CHAPTER SEVEN

STUDENTS

All business schools in the City of Bangor, particularly from their establishment through the first half of the twentieth century, prided themselves in maintaining an open door policy to all who desired to better themselves by developing basic business skills. All comers—regardless of age, sex, religion, educational background—were accepted as individuals with varying degrees of mastery, with a willingness and desire to learn, often with a limited amount of time and resources to be committed.[a] The tenor of the times—economic, social, familial—often establish the priorities that determine the amount of formal education for each student. Only too frequently, a student, who had begun his or her business training, would sacrifice the attaining of the intended goal—graduation and a diploma—for the more immediate goal: a job and the means of meeting current needs.

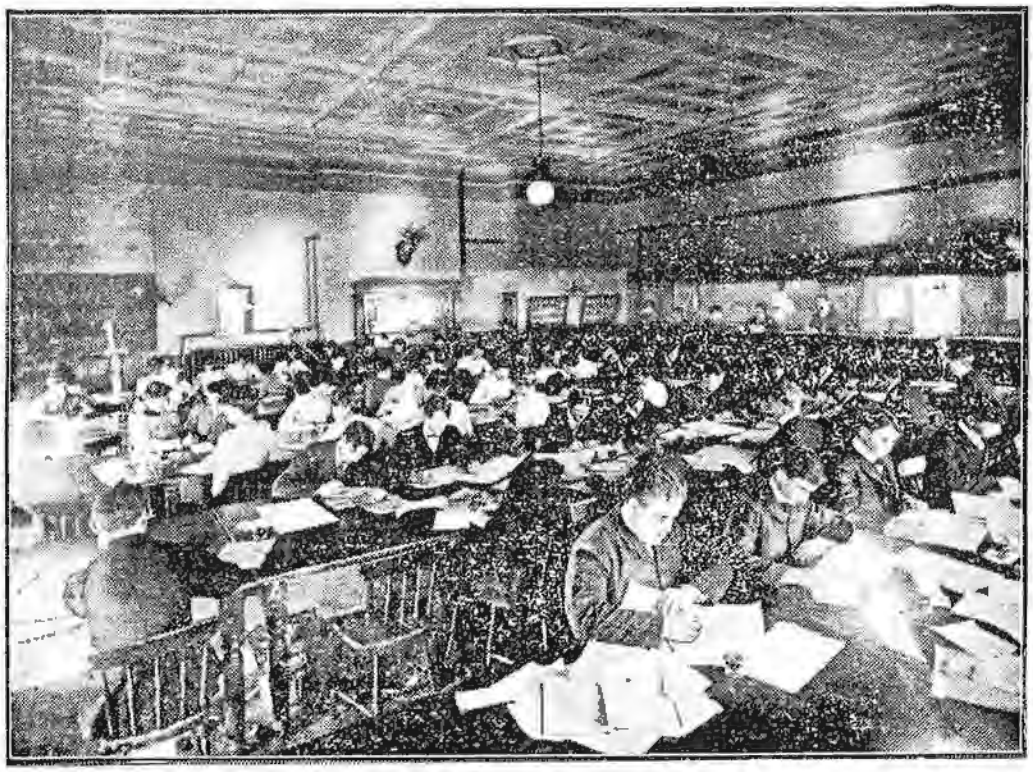
Shaw Business College
1898-1926

Despite the fact that over one hundred Shaw alumni organized the Shaw Chapter of the Husson College Alumni in 1962, there are no official records extant concerning students who attended the Bangor Branch of Shaw Business College (1898-1926). The reader needs to keep in mind that Shaw, like all the other known fourteen business schools in the City, was a private, profit-making proprietorship; records and grades were secondary; performance and results counted. One of the authors, however, has known a few Shaw graduates personally, interviewed other alumni of this era, and researched extensively the period in the Bangor and Portland libraries.

An advertisement of Shaw just four years (1902) after its opening in 1898, featured a photograph of quite a large student body—the majority, youthful-appearing men—well dressed, business like, working at long tables in a large classroom. There appear to have been five or six instructors standing in the rear of the room. Evidently the photograph is that of the bookkeeping students. A statement is made at the bottom of the advertisement that "The Shorthand and Typewriting Departments occupy rooms on the floor above".[1]

Again, ca 1909, a student photograph that was made from the same vantage point as the one in the 1902 advertisement portrays a large student body. There appear to have been seven teachers. Several of the students in the foreground were identified by a nonagenarian in a personal interview in 1980.[2] Mr. Walter Hersey, who attended Shaw, 1907-1909, stated that there were "about 80 students in the Bookkeeping Department and 50 in the Shorthand Department".[3]

There were no entrance requirements; and, according to Mr. Hersey, who only completed "public grade school" (now classified as grade eight), it "was the trend that either



ACTUAL BUSINESS DEPARTMENT,

SHAW BUSINESS COLLEGE, Bangor.

The Shorthand and Typewriting Departments occupy rooms on the floor above.
This is one of the Best Equipped Schools in New England.

you go to high school, business college, or go to work". One might conclude, therefore, that many students were teenagers. He further stated that the daily routine resembled that of a secondary school: 9:00 to 12:00, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. If a student was absent, his parents would be contacted by the principal, Mr. Harden. Mrs. Barbara (Kenney) Laliberte, ca '12, also mentioned the fact that many students would attend business college instead of high school.[4]

The first evidence of any entrance requirements may be deduced from the regulations set forth by the Maine State Department of Education, namely, that all secondary business (Commercial) teachers had to be high school graduates. The fact that Shaw was known to have placed business instructors in Maine Secondary schools as early as 1916, would suggest that the student body was moving into an older age bracket.[5] Except for prospective secondary school business teachers, no restrictions were known to be placed in the way for students to study at Shaw. They could enter any time; there was no academic calendar. It was up to the individual teacher "to catch up each student with the rest of the class". They would be counseled concerning subjects to study, work at their own pace, and personally receive their diplomas when all obligations—academic and financial—were satisfied.

One of the authors knew a few of the Shaw alumni who were high school graduates: Mr. Harvey E. Knowles (1875-1940), Mrs. Nellie (Greene) Prince (1884-1969), Mrs. Hazel (Worth) Danforth, (1890-).

Mr. Knowles, ca '99, of Corinna, Maine, was listed in the *Bangor City Directory*, 1897-1898, as a "shingleman". He often mentioned to the writer that he had attended evening classes at Shaw and became a bookkeeper. In the 1920s he became treasurer of the J. M. Arnold Shoe Company, Bangor.[6]

Mrs. Nellie (Greene) Prince, ca '09, who was a family friend, often spoke of her "Shaw Days" which were interesting. She related that many students never bothered to complete their programs of study or to pick up their diplomas. When a student had developed sufficient skills to be placed in business, he or she would accept employment. Mrs. Prince was employed for some time by the R. B.Dunning Company, located on Exchange Street at that time.

At the turn of the century, financial policies and procedures differed widely among the proprietary business schools. Many of them, particularly those influenced by the Bryant, Stratton policy, encouraged prospective students to purchase "scholarships" (a cut-rate tuition plan) in advance: "Buy now; go anytime!" The Bryant, Stratton Corporation, which had established an international chain of fifty-two schools by the late 1860s, capitalized on the idea that any scholarship purchased from any one of its schools would be honored by any other school within the membership. Mr. Shaw had graduated from Gray's Portland Business College, a member of the Bryant, Stratton Chain. He would have nothing to do with such a financial arrangement. He emphasized in his advertising that a student had a "right to know what he was paying for". His schools had a policy of "go now, pay later" and "if you had money to pay room and board or could work for it, then tuition could be paid back after you went to work", according to Mr. Hersey. He worked for his room and board and felt that was the reason it took two years for him to graduate. Graduated, he was; and stated that "over the years he applied his knowledge and made money by it".

Another Shaw alumnus, Mr. Percy E. Merrill, (1906-) one-time proprietor of the Bangor Tire Company, often related that his father gave him $5 "to come to Bangor and make his way". He got a job as janitor at Shaw's and completed a business course.

A photograph of students in the main room, Bass Block, which appeared in the *Bangor Daily News*, 1924, presented fewer students, but they appeared to be more mature. Nothing further has been found on this era.[7]

Maine School of Commerce—Bangor Branch 1926-1933

Nor can too much be concluded concerning the students of this period (1926-1933). The photographs of the student body (1927-1933) present youth typical of the times. That 46 out of 107 graduates completed the Normal (Business Teacher Education) Program is indicative of a large proportion of students having first graduated from high school—a requirement of the state. There was a total of 459 students who attended MSC-B for a semester or more.[8]



Shaw Business College, Bangor Branch
(Ca 1908)
Main Room—Bookkeeping Class



Faculty, 1926-1927

Seated, left to right: Mr. Howard W. Mann, Miss Freda Seeley, Miss Marjorie Runnels, Mr. Chesley Husson



Class of 1934

Last row, first left, Mr. Linscott; last right, Mr. Husson. (Part-time teachers, if any, not shown; all students, not present; students wearing bachelor gowns and hoods, University of Maine graduates.)

The 1930 yearbook, *The Herald*—which appears to be the first annual to have been published—recorded the highlights of the school, 1927-1929. It included accounts of social and athletic activities, both of which were restricted because of the limitations of the facility on Columbia Street.

Bangor Maine School of Commerce
1933-1947

The reorganization of the corporate structure had little affect upon the student body. Prospective students were encouraged to complete high school before enrolling. However, no individual was ever known to be denied admission—except to the Business Teacher Education program—had he or she not completed high school. Nor was any student ever denied admission because of financial straits.

Many are they who recall with sincere appreciation the provisions made for them to attain their goals—even to complete just one year of schooling. The fact that some students attended an academic year under very trying circumstances prompted Mr. Husson to give them "a moment in the sun" by permitting them to participate in the commencement exercises even though they had not completed all the requirements to be graduated. There were those who would ultimately complete their program of study and receive their diplomas. In fact, there are many listed in the "Little Black Book"[9] as receiving their diplomas three to five years after having participated in a graduation exercise. During the intervening years would be marriage, family, war, often unemployment; but in many cases ultimately the diploma was awarded. Each had kept faith with the other: one providing the opportunity against unusual odds; the other, ever mindful that life had been made better for having entered the open door.

Within the time frame of doing research, one of the authors has visited with alumni of the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s—yes, even the 1950s. Their fondest, most cherished memories are not of subject matter, classroom incidents—even instructors—but of that "helping hand", understanding attitude, and inspirational life that "Chief" Husson exercised. Among them have been these:

> Mrs. Addie (Reynolds) Deering, Orono, recalled warmheartedly the generosity and consideration Mr. Husson extended to her and her husband, Barney (Bernard), during the 1930s. They did complete their programs of study and received their diplomas. He spent his professional career as a member of the Orono High School faculty.
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> A veteran of World War II, who recently visited One College Circle, again related with unusual candor, the experience he had when he reported to Mr. Husson that he had to drop out. Mr. Marvin Jackson, Mobile, Alabama, to this day believes that Mr. Husson helped the R. M. Flagg Company to pay him a stipend for what now appears to have been a busywork job. He finished his year of schooling.

There is on file at the College the carbon copy of correspondence with a student concerning her account which reflects the understanding and consideration that Mr. Husson exercised:

> Just concentrate on having that baby, if it hasn't arrived yet, and forget your bill. Next spring is time enough. I have every confidence in your integrity, and your payments (they can be small and convenient) will be welcome when they start.



Faculty, 1935-1936

(Seated, left to right): Mr. Robert B. Lunt, Mrs. Marjorie R. Covell, Mrs. Martha I. Tuomi, Mr. Chesley H. Husson, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Collins, Mrs. Priscilla Crane, Mr. Alton Covell

And yet another,

April 8, 1957

Dear _____:

Just a letter to compliment you on clearing your balance with Husson College. You did as you promised and I'm proud of you. I wish everyone tried as hard to pay quickly as you have ... _____, I didn't charge the interest on the notes ....

It will be nice to see you this summer. I send my warmest regards to a young woman whom I trusted and who proved to be a woman of her word. (The carbon copy of this correspondence is on file at the College.)

Recently, Mr. Ralph Bickford, '56, who is with the Maine State Department of Educational and Cultural Services, stopped by the office and recalled with appreciation the understanding help he had received from Mr. Husson. Incidents of his lending a "helpful hand" were manyfold.

There were also those who reneged on their commitments. Diplomas are still on file in the Registrar's Office for students who attended during the 1930s, 1940s, 1950s,—even the 1960s and 1970s that have never been "picked up".

Every effort has always been exercised to aid all students in attaining their goals. During the 1930s such assistance was in greater demand than any other period in the life of the College. The ratio of supply and demand in every line of gainful employment was completely skewed. Employment of any kind for all age brackets was most difficult to find.

With reciprocal arrangements with the University of Maine (1935-1953) there were University graduates among the student body. How many, is not easily determined. Some of the seniors would be identified as having attended the University of Maine and enrolled in the "College Normal Course". A few would wear their bachelor cap, gown, and University of Maine hood at the BMSC graduation. (See p. 136.) Two among the earliest to attend the BMSC are known: the first holding a degree from the University of Maine, 1934, and completing the Business Teacher Education program was Mrs. Hester (Carter) Huff. She was certified to teach business subjects on the secondary level, 1936. She was a member of the Old Town High School faculty for many years. Another was Professor Emeritus William J. Curran, Jr., University of Maine, '35. He graduated from BMSC in 1937. After World War II and a brief time teaching on the secondary level, he returned to Husson where he was affiliated from 1947 to 1978 when he retired.

The first BMSC graduate to matriculate at the University under the reciprocal arrangement was Lawrence Davies, '40. He was followed by many others—all earning a Bachelor of Science in Commercial Education (BSCEd). Among them were:

Miss Mildred M. Bradford—BMSC '42; University of Maine, '48
Miss Thelma M. Watson—BMSC, '43; University of Maine, '51
Miss Priscilla A. Clark—Husson College, '48; University of Maine, '51
Mr. Millard Foss—BMSC, '40; University of Maine, '51

During the World War II years, the College experienced a serious decline in enrollment. There were 305 students enrolled for the academic year 1940-1941; 224 in the fall of 1941. With the draft, Pearl Harbor, and World War II, the enrollment reached a low of 94

students in 1943-1944. Only women were members of the 1911 and 1945 graduating classes; twenty-six in the former; twelve in the latter.

However, the composition of the student body changed radically after World War II. Older, seasoned veterans of war zones, eager "to get on with putting their lives back together again" modified the whole life style of the College. There were foreign students from Africa, Martinique, the Azores, Pango Pango and Hawaii. (Hawaii did not become a state until 1959; however, it was annexed in 1898 and had territorial status, 1900-1959.)

And, again in the 1960s the make-up of the student body reflected the influence of world conditions. The maintaining of the Draft deferment status and the use of the G. I. Bill of Rights by Vietnam Veterans increased the enrollment at Husson. However, with the phasing out of the draft in the early 1970s and the changing attitude of youth concerning the importance of postsecondary study, the matriculation of students at Husson declined.

During the past decade (1973-1983), the student body has become more diversified. The core continues to be the current high school graduate committed to either an associate in science degree or a bachelor of science degree program of studies. It is complemented, however, by adults both on the undergraduate level and graduate level. The Continuing Education and Extension Division, which is located at seven sites, provides opportunities for the former group; the Graduate Division, which currently is on the Bangor Campus, for the latter group.

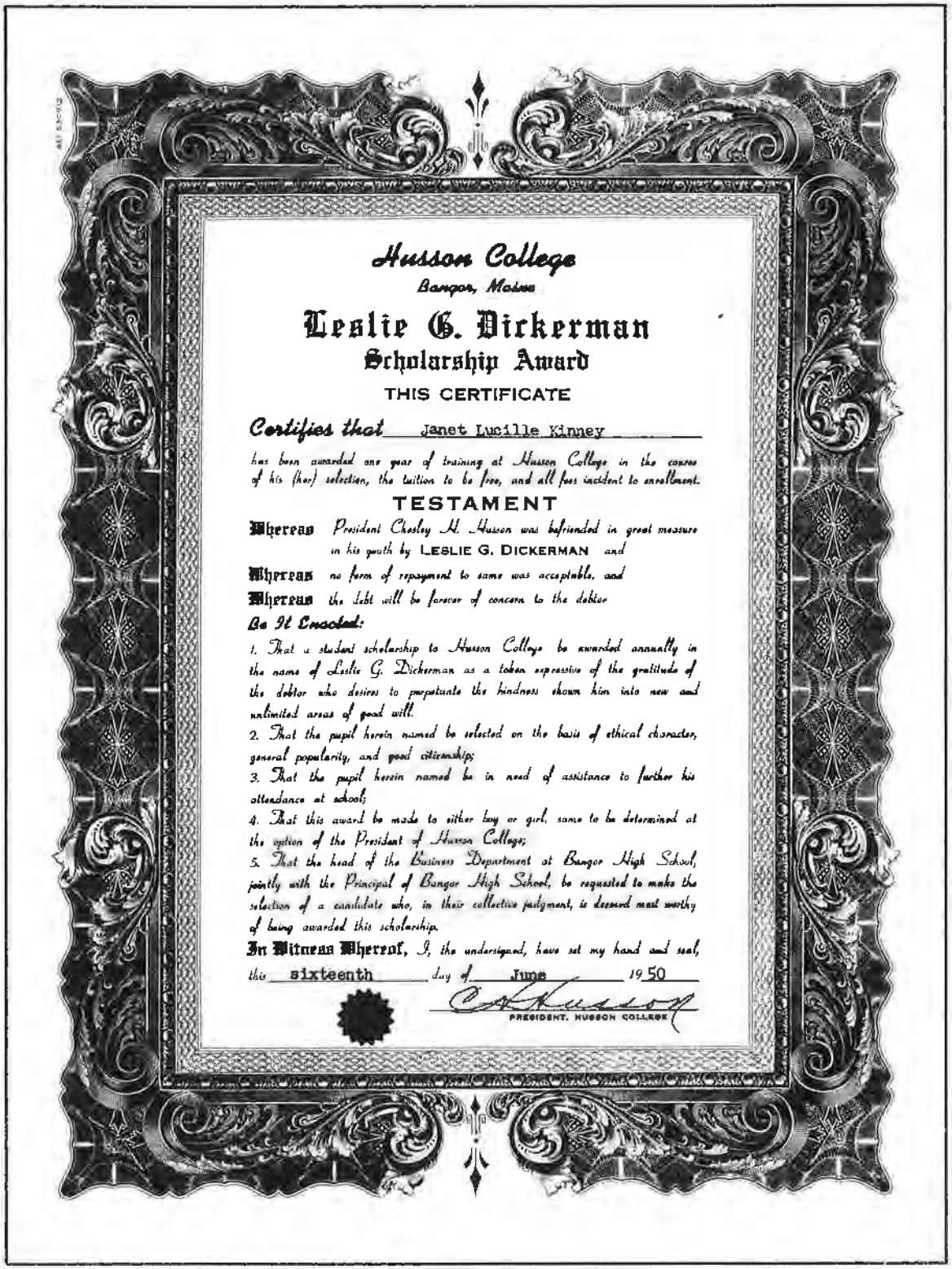
Although no statistics are extant for the Shaw era (1898-1926) the over-all enrollment picture of the College from 1926 to 1970 was one of sustained growth allowing for fluctuation for the World War II years and the Korean conflict (See Appendix J.)

I

Services

No primary sources have been found concerning services to students and alumni before 1934. That such did exist is evident from conversations with those previously mentioned in this history. Keeping in mind that the College did not provide any living accommodations before the early 1960s, one recognizes the challenge it faced as the student body became an ever-increasing one from an ever-broadening geographic area. Many local residents opened their homes to room and board students, numbering up to twenty in some locations, such as the King Daughters Home, the Stewart, and Woodman homes. Generally, the parents of the students and the heads of the household would establish the basic "rules" of conduct involved. The College began to assume some of the responsibility in 1954 upon the appointment of deans for men and women and the issuance of Student Handbooks. The YMCA and the YWCA also housed students. There were some, particularly during the post World War II era, who were able to have apartments.

Many of the students, both men and women, worked in private homes for their room and board. There were times when over fifty percent of the enrollees were wholly defraying their educational costs through part-time employment. Before the appointment of deans, Mr. Husson personally supervised the placement of students for earning their way through College. Nor did the needs of the students end upon graduation. They were assisted in placement. First cited in the 1936 edition of the catalog, the Courtesy to Graduates policy



Husson College

Bangor, Maine

Leslie G. Dickerman
Scholarship Award

THIS CERTIFICATE

Certifies that Janet Lucille Kinney

has been awarded one year of training at Husson College in the course of his (her) selection, the tuition to be free, and all fees incident to enrollment.

TESTAMENT

Whereas President Chesley H. Husson was befriended in great measure in his youth by LESLIE G. DICKERMAN and

Whereas no form of repayment to same was acceptable, and

Whereas the debt will be forever of concern to the debtor

Be It Enacted:

1. That a student scholarship to Husson College be awarded annually in the name of Leslie G. Dickerman as a token expressive of the gratitude of the debtor who desires to perpetuate the kindness shown him into new and unlimited areas of good will.
2. That the pupil herein named be selected on the basis of ethical character, general popularity, and good citizenship;
3. That the pupil herein named be in need of assistance to further his attendance at school;
4. That this award be made to either boy or girl, same to be determined at the option of the President of Husson College;
5. That the head of the Business Department at Bangor High School, jointly with the Principal of Bangor High School, be requested to make the selection of a candidate who, in their collective judgment, is deemed most worthy of being awarded this scholarship.

In Witness Whereof, I, the undersigned, have set my hand and seal, this sixteenth day of June 1950

C. H. Husson

PRESIDENT, HUSSON COLLEGE

(Original size: 8½"x11".)

was broadened to include both placement and an opportunity for a temporarily unemployed graduate to be a guest of the College to attend classes in skill subjects—shorthand, typewriting, calculators—in order to maintain speeds. Also he or she would be readily available for an interview on a moment's notice should a request be received. The policy was in effect even after the nonprofit, private status of the College was established in 1961. Since 1968, placement services continue to be offered to graduates at no cost to either them or the prospective employers. Further, they include the "permanent maintenance of a confidential file for each student or alumnus registered with the office".

Since the occupancy of the present site (1968), services for students encompass all phases of resident campus living. In the early 1970s the College qualified for Federal funds for Special Services for Supplemental Education. These services are currently available for students, primarily freshmen, who need academic assistance and counseling.

II

Student Aid

Granted, detailed information concerning student aid before 1935 is unavailable; it is evident, however, that students were counseled in handling their finances and encouraged to follow the policy of "going now and paying later". In several of the yearbooks for the 1930s there were listed "Student Correctors", "Janitors", "General Assistants". Up to ten percent of the enrollment had part-time employment with the College. The second- and third-year Business Teacher Education students were assigned to members of the faculty staff for clerical duties.

By the late 1940s, President Husson was in a financial position to award full, one-year tuition scholarships to high school graduates. Remembering the "helping hands" he had received, he established the Dorothy Bell Husson Scholarship, honoring Mrs. Husson, in 1948. The first recipient was Constance Barton, John Bapst High School. It has continued to be awarded annually to a member of the John Bapst senior class.

In 1950, he extended the scholarship provisions to members of the graduating classes of Bangor and Brewer High Schools; the former in the name of Leslie G. Dickerman; the latter in the name of Fred V. Hart. Professor Janet L. Kinney, Husson College Faculty, was the first recipient of the Dickerman Scholarship; Robert Dunham, the Hart Scholarship.

These two scholarships, likewise, continue to be awarded annually. Through the years, there have been numerous scholarships and awards of varying amounts, and for varying periods of time, details of which have been presented in the Husson College Catalog since the early 1950s.

In addition to the three above-mentioned scholarships there have been many from other sources:

The Epsilon Tau Epsilon Alumnae Sorority (1957-1976)
: Two scholarships awarded to a member of the junior and the senior class in the Business Teacher Education Department. For years they were given in memory of Mrs. Grace Stewart and Miss Ethelyn L. Williams.

The Clara L. Swan and the Saul G. Harris Athletic Scholarship (1958 to the present) to a woman and a man athlete for outstanding contribution to athletics.

The Altrusa Club Scholarships Plan (1959 to the present) for upperclasswomen in any baccalaureate degree program. These scholarships numbered from one to three annually.

The Husson College Student Senate Scholarships (1962-1968) one to a member of each of the four baccalaureate degree programs.

The Delta Sigma Delta Scholarship (1962-) (Detailed information is not available on this scholarship.)

The Chesley H. Husson Scholarship (1964-to the present) Full tuition for one year to a member of the graduating class of the high school outside the greater Bangor area from which had come the largest number of entering freshman the previous year.

During the 1970s and the 1980s the majority of these scholarships continued. There were others of limited funds and time frames.

Husson College Wives Club Grant 1970-1973
Harold W. Worthen Scholarship (1970)
Insurance Scholarship (1970 to the present)
Memorial Scholarships
John M. Tyler (1970-1976)
Bruce N. Gillaspey (1970-1976)
Lawrence N. Eaton (1970-1976)
Mildred M. Bradford (1970-1976)
William H. Donahue (1971 to the present)
Pauline M. Dartnell, 1971
R. Leon Williams Fund
The Walker Scholarship (1975-to the present)

Also, in the 1970s the College offered a limited number of grants to incoming freshmen who ranked in the upper ten percent of their graduating class and to transfer students having a 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Foreign students and veterans who qualified were also recipients. This policy was extended in 1974 to include all Husson students who maintained a 3.4 or better cumulative point average grade.

Administrative Grants-in-aid established in 1977

1. Publications
   Spectator-newspaper
   Chieftain-yearbook
2. Communications
   WHSN
3. Student Government
   President
   Vice President

The Roy George Husson Scholarship (1980 to the present)

The Bridge Construction Corporation Minority Scholarship (1980 to the present)

The Fred R. Dingley Scholarship (1980 to the present)

The Chesley H. Husson, Jr., Scholarship (1983 to the present)

As of June 1983, Scholarships and Student Funds continue to be established in ever-increasing numbers and financial value by an ever-widening circle of College supporters.

Beginning in the early 1970s, the College qualified for Federal funds for work-study assistance for students who qualified. These monies are currently available.



GUARANTEED STUDENT LOANS ... HEW Secretary Robert H. Finch today cited United Student Aid Funds, Inc., a private nonprofit corporation for its nationwide pioneering in guaranteed loans to college students. Jacqueline Curran, right, of Bangor, Maine was honored at a ceremony held in Secretary Finch's office (December 4, 1969) as the recipient of the 250-millionth loan dollar guaranteed by USA Funds, Inc. The Secretary congratulated her, and he praised the many lending institutions that have participated in the guaranteed student loan program. Miss Curran will graduate next June (sic) (May 1970) from Husson College at Bangor. The college was founded in 1898 as Shaw Business College. It is co-educational and has 1,400 students.

III

Student Sharing

Nor was the "helping hand" extended in one direction only. The student body evidenced a spirit of caring and sharing in forging a rapport so essential to institutional loyalty.

Little is known concerning the Shaw era. However, the fact that Shaw alumni continued into the 1960s to have get-togethers is indicative of the development of friendships and loyalties—a comaraderie and esprit de corps that transcend any delimitation that may have arisen out of the "change of hands"—ownership—or modification of title.

Many of them became members of the Shaw Chapter of Husson College Alumni in 1962.

Beginning in the 1920s, there was a variety of clubs, activities, and special events that lent themselves to student participation, some of which contributed in a substantial way to College life.

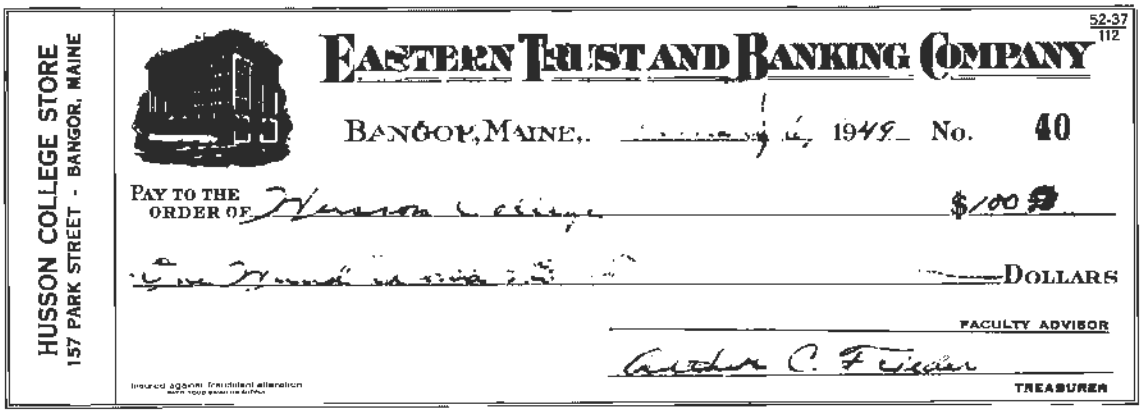
Monies were made available for awards, athletic equipment, teaching aids, scholastic recognition, local philanthropic endeavors, campus beautification. No detailed record was ever kept. However, mention has been found of these:

Contribution for showers in the men's and women's restrooms at 157 Park Street

An Honor Roll Scroll dedicated to World War II Alumni (See Appendix N for Husson College World War II Veterans.)

One of the more ambitious projects before the Fund Drive, 1966, for the new campus, was that initiated in 1947 by Epsilon Tau Epsilon to establish a $10,000 Endowment Fund preliminary to petitioning the State for degree-granting authority. The group pledged $1,275. This fund has continued to grow and is the foundation of the Husson Endowment.

A check toward a Bell-Howard projector


HUSSON COLLEGE STORE
157 PARK STREET - BANGOR, MAINE

52-37
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EASTERN TRUST AND BANKING COMPANY

BANGOR, MAINE, ... 1949 No. 40

PAY TO THE ORDER OF Husson College $100

DOLLARS

FACULTY ADVISOR

Arthur C. Fuller

TREASURER

First Gift to the College from the Husson College Store



Circle K's Gift to Husson College (ca 1966)

Exercising the initiative in establishing a library at Commerce Hall (ca 1951)

Electric clocks for gymnasium, hall, typewriting rooms

Basketball Score Board and Buzzer for Gymnasium, 157 Park Street

Presentation of an American Flag and an official Husson College Flag displaying the new seal (1957)

Contribution of Webster's unabridged dictionaries, tape recorders, mimeoscopes, and other teaching aids to the Department of Secretarial Science

Portrait of President Husson

Graduation Award for both men and women (first, cups; later watches.)

The most ambitious undertaking by any organization in the interest of the College was in 1966 when the sorority, Pi Rho Zeta, initiated a campaign to raise $25,000 for the Bell Tower, the focal point of One College Circle.

Generous support to the Building Fund

Sign for New Campus Site, outer Broadway

Indian Headdress and cane

Flagstaff and American Flag. One College Circle

Husson Events Sign

Benches on Campus

From time to time all groups of students shared in philanthropic projects throughout the greater Bangor area: Christmas parties for the underprivileged, aid in Salvation Army Charities, Big Brother programs, interest in shut-ins, the elderly and nursing homes.



Presentation of the American Flag and Staff, 1969

First Annual

Commencement Exercises

Maine School of Commerce

Bangor

Dorothy Memorial Parlors

June 20, 1933

8:00 P. M.

Chesley H. Husson, B. S. Ed., Principal

Courtesy of Mrs. Mary Jules Ross, '33

SOLOISTS

Hazael Foster Linscott, Soprano
George Renwick, Tenor
Edward L. Linscott, Baritone
Wilbur S. Cochrane, Baritone
Walter L. Linscott, Bass
Harrison C. Lyseth, Piano



Program

Processional ..... Marshall

Prayer
Rev. Basil C. Gleason

Response—Gallia ..... Gounod
Quintette

Salutatory—In a Persian Garden
Marion Mabel MacKenzie

Quintette—(a) In this Solemn Hour (Duo) ..... Verdi
(b) Come Into My Garden (Trio) ..... Towner
(c) The Rosary (Quintette) ..... Nevin

To Undergraduates—Sursum Corde
Jenny Marguerite Spencer

Quintette—(a) Tenor Solo (Mr. Renwick) ..... Selected
(b) Duo (Mr. and Mrs. Linscott) ..... Selected
(c) I'm Dreaming of Georgia (Qt.) ..... Parks

Class President—New Commercial Education
Robert Earle Kimball

Soprano—Ah, Moon of My Delight ..... Lehman
Mrs. Linscott

Valedictory—The Balance Sheet
Clara Lincoln Swan

Quintette—The Fencing Master (Finale) ..... DeKoven

Awarding Diplomas—Address
Mr. Husson

Benediction
Rev. Basil C. Gleason

Now The Day Is Over
Quintette

GUESTS OF HONOR

Dean Olin S. Lutes, Ph. D.	University of Maine
Harrison C. Lyseth	State Department of Education
Rev. Basil C. Gleason	Pastor, Congregational Church, Brewer



FACULTY

Department Heads

Chesley H. Husson, B. S. Ed.	Principal
Walter L. Linscott, B. A., M. A.	Normal
Alton R. Covell	Accounting
Marjorie R. Covell	Stenography
Priscilla M. Crane	Typewriting

Assistants

Elizabeth M. Collins, B. A.	Normal
Alma E. White, B. A.	Coach
John J. Moran, B. A.	Coach
Clara L. Swan	General
Mildred R. Tupper	Secretary

GRADUATES

Third Year Normals

Jenny M. Spencer

Clara L. Swan

Second Year Normals

Maxine E. Collins*
Clarice L. Coon
Floris M. Gee
Helen F. Gray
Mary C. Grosvenor
Edith L. Hale*
Mary E. Jules
Marguerite H. Gardner*
Robert E. Kimball*
Marion M. MacKenzie
Ruth J. McKinnon
Alice M. Perkins
Frances M. Ross
Eliza H. Whitney
Florence K. Whitney
Viola York*

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Ruth Craig
Madeline E. Farnum
Celia L. Ginn
Margaret T. Goodridge
Christina C. Henry*
Minnie A. Howe
Madeline A. Merrow
Anita C. Prince*
Greta M. Ramsay

Sylvia Wilt

Advanced Secretarial

Phyllis E. Trites

Stenographic

Helen F. Anderson
Mary R. Kelley
Grace E. Smith
Barbara W. Spencer

Martha E. White*

*From one to five credits required

Insofar as ascertainable the longest-lived group participation for students of the College has been the graduating exercises. It would appear that before 1933 there were no formal commencements according to graduates of the Shaw era 1898-1926, as well as those of the Maine School of Commerce—Bangor Branch, (1926-1932). A student who qualified for a diploma received it upon completion of the required courses and the payment of all financial obligations to the school.

The earliest program of a formal commencement exercise, extant, is that of June 20, 1933. It was the first graduation under the Bangor Maine School of Commerce Corporation presidency of Dr. Charles E. Adams, who signed the diplomas of the 1933 graduates.

A commencement program was included in the 1935 mimeographed edition of the yearbook, the *Chieftain*. A reception for the Class of 1935 concluded the exercise.

Several years during the Depression '30s, there were no programs printed for the Commencement Exercises. Efforts are still being made to locate any that may be extant.

The 1954 Commencement was a landmark one. That year seventeen students were awarded Bachelor of Science degrees in Business: five having an Accounting Major; twelve, a Business Teacher Education major. As of June 1983 there have been 3,661 Bachelor of Sciences degrees conferred in Accounting, Business Administration, Business Teacher Education, and Office Administration (formerly Secretarial Science). The number of verified known graduates of all programs of study since 1926 reaches nearly 7,000.

In the late 1950s and the 1960s, in order to accommodate veterans and secondary Business Education instructors who would complete the requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree during a summer session, there would be an informal graduation at a dinner meeting at the close of the summer session. Formal commencement exercises were also held at the end of the first semester, along with the annual commencement following the second semester.

Awards

For years the College made awards at Commencements for the many achievements of the graduates. They included membership certificates in the Tau Epsilon Scholastic Society, established in 1932. It was superseded in the late 1960s by the awarding of honor cords to qualifying senior to be worn at commencement. Other awards have included:

PHT (Putting Him Through) Certificates to wives and husbands of members of the graduating class

Husson Gold Medal for Excellence in Advanced Typewriting (Secretarial)

Husson Gold Medal for Excellence in Beginning Typewriting (Secretarial)

Husson Gold Medal for Excellence in Advanced Shorthand (Secretarial)

Husson Gold Medal for Excellence in Beginning Shorthand (Secretarial)

Wall Street Journal Award to the young man who has the best record in the Investments class at Husson

Ernest M. Hamlin Memorial Award to the young man in the class who best portrays the character and beliefs of Ernest Milton Hamlin. This award is presented by ΜΣΧ Chapter of Pi Rho Zeta

Pi Rho Zeta Award Watch to the outstanding young woman of the class, presented by the Epsilon Tau Epsilon Chapter

Kappa Delta Phi Award Watch for the outstanding young man of the class, presented by Lambda Chapter

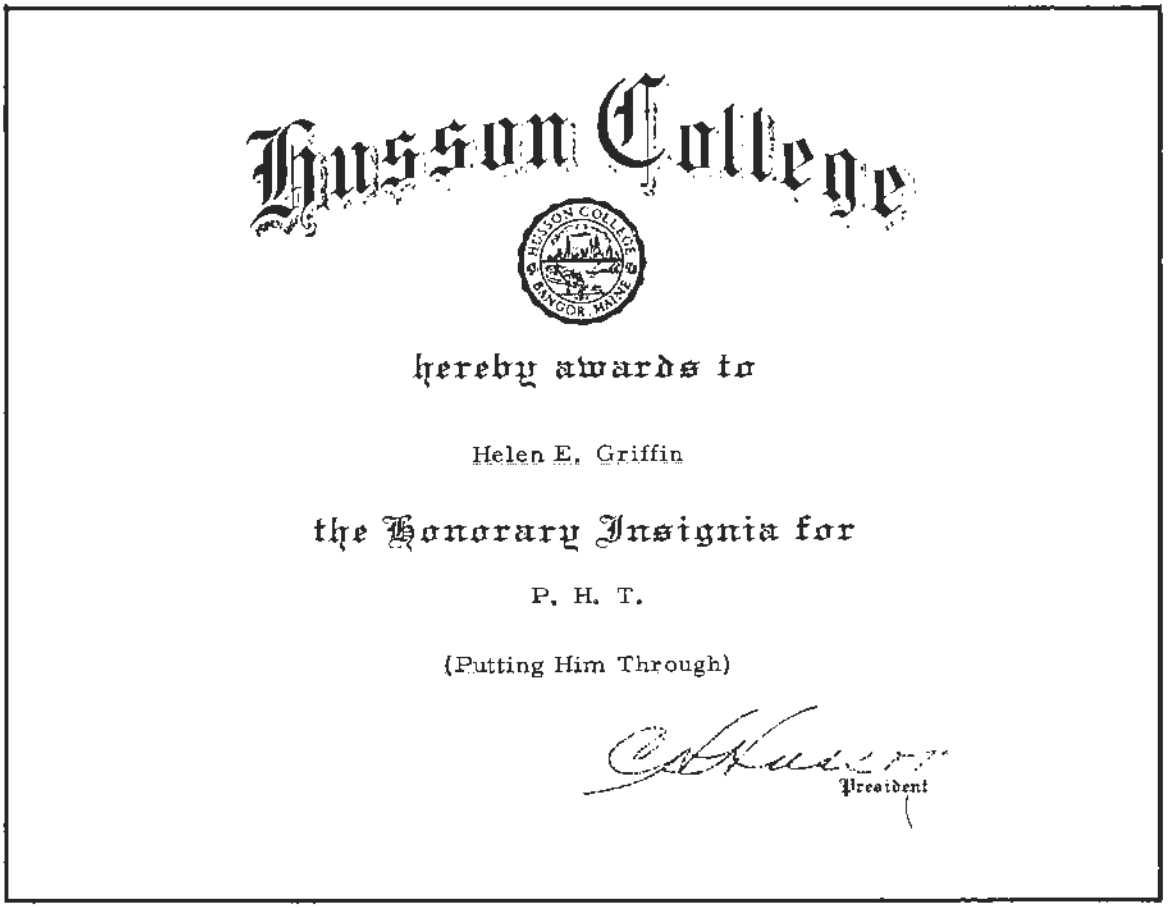
Salutatory Trophy presented by Husson College to the second highest ranking student

Valedictory Trophy presented by Husson College to the highest ranking student

President's Book Award at the Mid-Winter graduation to the outstanding member of the class.

Some of these are no longer bestowed; others have been shortlived. The watch awards are now given by the College to the outstanding senior man and woman at the Honors Assembly. There have been years when this award has been departmentalized. Recognition of excellence in academic accomplishments continues to be given.

Over the past thirty-four years, 1947-1983, Husson College graduates have been addressed at their commencement by prominent citizens—locally, state-wide, and national. (See Appendix O.)


Husson College

HUSSON COLLEGE BANGOR, MAINE

hereby awards to

Helen E. Griffin

the Honorary Insignia for

P. H. T.

(Putting Him Through)

President

The

Ernest Milton Hamlin

Award

Ernest Milton Hamlin, of Brunsville, Maine, was a friendly person. He symbolized honesty in character; thoroughness in scholarship; appreciation of leadership; tolerance in personal contacts; loyalty in school relations. He was an inspiration to all who knew him.

To perpetuate his memory, Mu Sigma Chi Fraternity presents The Ernest Milton Hamlin Award and medal to

RICHARD E. DYKE

who, in the judgment of the faculty and students, best exemplifies the spirit and demeanor of our departed brother.

Awarded at Bangor, Maine on the 13 day of June in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

President of Husson College

Albert D. Soan
Adviser to Mu Sigma Chi

William H. Donahue
Head of Department

J. Arthur Everett
President of Mu Sigma Chi

With the legal authority to confer honorary degree, granted in 1970, the College has honored prominent citizens—educators; business, civic, and social leaders; members of State and national government. From 1970 to June 1983, there have been thirty-four recipients of recognition for their contributions to the business education, political, and journalistic development of the United States. These honoraries have been:

1970

LHD Lloyd Hartman Elliott, President, George Washington University
PdD Winthrop Charles Libby, President, University of Maine

1971

LHD Curtis Marshall Hutchins, Chairman of the Board, Dead River Company
DBA William C. Viner, Industrialist and Philanthropist

January 1972

DPA Werner A. Baum, President, University of Rhode Island
DBA Norman L. Cahners, Founder, Cahners Publishing Company

May 1972

LLD Robert Nelson Haskell, President, Bangor Hydro-Electric Company and prominent civic leader.
PdD Margaret Chase Smith, U. S. Senate
DBA Walter F.Whittier, President, Hannaford Brothers

December 22, 1972

EdD Samuel Kim, Managing Director of Han Il Foundation, Seoul, Korea
DBA Alexander T. Mosley, Vice President Fort Lauderdale University

1973

DBA Dean Lewis Fisher, Rockland Manufacturer
LHD George Francis Peabody, Attorney-at-law
DBA Clifford Robert Recor, President, Fraser Company Limited

1974

DSc Edmund Sixtus Muskie, U. S. Senate
LLD Beatrice Louise Park, Clerk of Courts, Penobscot County

1975

DBA James Bernard Longley, Governor, State of Maine
LHD Louise Brookes Miller, Professor Emerita

1976

DBA Richard Earl Dyke, Consultant
LHD Will Ernest Leonard, Jr., Chairman, U. S. Trade Commission

1977

DBA Douglas H. Brown, President, Doug's Shop 'n Save
LHD Marshall Dodge, Raconteur of Maine Folklore

1978

LHD Noel Paul Stookey, Leader, Folk Art Movement

1979

LHD Franklin Allen Peters, President, Husson College
LHD James Russell Wiggins, Editor, Publisher, U. S. Representative to the United Nations

1980

LHD	Robert Edward Lee Strider, II, President Emeritus, Colby College

1981

DBA	Charles Fred Bragg, II, Chairman of the Board, N. H. Bragg and Sons
DBA	Halsey Smith, President & Chief Executive Officer Northeast Bankshare Association
LLD	Olympia J. Snowe, Representative, U. S. Congress from the State of Maine

1982

LHD	Edward F. Kaelber, President, College of the Atlantic
DBA	Frederic S. Newman, Retired President, Northeast Bank

1983

DSc	Malcolm S. Forbes, Editor, Forbes Magazine Chairman, Forbes Incorporated
LHD	Edward T. Gignoux, Federal District Judge in Maine
LLD	Thomas A. McGillicuddy, Director for the Small Business Administration

Legend:

DBA	Doctor of Business Administration
DPA	Doctor of Public Administration
DSc	Doctor of Science
EdD	Doctor of Education
LHD	Doctor of Humane Letters
LLD	Doctor of Law
PdD	Doctor of Pedagogy

The Shaw Business College

CITIZENS of Bangor and vicinity are cordially invited to attend the opening of the

SHAW BUSINESS COLLEGE

at Bangor, on Saturday afternoon, April 21st. The rooms will be opened from three to five, when Pullen's orchestra will furnish music.

A committee composed of teachers and students will be in attendance; and beautiful Souvenirs of the opening will be given away.

Respectfully,

F. L. SHAW, President.
G. D. HARDEN, Treasurer.

(Bangor Industrial Journal, April 20, 1900, p. 8)