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Congratulations, Miss Bradford

ACCOLADE

Twenty-five years ago the College found itself in need of an additional instructor of shorthand, typewriting and allied subjects. The student body was growing. The quality of the instruction was known and it attracted an increasing number of applicants for admission.

The problem was to find a candidate capable of providing the quality of instruction that had been established and had been improving over a period of years.

Among the candidates was Miss Mildred M. Bradford, a recent graduate of the College, and one whose personal qualifications were well known at the institution. Her scholastic achievements in the subjects mentioned were far above average, and, as it happened, her diploma discovered her to be an honor student with superior grades in all subjects.

Her personality was warm and congenial, her smile contagious, and her interest in teaching eager and keen. Her appearance was attractive, clean and neat. By every measuring device she was the ideal candidate, and her appointment to the faculty was made promptly. It was a happy selection.

In 25 years, this young novice was to move steadily up the ladder to head the Department of Secretarial Science, which position she now holds. She grew with the College; and where she supervised a handful of students in the beginning, she now directs the destiny of hundreds.

She must be complimented for more than her activities in the classroom and in administration. Prompted by a deep love of the institution, which began during her school days, she has contributed her energy and talents to many phases of college life. History reveals her participation in the athletic, sorority, dramatic, musical, and other activities that are so meaningful in student careers.

It is impossible to measure her contribution of twenty-five years' duration. It is the dedication and devotion of persons such as she that are primarily responsible for the success and growth of the institution that we know as Husson College. The College recognized its debt to those who have worked so long and so ably in its progress toward the new campus.

This is my salute to a fine instructor, administrator and friend. Her name shines brightly on the pages of our history and I sincerely hope that it will continue to do so for many years to come.

"Chief"



IN RETROSPECT

"It's a funny thing, but when I was in high school someone asked what I was going to do after graduation. I remember saying that I didn't really know, but I knew what I wasn't going to do—and that was teach school."

Seventeen year old Mildred Marie Bradford, after six weeks of summer school at Farmington Normal School, walked into a one-room schoolhouse at Clifton, Maine. Brad's students that first semester were 13 rural youngsters; their school served kindergarten through eighth grade.

"I drew some criticism from the superintendent that first year," said Brad. "She was a bear, but I was athletic and I had enough energy to overcome most of the problems."

The youngsters loved recess and noon hour, especially with a teacher who was a "kid" herself and knew enough about sports to nail down the regular shortstop's job. But Brad's first real test came a month later.

The Clifton fathers decided that hot lunches were in order and the students brought milk, butter, potatoes, and other ingredients from home. A committee was formed to prepare a menu and do the cooking.

"It was some committee," said Brad. "It included two seventh graders and an eighth grader—the only girls we had."

With four-foot cord wood sticks stuffed in the central heat (and cooking) plant, the little ones reading down front, and the spry, young teacher stirring a pot of soup with one hand and holding a book in the other, the great society was born.

"That first meal was a problem," related Brad. "My superintendent visited that day, but we underestimated our stove. At 11:30 that morning we were supposed to serve the lunch but it wasn't hot enough. So I faked it by telling them we would eat during our first afternoon class."

The superintendent's report to her that night read: "NOT VERY GOOD PLANNER."

But home economics had been her specialty in high school. In fact, from her earliest years Brad was bent on "becoming a good homemaker, a good wife and mother." She was told in high school that she could not go on to college if she pursued home economics, but Brad, doggedly, reversed that thinking. It took over seven years of one-room school houses and summer studies to do it.

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1942 — 25 YEARS — 1967

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Farmington—1934

In 1940 she enrolled as a fulltime student at the Maine School of Commerce.

Raised in a home with a father who was a strict disciplinarian, Brad learned that the many injustices meted out through life can be turned to help shape a future. "My father, not too long ago, told me teasingly that he was strict with me, the oldest of five children, and not with the others because after seeing how I turned out he felt there was no use with the others."

That stern superintendent from the Clifton School Department, admits Brad, was just another person trying to guide her towards professional expertise. Her decision to attend college in 1940 was influenced by a person with the same desire to succeed.

"I first met Clara Swan when I played guard for the Bangor High basketball team and Clara was a guard on the Brewer squad. It was a good thing we were on opposite ends of the court because I am sure we would have killed each other."

If the two were adversaries on the court, they failed to show it a few years later when they were faculty members at Dover-Foxcroft. It was Clara who convinced Brad to apply for admission to the Maine School of Commerce. Brad couldn't type, knew nothing about secretarial training, and only after one of Clara's "talks" did she make the decision.

"She can be a very convincing person," said Brad. "But I questioned that friendship when I played basketball under Coach Swan at Husson College. I thought for a time she was picking on me, but she actually was going overboard to help me and not show partiality."



On the Farm
1938

In 1942, with diploma in hand, Brad was set to find another country school with the children she loved so much. Before she had a chance to find one, President Husson called her to his office.

"Young lady," he started, "you have poise, personality, and knowledge; I want you on my staff."

But Brad, who openly admits to having an inferiority complex, answered "you don't want me; I'm not ready for anything like this."

"Young lady, don't tell me what I want," Chief fired back.

With that, Mildred Bradford began a college teaching career that would span the next 25 years.

"President Husson said I could take time to work on my Bachelor's degree, but what I didn't know was that 'time off' meant classes late Thursday afternoons, Saturdays, and summer schools." But she found her place on a staff that was devoted to placing its college among the best in its field.



Husson Frosh
1940

In 1948 Brad received a Bachelor of Science degree in Commercial Education from the University of Maine. In 1951 she was awarded a Master of Education from Maine.

Now head of the Department of Secretarial Science and a full professor, Brad's administrative schedule allows her only eleven hours for classroom teaching each week. "I'm happiest when I am teaching," she said. "As you grow older you store up a few things that make learning a little more meaningful. When I look back to those early classes I wonder how those kids ever learned shorthand."

But it was "those kids" who really sparked her. "I remember a little girl, with big blue eyes, who was in one of my first medical shorthand classes. I had them study the pancreas earlier in the week and to open the class I asked her where the Islands of Langerhans were located. She answered by asking, 'somewhere in the Pacific'?"

"Well, it just broke me up. I know you shouldn't laugh at a student, and I hadn't intended to laugh; but I couldn't help it."

As adviser and confidante to probably two thousand students over the years, Mildred Bradford has found them and their parents the truly high points of her career.

Devoted to her college, her colleagues, and students, Brad never married. But she confesses that her life has been a full one.

"My father wanted me to get married right out of high school and mother was afraid that would be the first thing I would do.

"I guess I fooled them both."

The Wilsons Host E.T.E.-1942

X — Brad



Organizations Buy War Bonds 1942



President Newman of Eastern Trust Bank sells War Bonds to Husson students: Frances Roberts, Mildred Bradford, Stanley Peterson.

A TRUE STORY

Mildred Marie Bradford was born in the town of Argyle, Maine, the eldest of five children to Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Bradford, Sr.

The Bradfords moved to Bangor when Mildred was three years of age. She attended the public schools of Bangor and was graduated from Bangor High School as an outstanding athlete and not-so-interested student. Brad's main interests were Field Hockey and Basketball, both Varsity sports, at which she excelled. She passed through the Home Economics course.

Came summer and what to do! Brad was in a dilemma, so first things first. She borrowed $50 and went to summer school at Farmington Normal School to become one of those unpopular school teachers! Believe it or not, after six weeks of professional training, Brad took a teaching job in Clifton—all eight grades—one room—and she was chief cook and bottle-washer at noon. During the long, cold winter, she fed 4-foot logs into the stove which kept only one side warm at a time! Brad's best classes at Clifton were "Recess" and "Noon Hour". She loved to play ball with the boys. Often classes were late getting back from lunch because the boys took as much time as they dared to find the ball!

Brad continued in grade school teaching and continued her education in the summer. After a time she was graduated from Castine Normal School—a fully qualified teacher. She taught in various areas in the state, enjoying herself immensely.

In 1938 Brad was hired to teach sub-primary at Dover-Foxcroft. There she ran into her "enemy of the Basketball Court", Clara Swan. This was at the Teachers' Club lobster feed. The lobster calmed both of them down so they did acknowledge each other's presence.

Brad had over forty five- and six-year olds in her sub-primary classes, including one little boy called Mackie. Mackie was a child who belonged in a school for special types of learning. He entertained Brad's classes daily by skipping out and appearing in the little girls' coats and hats, by going to the Principal's office and wrecking the phone system to all school buildings in the town, and by appearing naked in the coal bin whenever he could!

Also, in Brad's class were many fine young folks who sang, danced, and studied with her. Brad has a beautiful singing voice. She is an artist in her own right. Her blackboard illustrations were outstanding. The children were thrilled by the colored illustrations which Brad used to teach numbers, spelling, and reading.

Brad and I were both interested in Basketball. She came to many of the games. We traveled home weekends together and became close friends.

Earning a teaching salary of $25 a week, $30 if she had stayed and taught music as an extra, Brad was going strong as a grade-school teacher. I convinced Brad she should try secondary school education and that the pay would be higher—maybe up to $50 a week! The best school to train in was the Bangor Maine School of Commerce, my alma mater, and where I was just beginning my career in college teaching!

Thusly, Brad's step into a new area of study was accomplished. Brad distinguished herself as a student, graduating with honors. She was awarded a trophy for the outstanding woman in her class.

During her college career at Husson, she was very active in drama, played guard on the Girls' Varsity Basketball team, and was President of Epsilon Tau Epsilon Sorority Chapter. Of course, as all Husson students in the skill areas, Brad was positive she couldn't type and get her shorthand speeds. But she managed to win the Typewriting Medal at her Commencement.

Beginning her 25 years of teaching in September of 1942, Brad found herself scheduled to teach Junior Business Training, Typewriting, Office Machines and Office Practice. Shortly, a contingent of World War II Veterans arrived on campus. These boys filled the classrooms and clamored for Brad's classes. These boys had many typing problems. They did teach Brad about the foreign countries they had been in!

As a new young teacher on the staff, she became coach of the cheerleaders. She held this coaching position for many years and produced some excellent cheerleaders. Brad served as Co-adviser to Epsilon Tau Epsilon Sorority, Chapter Adviser to the Student Education Association, Director of the Glee Club and Drama Club. She also was adviser to the Husson Ledger.

From the Typewriting Department Brad was promoted to the Stenographic area of teaching. She now teaches the Shorthand majors how to teach on the secondary school level. She also teaches Medical Shorthand and Legal Shorthand. She has insisted on teaching Beginning Shorthand to those who have never studied it before.

Over the years Brad has made her mark in the classroom. She is highly thought of as a classroom instructor. Brad has earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees at the University of Maine.

Today we find Brad the Head of the Department of Secretarial Science. This is a most important department of Husson as the largest number of the girls are registered in Secretarial programs.

Brad has ten teachers in her department. This departmental group is preparing a new curriculum for the Associate degree and for the new campus. The department will be using a new classroom designed for a practical office practice course. The classroom will be known as a "Model Office". Today's office machines, filing procedures, Duplicating Processes and Office Practice will be combined into one course taught and practiced in the Model Office.

Miss Bradford has many administrative functions. She is currently serving on the Curriculum Committee and is a member of the Faculty Senate.

One of Brad's notable assets is her appearance. Among the faculty she is considered a fashion model of much renown. She could model professionally without much effort. Her hair is silver, but this is a crowning beauty which adds to her attractiveness and makes everyone look twice!

Brad has many talents. Her hobbies are oil painting, flower gardening, cooking, and travel. When she retires from teaching, these will constitute her activities. She even likes housework—and it's a good thing she does—because I don't!

Brad and I are fortunate to own a nice home in Hampden and a cottage on Green Lake. Brad keeps a real nice home and it is tastefully decorated. The door is always open to friends, relatives, and students. In the summer, Brad plans to get a nice tan at the lake or beach. In the winter, she skis and bowls.

Brad holds Professional Membership in the Eastern Business Teachers' Association, Maine Teachers' Association, Maine Association of Business Educators and New England Business Educators.

She is Recording Secretary of the Altrusa Club of Bangor. This is a Service Club for Professional Women.

Brad is a Life Member of Pi Rho Zeta International, Active Member of Epsilon Delta Sorority, Active Member of the Greater Bangor Alumni Chapter of Husson College, and Active Member of the General Alumni Association of the University of Maine.

The Administration of Husson College feels that it is indeed fortunate to have Mildred Marie Bradford, sincere friend and educator, on its staff for 25 years.

Congratulations to Brad for sticking it out and for carving a distinguished career for herself in Education.

Clara L. Swan
Friend

Brad Enjoys The Outdoors



New Year's Eve!



The Gang—1946

Instructors



Brad—Watson—Swan
1949

Miss Bradford (upper left corner) instructs the Machines Class in the present Placement Office.

BRAD AND HER FAMILY



Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Bradford, Sr.
L. to R.: Anne, Douglas, Mildred, O. T., Jr., Priscilla
50th Wedding Anniversary

Brad has always been close to the members of her family. Born the eldest of five, she was the leader of the children. Into and out of mischief, childhood scrapes, athletics, children's measles, mumps, etc., Brad managed to change from a long-legged skinny kid in grade school to a curly-haired young lady. Brad has two brothers and two sisters.

Brad's oldest brother, O. T., Jr., lives in Berlin, N. H. He and his wife, Helen, have three children, O. T. III, Carol, and Ross. They also have one grandchild, the daughter of O. T. III. Brad's oldest sister, Ann is married and lives in Albany, Oregon. Her two oldest are married and parents; she has three more at home. The youngest is named for Mildred. Anne's children are Robert, Patricia, Bernard, Daniel, and Mildred.

The youngest sister is Priscilla. Priscilla is married to a Bangor boy, Gerald Palmer, an engineering consultant. They have one son, Gerald, Jr., a Freshman at Maine, and two daughters, Catherine and Christine, both in High School in Andover, Massachusetts.

The youngest brother is Douglas, Sr. Douglas and his wife, Gladys, are the parents of six sons and one daughter. His family stretches from Doug, Jr., a Hermon High School Sophomore through Cynthia, Stephen, Thomas, David, Michael, and Scott, the baby still at home.

Mildred's mother and father celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in February 1963.

Her mother was taken suddenly ill in April 1965 and passed away. It was a big loss to the entire family as Mrs. Bradford was a gracious and loving lady.

Her dad, O. T., Sr., makes his home on Sunset Avenue in an apartment in Brad's home. O. T. attended Husson College in 1952 and found his daughter his classroom teacher. This surely was a switch in procedure as Dad was always the boss until then! O. T. is retired. He is always busy, however, with many projects. Mr. Bradford recently was married to Mildred's Aunt Alice. They spend the winters in the South and will spend their summers at Moosehead and Green Lake.

One notices that Mildred is family adviser, aunt, and friend to all her eighteen nieces and nephews.

STUDENT



AT PLAY



CHARMING





Waiting for Santa

COLLEAGUES — STUDENTS — GRADUATES

Secretarial Science Department 1967



First row, left to right: Bradford, Kinney, Jordan.
Second row, left to right: Hogan, Saba,Renaud.
Third row, left to right: Babson, Goodwin, Francoeur, Slomback.

The Secretarial Science Department has seen many changes and improvements during the past 25 years under the guidance of Miss Mildred Bradford, who has progressed from instructor to Department Head, and full Professor. When Miss Bradford first started teaching at Husson College, the Secretarial Science Department consisted of only four instructors and has now expanded to a teaching staff of eleven. Her major concern as Department Head and teacher has always been the students, curriculum, and teaching staff.

She has always been available to students for guidance, counseling, and more important, she has been instrumental in job placements for many students throughout the years.

Since 1952, when Miss Bradford became head of the Secretarial Science Department, there have been many progressive and beneficial changes in curriculum within the Department such as addition of the Legal and Liberal Arts Secretarial courses and introduction of data processing theory within the Secretarial Practice Course. She was also the driving force behind the introduction of the cooperative plan of study for medical secretaries, participating in the Medical Technics course at the EMGH.

In line with the curriculum changes required by business, Miss Bradford has constantly kept up to date in the acquisition of necessary equipment to fulfill curriculum requirements. Some of the major items of equipment added to the department have been the simulated key punch typewriters for the data processing course, shorthand records and shorthand listening stations for remedial and advanced shorthand practice.

Miss Bradford has always encouraged her staff members to offer suggestions for improvements for the benefits of the students and department.

There exists a strong spirit of cooperation among the faculty in the department. Because of her philosophy of keeping the curriculum up to date, she has participated and encouraged staff members to attend various workshops, conventions and conferences related to changes in the science field. She also encourages self-improvement through graduate study or advanced study for all members of the department.

Those who know Miss Bradford best, realize that Shorthand has always been her first love. She has seen three major changes in shorthand systems and has met the challenge with suc-

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A Tribute

What a wonderful gift—to be able to impart enthusiasm to students. Mildred Bradford has that gift. Most any instructor or professor can teach facts or methods, but more than just the bare facts or mechanics of a subject are needed to make the subject interesting. To make a subject more than just a subject, or a job more than just a job, it is necessary to find that extra something to raise it above the level of the ordinary. Some of this drive is up to the individual, but what a wonderful thing to have a teacher to show the way.

Miss Bradford not only teaches facts and methods and teaches them well, but also shows how just a little extra effort raises her courses above the level of just another subject to study. Learning why something is done certainly makes it much more interesting than just learning that it is done. Miss Bradford always seems to be giving that extra something—in presenting her subject to her classes, in bringing out those things that make her subject more meaningful. One gets the impression from just meeting her that she gives that extra something to everything she does. And one very important thing that makes her extra special is—**Miss Bradford's enthusiasm is catching.**

Nancy J. Crichton
Medical Secretarial Course
1962
Medical Secretary
Dr. B. V. Whitney's Office



Mrs. Crichton, Medical Secretary at Work

Meridel Practices



I entered Husson College as a Freshman in the fall of 1965. Along with many other students, I encountered new experiences and met many new people. Along with fellow students I, also, met new teachers.

Since I had taken a college course in high school, I entered the Executive Secretarial Course for those with no previous training. This was how I met Miss Bradford.

Among my other beginner's courses, I was enrolled in a beginner's shorthand class. For this class, I was fortunate to have Miss Bradford as my teacher. She kept us on our toes all semester. We were always busy either reading, writing, or practicing our "outlines". She drilled us day in and day out.

Now you may be wondering why I said I was fortunate after hearing about all the work we had to do. Well, all that work paid off in the following semesters of shorthand. Miss Bradford was patient and relentless in helping us with our lessons. She was always there and willing to help anyone who needed extra help. Anyone who was willing to work could depend on Miss Bradford's help both in and out of class.

She held our interest with her various presentation ideas and novelty bulletin boards. Miss Bradford was forever presenting us with some new trick or method she had read or heard about. All these new tricks were things that would help us when we someday went to work in an office.

Meridel Blanchard
Class of 1967
Executive Secretarial

Shorthand Methods

Shorthand Methods is one of those courses in which the instructor has a dual, dynamic role. Certain concepts must be taught and demonstrated, and secondly, and more important, an example must be established. Miss Mildred Bradford is a perfect example of the ideal shorthand teacher with her vibrant personality, knowledge of the subject, and beautiful shorthand penmanship. Her students resolve to follow suit. As in any course, lecture is important and necessary. Methods courses open a new field for the student, however, and a definite challenge for the instructor. Decidedly, Miss Bradford has met the challenge. Each class meeting delves deeper and deeper into those desirable qualities of the shorthand teacher. Through easy transition, Miss Bradford instructs the class as teaching candidates and as a beginning class in shorthand. In her demonstrations, you are captivated by her enthusiasm, spirit, and "love" for shorthand. One almost forgets she is an experienced student in shorthand, but feels like one confronting a subject for the first time. After careful instruction, the students are prepared to present a lesson in shorthand before the class. Miss Bradford's ready smile and constructive criticism finalizes a semester's work and paves the way for successful shorthand teaching. We all thank you.

Rosemary Hawkes
Business Education
Class of 1967

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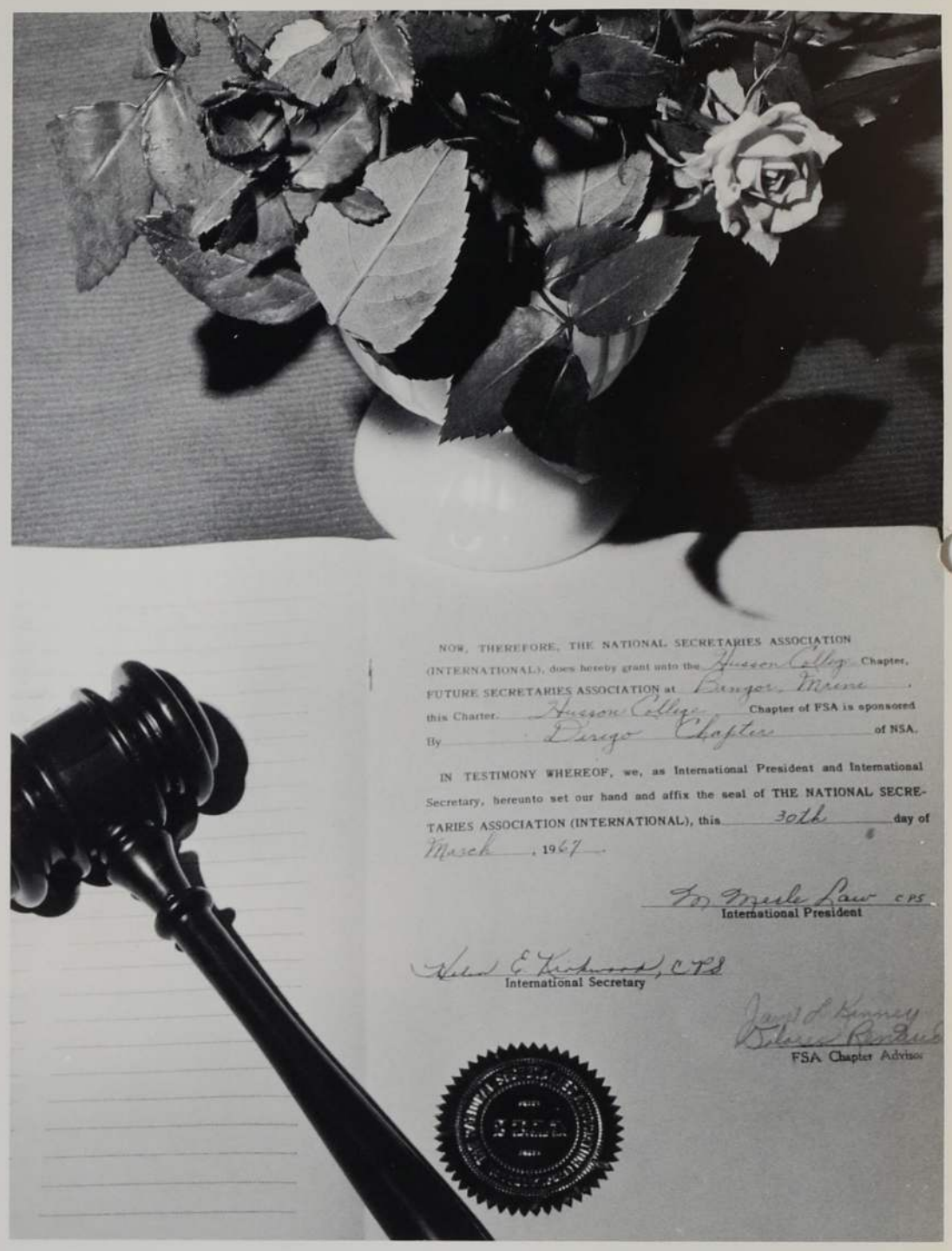


Rosemary Teaches

cess. She is well known for her excellent shorthand penmanship, which has always been the envy of her students and contemporaries. The Secretarial Science Department extends its heartiest congratulations for a job well done and sincerely wish Brad many more years of continued success as a teacher, friend, and administrator.

FUTURE SECRETARIES ASSOCIATION 1967

F S A



An Initiation



On March 30, 1967, candlelight initiation and installation ceremonies marked the official chartering of the first Maine college chapter of the Future Secretaries Association.

Thirty-nine Husson secretarial honor students became charter members, joining a list of college chapters that stretches across the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico.

The Husson College Chapter of the Future Secretaries Association is open to secretarial students of high scholarship and character. It is sponsored by the National Secretaries Association (International). The Husson chapter supplements the students 'academic courses with career programs developed by professional secretaries.

The chapter meets monthly throughout the school year. Mr. Fulton B. Weed of the Maine Employment Security Commission discussed employment opportunities and requirements in the secretarial field at the first meeting.

Chapter officers are President Linda Whitney, Jonesboro; vice-president Karyl Davenport, Rangeley; Recording Secretary, Sandra Delano, Bangor; Corresponding Secretary, Barbara Foss, Bangor; and Treasurer, Karen Govone, Forestdale, Massachusetts.

A Charter

ODD MEDICAL DEFINITIONS
From
Medical Shorthand Quizzes
at Husson

WORD	DEFINITION	ANSWER
Posterior	Rear End	Region between the head and the thorax
Amnesia	Loss of Memory	A weakness of the respiratory system
Encephal	Brain	Sacklike cavity filled with fluid
Encephalitis	Sleeping Sickness	Inflamation of the sex organs
Anorexia	Loss of Appetite	To live without oxygen (Quite a trick!)
Trauma	A wound	Pertaining to the heartbeat
Spygmomanometer	Blood Pressure Instrument	Measurement of a sphincter, (which is a ring-like muscle which closes a natural opening)
Catgut		**Wire** used for suturing, comes from sheep
Dysprea	Painful breathing	Excessive bowel movement

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Best Wishes For a Long Life and a Continued Career on the New Campus – AND May All Your Dreams Come True!

The Administration, STAFF,
Instructors and Students