of alums have never paid dues to the Association.

Please send the form on page 7 with your payment. As you know, the Association is a 501(c)(3) corporation. As such we are eligible for matching funds from your employer. Not only that, but your contribution is tax deductible!

Recently we hired Marge Kolb '78 to staff our office on a part-time basis. Marge will concentrate on maintaining the alumnae/i database, replying to correspondence, handling telephone inquiries and assisting with the newsletter, as needed.

I will be writing to tell you of the progress the Association is making in its active goal of helping to raise funds for the high school and other events in which we are involved. I look forward to your comments or suggestions. Please send them to the Association office. □

Dues Structure Change

Eve S. Ferdman '79

The dues structure has been changed and expanded, after much thought and discussion. Dues had remained the same for more than a decade. The following changes have been implemented: If you graduated last year, your dues are complimentary for one year. Other alums, your annual membership dues are: \$15 for those of

you in college as undergrads, \$30 for those of you who graduated four or more years ago; and \$20 for those of you who are on a fixed income/seniors. Please remember that your dues expiration date is on the mailing label of this issue.

For a limited time we are pleased to offer a bonus gift for those of you who

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Letters to the Editor

More on Sarah Maria Jones

To the Editor:

Blessings on Judy Prigal and Sylvia Pressler for their affirmation of Ms. Hochman's signature on the song "Sarah Maria Jones." My initial inquiry was prompted by the birth of a granddaughter who was named Sarah Maria, with a long "i." Now is there a chance we can have the words to the song published, so I can sing it to her? I'm amazed the original sheet music still exists. Any chance of copies? Could be a way to raise money for the association and our alma mater.

—Rachel Lawrence, Jan. '54

To the Editor:

I just received the *AlumNotes* containing very newsworthy items. One item in re: Sheet Music for "Sarah Maria Jones" was of special interest to me and especially when Judy Prigal and Sylvia Pressler mentioned Miss Louisa M. Webster and Charlotte Hochman. I knew Miss Webster who was my principal when I entered HCHS in 1920. She greeted me, an 11-year-old child, with "Miss Leshaw, you are welcome." I was overwhelmed. Charlotte Hochman was in my class and wrote all the music and lyrics for our "Sing" celebrations. She gave abundantly of her remarkable talent. We were together 1920-24 and then went on to college 1924-1928.

—Bella Leshaw Frutkin, '24

To the Editor:

May I join the "Sarah Maria" discussion? I am a member of the Class of '32, and I can remember another "Sarah Maria" song that some of us sang. That is, I remember portions of it. Since it was sung to the tune of a popular song, "Betty Co-Ed," it must have been from a "Sing." (Do any of today's students know about "Sing?") Perhaps another old-timer can come up with some of the words that have eluded my memory or correct me where I'm wrong. I shall italicize the phrases that Principal Louisa M. Webster habitually favored, and which we girls loved to use, mostly in an affectionate way.

Sarah Maria, when she came to Hunter Many and many and many a year ago Thought that after all her preparations Everything would be Kay-O.

Paraphernalia plastered up with nametags, Spectacles and lunch box too *****?

Miss Webster's regulations too.

She went down to a meeting and she heard Miss Webster say *Now Miss, you must know every rule until Commencement Day.*

Poor Sarah's face turned deathly pale, Her heart began to shout(?) And then she heard Miss Webster say, "Sarah Maria, please pass out!"

There is more, but I can only recall fragments. This might be a good time

to say, as many have said before me, how grateful I am for having had the privilege of attending Hunter High and to thank the city of New York for supporting its special schools. Somehow, all my memories are pleasant ones. And academically, I got as sound a foundation as any available.

—Marion Weinstein Shapiro '32

To the Editor:

I just wanted to add that Charlotte Hochman was my all time favorite teacher. In 1950 she was not only my music teacher, but she was my German teacher as well. For some reason I was in a class of only about seven students taking German as part of their language requirement. Surprisingly, Miss Hochman was teaching this marvelous class. I can't say I ever learned much German, but this had mostly to do with my lack of any language aptitude. I did, however, have a memorable experience in this delightful class because there was a piano in the room and Miss Hochman would often play for us. It was here I learned about the merry pranks of Til Eulenspiegel and was first introduced to Sarah Maria Jones. I wonder if the other members of that class also still remember her playing that song for us and explaining how she wrote it. There were rumors at the time that she was at the time writing for Broadway shows under an assumed name. I always wondered if that was true, and what the assumed name might have been. Anyone out there know?

—Judith Gellert Haun, '53

Monthly HCHS Alumnae/i Get-Togethers

Andrew Clateman '84 and Amy Gong '93

NY Metro Area Networkers

Meet other Hunter alums, make friends, network. Meetings are held at 6 p.m. at the Omega Diner (balcony), 122 West 72nd Street (between Columbus and Broadway). Dates scheduled so far are Thursday, January 21, Wednesday, February 24, and Thursday, April 22. Other times and locations are to be announced; call Andrew Clateman at (212) 362-6840.

Monthly Happy Hours for Recent Alums

The Recent Alums Group, for graduates of the 1980s and '90s, is hosting 5:30-to-7 p.m. Wednesday happy hours monthly at The Front, 16 Warren St. (between Church Street & Broadway), a new bar/lounge co-owned by alum Terrence Colter '87 and actor Michael Rapaport. Happy Hour specials include 2-for-1 drinks and a free buffet. Dates scheduled so far are March 3, April 7 and May 5.

The Recent Alums Group is also eager to get recent alums involved in sponsoring student interns. The ICY internships are unpaid and are typically five or 10 hours every week. If you would like to participate, or if you would like to help plan other activities or be added to the group's mailing list, please contact Christine Bergmann '92, 560 Main Street #732, New York, NY 10044, (212) 885-4164, cbergmann@gkm.com. □

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Your New Board of Directors

As you know, the Association held elections last summer in which members in good standing participated. Since then, the new board of directors has met and elected its officers. Here is your new board:

President: Eve S. Ferdman '79

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Members at Large: Kenneth S. Dinitz '84; Joel Hornstein '88; Peggy Betz Perrin '55; and Angelica Petrides '49.

Fairfield and Westchester County Chapter Meets

Melissa Rosse Dobbyn '77

We had a wonderful first meeting of the Fairfield and Westchester County Chapter of the Alumnae/i Association! Our meeting was held at the Westfield Court sky room in Stamford, Conn., on Saturday, September 26, 1998. Twenty members of the Fairfield and Westchester County associations attended. We began the meeting with a buffet brunch, informal gatherings and meetings of association members. Thereafter, Melissa Dobbyn '77 (chairperson of the Fairfield County association) and Marie Ciaiola '45 (chairperson of the Westchester County association) introduced themselves and explained the agenda for the meeting. Association members introduced themselves, chatted with the group and expressed their love for and gratitude towards the High School. The members discussed their ideas concerning fundraising for and volunteer opportunities at the High School. Many members expressed interest in raising funds for specific projects, e.g., purchase of cabinets for microscopes or computer equipment. Other members expressed interest in engaging in activities at the High School, e.g., career advice/panel or mentoring. We have been in contact with Sue Leung Eichler '51, acting principal of Hunter College High School, to request a tour and informational session for our

membership. Ms. Eichler was very happy to hear from our chapter and was very receptive to scheduling such a tour and informational session. We have also been in contact with Marjorie Goldsmith '61, chairperson of the Science Department, and the faculty liaison to the Alumnae/i Association, concerning the department's need for microscopes and microscope cabinets. All alumnae/i in the Fairfield and Westchester County areas are welcome to our meetings. If you are interested in attending, please contact Melissa Dobbyn at (203) 966-8946 for further information. □

Class of '93 Gets Together

Amy Gong '93

The Class of '93 held its Reunion dinner June 6 at Seventeen Murray Restaurant in Lower Manhattan. Coordinated by Lauren Barrameda, the event attracted 60 alums, many of whom continued the festivities late into the night at Orchard Bar on the Lower East Side. Addresses and telephone numbers for all attendees were collected that evening, and a copy of the list is available to anyone who sends a SASE to Lauren Barrameda, Affiliate Relations, USA Networks, 1230 Avenue of the Americas, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10020. Email Lauren at lbarrameda@usanetworks.com if you wish to have the list sent to you via e-mail. □

CLASS COORDINATORS AT PRESS TIME:

January '49: Harriet Konstadt Sherman.
75 Henry Street, Box 299
Brooklyn, NY 11201.
(718) 630-3622 work,
(718) 522-3732 home.

Additional note for January '49ers: Our 50th reunion is coming up this June, so reserve Saturday night, June 5th, along with Sunday, June 6th. Let's get together to renew old friendships and reminisce. Let us know your plans. Contact Harriet Konstadt Sherman (see above) or Joan Steudtner Urbas, ejurbas@aol.com.

June 1949: G. Evangeline
Hooper-Rasberry.
(315) 445-0817.

1970: Bonnie Quint Kaplan
(718) 638-2451
(before 9:00 p.m.)

1974: Joy Hecht.
(703) 979-0759,
jhecht@capaccess.org.

1975: Deborah Beth Kahn.
(212) 308-7697 work
(718) 645-1912 home.

1989: While Joshua Burstein notes that he will not be able to fully coordinate the class' activities from his home in Los Angeles, he's willing to help out. (310) 478-4713 home, (310) 281-6340 work, jburstein@hotmail.com.

All other years are open at this time. □

Dues

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contribute \$75 or more, your choice of one admission to the Winter Brunch at Raymond's Café here in NYC on Sunday, February 7, 1999, or two tickets to *Guys and Dolls*, performed at the High School at 94th Street and Park Avenue on Friday, March 6, 1999. We must receive your check no later than Monday, February 1st, for the brunch bonus or Friday, February 19th, for the theater tickets in order for you to be eligible for this special offer. Please refer to the form on the penultimate page of this issue for details. □



Hunter Online

Peggy Betz Perrin '55

Computer use at Hunter High is expanding rapidly as the academic year progresses.

Each of the three computer laboratories now has 27 Pentium computers. Departments can provide computers for all their teachers (though most are older, IBM-compatible 486s). Music rooms each now have four computers with MIDI keyboards, and the Art Department is setting up an Adobe Photoshop program on a mobile cart, using slides on computer disks in an interactive, museum-sponsored program.

And that's not all. The Science Department has introduced an online program on butterflies, developed by the Smithsonian Institution. The English Department projects expanding its broad use of computers from CD-ROM programs for basic language and writing skills in the early grades to more sophisticated editing and revising in creative writing classes.

The library now provides Internet access for students via three Web sites available through the Board of Education. (Implementation of the library's circulation system has been delayed until this month. Computer teacher Carolyn Mayadas suf-

fered a shoulder fracture shortly after the term began, slowing her down considerably.)

Side by side with the familiar paper-based information and research resources, online resources in varying degrees have become a vital part of all aspects of the High School's curriculum. Students are enthusiastic about them. Parents, increasingly aware of the importance of these resources, are eager to have their children learn to use them for assignments and research. Teachers underscored the importance of the resources at a fall faculty symposium, where they voiced the need for increased training and technical support for the computer laboratories and their departments.

As a result, several important issues will be addressed during the academic year:

- How best to ensure the essential high level of technical support to departments, laboratories, and the library;
- How to increase the effectiveness of the High School's home page as a vehicle of communication about the school to the public and within

the school, offering more detailed calendar and events data, department information, citing resources; and

- How to provide a structured program of technical and subject-based support for staff.

The Computer Advisory Committee is preparing a detailed grant proposal for faculty development. A committee of student organization and department representatives meets biweekly with Carolyn Mayadas and the two student home-page editors to improve and update this vehicle. Financial support has come from tireless fundraising activities by the Parents Association. The Alumnae/i Association and individual alums have provided financial and in-kind gifts. Together, we hope to guarantee today's Hunterites the best and fullest educational experience possible.

Catch up on Hunter news and activities. Log on to the home page: <http://heimdall.hchs.hunter.cuny.edu> (you'll want to bookmark that address). Browse through. Check milestone class plans. Find an old friend. Remember: We're all part of the Hunter experience. □

Hunter Bookshelf

Gladys BALBUS Lipkin '42 and Roberta G. Cohen have co-authored the fifth edition of their book *Effective Approaches to Patients' Behavior*, published by Springer Publishing Company, (212) 431-4370 (voice), (212) 941-7842 (fax). This edition, available in soft or hard cover, has a new format and is a useful guide to mental health care approaches for health care professionals, patients and/or lay caregivers. The book presents clearly techniques for immediate, intermediate or long-term intervention by the patient, family, significant others or professionals to prevent or ameliorate any mental health problems. Both authors are experienced mental health

practitioners; each has written many articles and nursing texts and has addressed lay and professional groups nationwide. They have each also taught on an adjunct level at Adelphi University.

Anne Frydman '64, who teaches literature at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, announces the publication of *At His Side — The Last Years of Isaac Babel*, written by A.N. Pirozhkova and translated from Russian by Frydman and Robert L. Busch. The book is a memoir of life with the Soviet writer by his second wife and it covers the years she knew him - from 1932 until his arrest in 1939 - and the years afterward as she tried to learn of

his fate. Babel made a meteoric entrance into early Soviet literature with his *Red Cavalry Stories* and then gained international fame as his stories were translated.

Donna Minkowitz '81 announces that her book *Ferocious Romance: What My Encounters With the Right Taught Me About Sex, God and Fury* has just been published by the Free Press. The book, which has been shortlisted for the Quality Paperback Book Club's annual New Visions Award for the most promising and distinctive work by a new author, is about what Minkowitz, a lesbian, feminist and self-described "sex radical," has in common with the religious right. □

3 Nights of Theater at the High School

The HCHS Musical Repertory Club will present *Guys and Dolls* Thursday, March 4th through Saturday, March 6th. Each evening's performance begins at 7:30 p.m. If you're interested in seeing this production, please call (212) 860-1277.



Class Notes

1950s Arline SEWITCH Lieberman '54 writes: "I have found myself looking for news of classmates of the class of '54, especially after attending a 40th reunion in 1994. I joined Inge VOLLWEILER Gould '54 that day and was delighted to find a number of familiar faces including that of Beatrice GOLDNER Spear '54 and Elaine POSTELNECK Yamin '54. Within the next months, I had tracked down Naomi SCHLITTEN Monroe '54 in Ashland, Oregon. Naomi is active in the local theater and has a movie poster business. This sparked a desire to find some more old buddies, so we called Barbara FINKLESTEIN Lesser '54 who is a librarian for the federal government and Jackie FEIT Spivak '54, a retired school teacher. In 1995 we had our first annual reunion with four attendees at my home in Broomall, PA. I was, at that time, a guidance counselor and staff developer for a county educational service. Our reunion was so much fun that in 1995 we met again at Inge's house in Ossining, NY, adding Naomi SACKS Kotkin '54, currently a nursery school teacher and Elaine, a retired mathematician, to our ranks. Inge is retired from a career in industry as a staff developer and has since moved to the Boston area. Barbara hosted the 1997 meeting at her home in Rockville, MD, and Elaine entertained us at her home in Gillette, NJ, in 1998. Our group has been quietly and slowly growing. At this time we have the next two years planned and would like to invite anyone interested in saying hello to contact me by e-mail at WARL2@aol.com." • Barbara R. HELLER '58, dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing, has been named one of the school's first Executive Nurse Fellows by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. The leadership development program offers three-year fellowships for nurses in executive roles in health services, public health and nursing education. Dr. Heller was one of just 15 fellows selected from 141 applicants and 33 semifinal candidates.

1980s John J. EDWARDS III '88 (Northwestern University '92), your *AlumNotes* editor, is engaged to Rebecca Lowell (Georgetown University '94, Fordham University Graduate School of Business Administration '00), a writer for *The Wall Street Journal*. They plan an October 2000 wedding at Becky's hometown church on Cape Cod. John is working as markets editor of *TheStreet.com* (<http://www.thestreet.com>), an independent online financial publication in New York. He can be reached at 156 Montague Street, Apt. 3, Brooklyn, NY 11201, (718) 797-0495 (home), (212) 271-8238 (work), jedwards@thestreet.com. • Joshua BURSTEIN '89 (Harvard College '93, New York University School of Law '96) has left Rogers & Wells in New York, where he was an associate in the Litigation Department with a focus on media and communications law, to join Ervin, Cohen & Jessup in Beverly Hills, Calif. Josh moved to be with his fiancée, Rachel Anne Rotstein (Pomona College '94, New York University School of Law '97), who also is a litigation associate at a Los Angeles law firm. His new contact information is: Home: 1715 Camden Avenue #104, Los Angeles, CA 90025, (310) 478-4713. Work: Ervin, Cohen & Jessup LLP, 9401 Wilshire Boulevard, Beverly Hills, CA 90212, (310) 281-6340. Email is jburstein@hotmail.com.

1990s Nina HABIB Spencer '90 was married June 6, 1998, to Parke Spencer, in Rochester, NY. Classmate Cecilia OH was the maid-of-honor and sang a beautiful rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" during the ceremony. Nina is currently living in Greenwich Village and is in media affairs for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency after a long stint at NYC Parks and Recreation. Cecilia is an Associate Editor at New American Library of Penguin Putnam Inc. and is doing well in NYC. □

It's Brunchtime: Sunday, Feb. 7th

New This Year: Enjoy Brunch as a Membership Premium!

Elaine Brand '65

The 1999 HCHS Alumnae/i Association Midwinter Brunch will be Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 12:30 p.m. at Raymond's Cafe. Since all agreed that the food last year was excellent, we are returning to Raymond's, at 88 Seventh Avenue between 15th and 16th streets (one block from Loehmann's, for a great brunch/shopping combo!). In Raymond's cozy downstairs private room, our menu includes a brunch cocktail, a choice of more than a dozen entrees, a surprise dessert, and coffee or tea. Sample entrees include: asparagus and gruyere cheese omelet, linguini with smoked salmon in light cream dill sauce, and country pâté with fruit.

The price including tax and gratuity is \$25 (same as last year) if paid in advance, or \$30 at the door. Please mail check or money order, payable to HCHS Alumnae/i Association, to Elaine Brand, c/o HCHS Alumnae/i Association, Box 373, Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021, by February 1st. Call the office at (212) 772-4079 for more information.

For the first time this year, the Brunch is also being offered as a special premium of membership in the Alumnae/i Association at the new \$75 membership level. You'll be helping to support the high school through membership in this very significant way — and Brunch is on us! See the dues form on page 7 of this issue.

So take a cozy break from winter. You'll be among friends whether you come solo or plan to meet old chums. And for milestoneers (class years ending in 4 and 9), here's a great chance to begin your reunion plans. Seating is limited, so mail your check now.

Midwinter Brunch Reservation

Make checks for \$25 payable to: HCHS Alumnae/i Association, Inc.

Mail to: Elaine Brand

c/o HCHS Alumnae/i Association
Box 373, Hunter College,
695 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10021.

First Name	Surname at Hunter	Current Surname (if different)
Year Graduated		
Street Address		
City	State/Zip	Telephone E-mail

*The Midwinter Brunch is not run as a fundraiser and therefore the cost of your ticket is not tax-deductible.



Archives Alert!

Angelica Petrides '49

Professor Julio L. Hernandez-Delgado, director of Archives and Special Collections at Hunter College, has invited us to contribute pertinent memorabilia from our years at Hunter College High School.

The College Library has an excellent and well-organized unit that already includes yearbooks, Sing brochures and graduation programs. Recently, we delivered a 1927 Anthology of Poetry written by women who later became faculty members and/or poets in their own right. We also sent a 1932 Annals and graduation program, from Jeannette Aarons Goldberg, and a collection of G.O. buttons, from Jacqueline Spivak.

Professor Delgado was thrilled with these acquisitions and welcomes more. He can be reached directly at (212) 772-4149, or you may contact the Alumnae/i Association office at (212) 772-4079. □

AlumnaGrams

- ☐ Class of '45. I'd love to hear from any of you, especially those in northern California. Ruth Schwartz Jonas, 770 Bamboo Terrace, San Rafael, CA 94903, (415) 479-3537.
- ☐ Class of '63. Seeking Eileen Feldman and Tai May Chuong. If anyone knows how to find them, please notify Judith Brown, 9832 Spyglass Court, North Fort Myers, FL 33903, (941) 567-2270.
- ☐ Friends of Anna Papa '63 (deceased). Her husband was fired the day she died and he seeks work in the computer field. He is trying to educate their five sons. Gifts for an education fund would be deeply appreciated. Mr. Rotante, 27 Lyons Street, Wyckoff, NJ 07481, (201) 445-7775.
- ☐ Class of '46. Looking for Jackie DAUBER and Helen HAWKINS (Murray?). Also wondered if Joyce SEIDEL Hausman '64 had a relative in my class. Mary KOENIG Castagne, Box 92, Waccabuc, NY 10597.

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In Memoriam

Sylvia GLASER Elber '33 died on October 7, 1998. A poet and musician, she attended Hunter College and also trained as a classical pianist at Juilliard School of Music. After moving to California in 1960 and earning her master's degree from the University of California at Los Angeles, she began a teaching career at Chaffey Community College where she initiated the school's world music program in addition to teaching both jazz and classical piano. In 1994, a book of her poetry, *Late Bloom: 1989-1994*, was published by Gecko Press. Mrs. Elber is survived by her husband, daughter and son-in-law and two grandchildren.

Carol HALEY '56 passed away on August 19, 1997. She was a graduate of Smith College.

Jean BLATT Flores '66 died in August 1998. She had a B.A. in art history as well as an M.A. in international studies, and knew Spanish, French, Portuguese and German. In the 1970s she worked as an English teacher in Honduras and as a foreign correspondent in Honduras, Brazil and Mexico. At the time of her death, she had been a staff member of the United Nations for 16 years and was the editor-in-chief of the staff newsletter of the United Nations Office for Project Services. She also dedicated time to composing music and lyrics as well as prose and poetry

which reflected her profound spirituality. She is survived by her son, mother, brother and other members of her family.

The Association has also been advised of the passing of: **Miriam HOROWITZ Ginsberg '23**, **Eleanor ROSENBERG '25**, **Stella DAHAB '50**, **Marcia SKALKA Alecia '59**, and **Susan CHINN '60**.

Irving Burstein, the husband of our Reunion luncheons caterer, Rhoda Burstein, recently passed away. The association extends condolences to her and her family. Mr. Burstein was instrumental in assisting graciously at our events and in helping to coordinate the proceedings. □



Lost and Found

Are you in touch with a classmate who isn't getting *AlumNotes*? Let us know how to reach him or her and we'll add the information to our mailing list. If you are looking for a "lost" classmate, we may be able to put you in touch. Contact us by calling the Association's office at (212) 772-4079 or writing to us at HCHS Alumnae/i Association, Inc., Box 373, Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021.

**DOES YOUR COMPANY HAVE
A MATCHING GRANT
PROGRAM? WHY NOT ASK
TODAY?
IF SO, WE'LL BE HAPPY TO
HELP TO PROCESS THE
APPLICATION.**

Save These Dates:

- Thursday, January 21st, Wednesday, February 24th, Thursday, April 22nd, 6 p.m.: **NY Metro Area Networkers Dinners at Omega Diner**, 122 West 72nd Street, NY, NY. (Other dates to be announced.)
- Sunday, February 7th, 12:30 p.m.: **Winter Brunch, Raymond's Café, 88 Seventh Avenue, NY, NY.**
Note: Class Coordinators for Reunion '99 attend this event gratis!
New this year - This can be a premium for the new \$75 membership level.
- Thursday, March 4th-Saturday, March 6th, 7:30 p.m.: **Performances of Guys and Dolls at HCHS.**
New this year - This can be a premium for the new \$75 membership level for Friday, March 5th.
- Wednesday, March 3, Wednesday, April 7, and Wednesday, May 5, 5:30 - 7 p.m.: **Recent Alums Group Monthly Happy Hours at The Front**, 16 Warren St. (bet. Church St. & B'way), TriBeCa, NY, NY.
- Sunday, June 6th: **REUNION!!!** At the High School (94th Street and Park Avenue).

**YES! I want to be a member in good standing of the
Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association, Inc.**
Please fill out form below

Years	#	Cost	\$
Class of '98		Gift Membership	NO CHARGE
Class of '97, '96, & '95			\$15.00
Class of '94 and earlier			\$30.00
Senior/fixed income			\$20.00
Additional Contribution			
Premium Membership (includes admission for one to Winter Brunch in February '99 or admission for 2 for HCHS theater performances in March '99; note that theater seating is limited and not guaranteed)		(Circle) Brunch or Theater	\$75.00
Merchandise (Price includes P&H and sales tax)		Sizes	Cost
Adult tee-shirt (circle sizes)		S M L XL XXL	\$20.32
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News from the High School

This year, Hunter has 58 National Merit semifinalists in its Class of '99, based on the PSAT test taken last year when they were juniors. As a school, Hunter has the highest percentage of semi-finalists in the nation.

Last summer, six Hunter students were hard at work in laboratories from Rockefeller to MIT, applying to the Intel Science Talent Search (formerly known as the Westinghouse Science Competition). Their projects range from artificial intelligence to the detection of E. coli to the effects of estrogen on memory and attention. An average of 1,200 students nationwide enter this prestigious competition. In January, 300 contestants will be chosen, and then after a further breakdown, 40 finalists will be invited to interview and present their projects in Washington, D.C. Ten winners will receive \$5,000 scholarships, with the remaining 30 finalists receiving \$3,000 scholarships.

The Hunter girls' swim team had its first meet of the school year on October 9, which it won by a score of 57-12. The team practices at the Hunter College pool and last year its record was 9-1, with the only loss coming at the hands of Stuyvesant.

Irving Steinfink, a Social Studies teacher, returned this fall from a six month sabbatical spent in India and Nepal. He and his wife studied the art of thanka painting at a Tibetan institute in Samath, lived in monasteries in Dharm Sala, took classes with Buddhist monks, met the Dalai Lama, visited Ladak (where he took classes in colloquial Tibetan) and, finally, visited Nepal for one month.

When Sue Leung Eichler accepted the position of Acting Principal upon the resignation of Dr. Anthony Miserandino, it left an opening in her former position as Dean of Students. That opening has been filled by the appointment of Sonya Mosco, who was previously with the Counseling Department at the school. Ms. Mosco is now teaching the "Academic and Interpersonal Skills" class for seventh graders, which helps them establish a resource link between themselves and members of the school community who can assist them as they continue their school careers. Teachers are asked to speak to them to help them understand the responsibilities that come with being accepted to a high school at the age of 12. The class gives younger Hunterites the extra-special support they need to be successful.

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