

Alumnae Council

Jackson

# Tufts College



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## *Greetings*

**D**O YOU KNOW who's going to take you to Senior Prom? Or what you'll wear? Have you ordered your cap and gown? And do you know what you'll be doing a year from now? No? Well, even so, it's not too early to introduce you to your days as an alumna. Which is what we aim to do herein.

But first, a little lesson which many distinguished alums never learn completely. Why not be one up on them by learning now the difference between alumni and alumnae. A man graduate is an *alumnus* (as in bus), and a group of men are *alumni* (as in eye). A woman is an *alumna*, and a group of women are *alumnae* (as in fee). In the case of a mixed group, we make believe it's a man's world and say *alumni*. You knew that? Sorry. Some people don't. But let's get on with this.

## *For Instance*

**D**O YOU GET much mail? Oh well, after you graduate you'll get lots of it — important mail like love letters and income tax forms, wedding invitations and birth announcements. Often you'll get bills and used-car ads.

Then, too, you'll be hearing from the Hill. We'll send you Tufts news and ask for news about you. We'll ask your help sometimes, and we'll ask for advice. Sometimes we'll ask who you'd like to have serve as alumnae trustee. Or who you think would be a good Alumni Council member.

Never heard of it? Hey, girl, someday you may be *part* of it. The Alumni Council is a group of alumni, elected by the alumni for the alumni — or for the College, let's say, because the alumni are part of the College — an important part. The Council has the final say as to who the alumni trustees shall be. It also acts as the executive committee of the Alumni Association, controls the various Tufts Clubs, etc.

But the Alumni Council does other things, too — little jobs like running a large part of the Second Century Fund Campaign. It is a sort liaison body between the Hill and the alumni. If the alumni have a complaint or the students have an urgent need — then the Alumni Council is concerned and tries to help.

So when you get a long, fat envelope from the Hill along about April, open it, vote for the most loyal, energetic, interested people on the list, and return the ballot. It's free, but it helps.

## *And this*

**A**LUMS ARE OLD fogies. Do you think so—right out in public and all? Lots of us used to, and then we graduated, and a sort of mental metamorphosis took place. Now we think that alums are really quite nice when you get to know them. You'll think so too.

There's that group called the Association of Tufts Alumnae, for instance. Sounds august and rather dry, doesn't it? Actually, when you have a class meeting on your fifth reunion in the new Alumnae Hall, remember that the Association of Tufts Alumnae — yes, mere women — raised the \$60,000 that made that building possible. They had fun doing it, too!

By the way, that same group raised the money for the Ethel M. Hayes Scholarship too, and they collected quite a sizable sum to give to ex-Dean Bush for Christmas last year. We have meetings, too, and teas and help with Alumni Day, Homecoming Day and any and all major activities of the College.

Who belongs to the Association? You can, for one, just as soon as you graduate. It costs about \$2.00 per year or \$50.00 for life.

And speaking, for a moment, of life. You'll have a happier one — you'll be a better woman or wife or mother, believe it or not,

if you find time for a few things, shall we say, above and beyond the call of duty. "Extra-curricular" activities will continue to enrich your life. And the alumnae affairs of your college are a good place to begin.

## *And besides*

**E**VEN IF YOU will be living too far away from the Hill to get back very often, chances are there will be a Tufts Club in your city. New ones are being organized every year, and even way out in Long Beach, California, for instance, you'll be able to meet Tufts people who are still actively interested in Tufts. Just write to the Alumni Office to find out if there is a Tufts Club in your town.

And if you're as interested as we hope you are in women's education, generally, join the A.A.U.W. You've heard of it. It means American Association of University Women, and its membership is made up of women who have graduated from approved colleges. Your college is "approved." The A.A.U.W. tries to keep women interested in education from nursery school through graduate school. Concretely, it has raised, slowly but surely as women do, over a million dollars for graduate fellowships. Your *A.B.* or *B.S.* degree from here, plus five dollars to cover national, state and branch dues will let you join in Boston,

and the dues are comparable elsewhere. You don't have to be asked to belong. Just join.

## *Don't forget*

**T**HE PLACEMENT OFFICE here at Tufts is anxious to find you a job now or in years to come. Perhaps you'll want to make a change sometime. It could happen that you'd need a job even though you hadn't needed one before. Don't hesitate to yell for help. The Tufts Placement Office is here to help you.

## *And a final word*

**Y**OU DOUBT IT NOW, but—believe us—when your student days are over, there will come a time when you'll wish you could take a course again. And we think you'll be able to do just that — and back "on Hill" too. Plans are afoot now for an adult education program at Tufts, a program which will offer good courses with Tufts faculty members and for very little money. Perhaps we'll see you there.

We think you will be as proud of your Tufts degree as we are of ours. And we hope that if you have read the above, you will realize that your Tufts days should not, need not, *do* not end at commencement.