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### Fall Enrollment

Data just compiled reveals that Hunter College's student enrollment for Fall Semester '97 compares favorably with comparable statistics for Fall Semester '96. Undergraduate numbers increased by 5.2% (N=762), to 15,494, from 14,732 the previous year. Similarly, Hunter's graduate enrollment rose by 3.7% (N=156), to 4,354, from 4,198. Hence, Hunter College's total student numbers increased by 4.8% -- from 18,930 to 19,848. When expressed as FTE, the increment is 6.1% (N=773) --- an increase from 12,671 to 13,444.

### Department Chairs Elected

We are pleased to note that the following departments at Hunter College elected chairpersons for the forthcoming three year period (7/1/97-6/30/00), and we wish them well as they begin (or continue) to generously perform this important responsibility for their discipline, and for the College:

|                    |                   |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Daniel Bates       | Anthropology      |
| *Lynne Clark       | Health Sciences   |
| +Shirley Cohen     | Special Education |
| Giuseppe Di Scipio | Rom. Languages    |
| *Stuart Ewan       | Film & Media      |
| *Mira Felner       | Theatre           |
| **Devra Golbe      | Economics         |
| Sherryl Graves     | Edu. Foundations  |
| **Godfrey Gumbs    | Physics           |
| Charles Heatwole   | Geography         |
| *Diana Rendon      | Nursing           |
| George Stauffer    | Music             |
| +Mary Sullivan     | German            |
| Barbara Welter     | History           |

We are grateful for the extra work and obligations you have assumed on behalf of your department.

\* Newly constituted unit or department

\*\* Acting Chair, 1997-1998

+ Acting Chair, Spring 1998

### Primi Inter Pares

At its meeting of October 22, 1997, the Faculty Delegate Assembly voted unanimously to offer its special thanks and congratulations to Professors Peter J. Basquin (Music) and Eugenie L. Birch (Urban Affairs) who served as co-chairs of Hunter's Middle States Self-Study Steering Committee. Citing the extraordinary job they did in chairing a seventeen-member Steering Committee and in overseeing the work of the 12 Task Forces and Student Review Committee, the FDA also noted special recognition of the excellence of the Self-Study made by the Chair of the Middle States Site Team in his exit summary oral presentation.

To Genie and Peter: We thank you; we are all in your debt.

### On Sabbatical

Congratulations go to our colleagues who have been awarded a Fellowship (Sabbatical) Leave this year. We wish them well as they pursue important scholarly work in their disciplines:

### September 1997 - August 1998

|                   |                              |
|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Miriam Abramovitz | Social Work                  |
| Alex Alexander    | Classical & Oriental Studies |
| Elizabeth Barrett | Nursing                      |
| Howard Chernick   | Economics                    |
| Lucille Croom     | Mathematics                  |
| Louise De Salvo   | English                      |
| *Marc Edelman     | Anthropology                 |



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|----------------------|-------------------|
| Marie Filbin         | Biology           |
| Steven Greenbaum     | Physics           |
| Marjorie Honig       | Economics         |
| *Roger Karapin       | Political Science |
| *Bernadette McCauley | History           |
| Constantin Negoita   | Computer Science  |
| Cullen Schaffer      | Computer Science  |
| Rena Subotnik        | Edu. Foundations  |
| Howard Topoff        | Psychology        |

**September 1997 - January 1998**

|             |         |
|-------------|---------|
| Andrea Blum | Art     |
| Ann Raimés  | English |

**February 1998 - January 1999**

|                  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Manfred Kuechler | Sociology |
| Laura Randall    | Economics |
| Bernard Shull    | Economics |

**February 1998 - June 1998**

|                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| ** Ann Henderson | Biology           |
| Marsha Lupi      | Special Education |

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\* Scholar Incentive Award

\*\* Half-Year, Full - Pay Award

**Winter Commencement**

At Hunter College's forthcoming Winter Commencement, an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree will be awarded to Margaret A. Dixon, the current (and first African-American) President of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). A former elementary school teacher and principal with the NYC Board of Education, Dr. Dixon holds a master's degree from Hunter College.

Serving as graduation speaker will be Peter F. Vallone, Speaker and Majority Leader of the New York City Council. A Democratic member of the City Council since 1974, and the Speaker and

Majority Leader since 1986, Mr. Vallone is a graduate of Fordham College and Law School, and represents constituents from District 22 in Queens.

Faculty are encouraged to attend this wonderful ceremony (Thursday, January 29th, 3:00 p.m.) to pay tribute to these distinguished guests and to provide support and recognition to our outstanding students at the time of their graduation.

**New Ombuds Officer**

After six years of service as Hunter College Ombuds Officer, Professor Giuseppe Di Scipio (Romance Languages) has stepped down upon election as the chair of his department. Selected by the Senate in September as Hunter's new Ombuds Officer is Professor Avi Liveson (Economics) who has chaired the Senate's Grade Appeals Committee since 1991.

A departmental representative to the Senate since 1986, Professor Liveson has law degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and NYU and he teaches law and taxation courses to accounting majors in the Economics Department. We congratulate Prof. Liveson on his election as the sixth member of the faculty to serve in this important position since its inception in 1970 under the terms of Article XIII of the Governance Charter of the College.

**Honors Journal Invites Papers**

The editorial board of the Honors Review Journal invites faculty to nominate student papers written for courses given in the spring, summer and fall of 1997 for consideration for the Journal's 1998 issue. Papers submitted for consideration should not be longer than 20 pages and should be submitted on disk in WordPerfect or Microsoft Word. Where necessary, the College's computer center can help with conversions.

Faculty may nominate papers by sending a note to Professor Elizabeth Beaujour, Chair, Thomas Hunter Honors Program, Room 1423-W. A copy of the paper also may be sent, if the student has given permission.



### **External Reviews Planned**

The Provost's office has indicated that several formal departmental and program external reviews will be conducted at Hunter during the current academic year. Scheduled for review during 1997-1998 are the Departments of Film & Media Studies and Theatre, as well as the Programs in Dance, Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences, Energy and Environmental Policy Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Women's Studies, the Honors Program, and, the Hunter College Library.

In each case, a team of experts will come on campus to conduct an onsite review after examining the unit's written self-study. The team then will submit a report, including any recommendations they may have to offer.

### **Librarians Receive Awards**

Three Hunter Librarians have been awarded Professional Reassignments to pursue "research, scholarly writing, and other professional activities which enhance the recipient's contribution to the University." Each semester, CUNY Librarians are invited to apply for these three- and four-week reassignments.

Hunter recipients for the current semester are Prof. Julio Hernandez-Delgado (3-week internship with the Centro de Estudios Puertorriqueños Archives, Hunter College); Prof. Rolando Perez (completion of a book on Polish writer/artist Bruno Schulz); and Prof. Patricia Woodard (preparation and performance of a lecture recital of songs based on texts by Goethe, set to music by Schubert and his contemporaries.)

### **Arts & Sciences Planning Committee**

President Caputo has appointed a 14-person Committee to recommend the final administrative details and staffing for Hunter's new School of Arts & Sciences that was approved by the CUNY Board of Trustees on November 24th. Chaired by the Provost, the Committee has been meeting on Friday mornings and plans to complete its work by mid-

December. Its report to the President will include recommendations for (a) administrative, secretarial and clerical staff positions for the Office of Dean; (b) staff and organizational design for the offices of the two Assistant Deans, and the Assistant to the Dean; and (c) representation for interdisciplinary programs on the School's Curriculum Committee and Advisory Council.

The new School of Arts & Sciences will include the three current divisions of Sciences & Mathematics, Humanities & Arts and Social Sciences and will commence on July 1, 1998. Serving on this Committee for the planning for the School of Arts & Sciences are:

Peter Basquin, Professor, Music  
Albert DelBagno, Admin. Asst., Humanities & Arts  
Charles Heatwole, Professor & Chair, Geography  
Frank Kirkland, Assoc. Professor, Philosophy  
Rachel LaForest, President, Undergrad. Stud. Govt.  
Anthony Mills, President, Grad. Student Govt.  
Janet Robertson, Asst. to the Dean, Sciences & Math  
Tina Salandra, Exec. Dir., Finance and Business  
Laura Schor, Provost (Committee Chair)  
Robert Seltzer, Acting Dean, Social Sciences  
William Sweeney, Professor & Chair, Chemistry  
Thomas Thomas, Dir., Stud. Career Development  
Renato Tonelli, Chief CLT, Theatre  
Joan Tronto, Professor, Political Science

We wish them well with their important responsibilities.

### **Faculty Poll**

At its September meeting, the Faculty Delegate Assembly voted to conduct a poll of all full-time and part-time faculty and CLTs of the College with respect to their opinion on the proposal for the formation of a new School of Arts and Sciences at Hunter. The School would replace the three separate divisions of Sciences & Mathematics, Humanities & Arts and Social Sciences, as outlined in a plan presented by the President to the College Community on October 8, 1997.

Four options were presented on the ballot, to wit: (a) I support the current plan for a School of Arts & Sciences, (b) I do not support the current plan for a School of Arts & Sciences, (c) I am familiar with the



plan but have formed no opinion at this time, and (d) I am not familiar with the plan. The tellers --- Reva Cohen (Student Services), Joseph Fantozzi (Admissions), and Yvonne Webb (Library), --- have certified the following outcome of the poll:

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| ACADEMIC DIVISIONS | TOTAL BALLOTS MAILED | TOTAL RETURNED + TALLIED, BY NUMBER (+ FREQUENCY) |                      |                    |                    | Total Tallied             |
|--------------------|----------------------|---|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
|                    |                      | Support   | Do Not Support       | No Opinion         | Not Familiar       |                           |
| Humanities & Arts  | FT = 192<br>PT = 234 | 10 (5%)<br>4 (2%)                                 | 65 (34%)<br>26 (11%) | 4 (2%)<br>2 (1%)   | 1 (.5%)<br>11 (5%) | 80 (42%)<br>43 (19%)      |
| Sciences & Math.   | FT = 107<br>PT = 125 | 4 (4%)<br>1 (1%)                                  | 43 (40%)<br>12 (10%) | 0 (0%)<br>0 (0%)   | 3 (3%)<br>6 (5%)   | 50 (47%)<br>19 (16%)      |
| Social Sciences    | FT = 120<br>PT = 96  | 17 (14%)<br>1 (1%)                                | 25 (21%)<br>5 (5%)   | 11 (9%)<br>0 (0%)  | 1 (1%)<br>2 (2%)   | 54 (45%)<br>8 (8%)        |
| Education Programs | FT = 54<br>PT = 60   | 11 (20%)<br>1 (2%)                                | 4 (7%)<br>0 (0%)     | 4 (7%)<br>0 (0%)   | 0 (0%)<br>2 (3%)   | 19 (34%)<br>3 (5%)        |
| Health Professions | FT = 57<br>PT = 34   | 10 (18%)<br>1 (3%)                                | 3 (5%)<br>0 (0%)     | 9 (16%)<br>0 (0%)  | 1 (2%)<br>0 (0%)   | 23 (41%)<br>1 (3%)        |
| Social Work        | FT = 35<br>PT = 36   | 6 (17%)<br>0 (0%)                                 | 7 (20%)<br>0 (0%)    | 1 (3%)<br>0 (0%)   | 1 (3%)<br>5 (14%)  | 15 (43%)<br>5 (14%)       |
| Other Units (*)    | FT = 33              | 6 (18%)   | 1 (3%)               | 3 (9%)             | 1 (3%)             | 11 (33%)                  |
| TOTAL              | FT = 598<br>PT = 585 | 64 (11%)<br>8 (2%)                                | 148 (25%)<br>43 (7%) | 32 (5%)<br>2 (.4%) | 8 (1%)<br>26 (4%)  | 252 (42%)<br>79 (13%) (+) |

(\*) Library, Student Services, OICIT (all Full Time)  
(+) In addition, 16 invalid ballots (not counted) and 12 late ballots (not counted)

Numbers in parenthesis represent percentages tallied of total mailed, by Division.