

RESOLUTION ON THE RETIREMENT OF
BRADBURY SEASHOLES

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The members of the Department of Political Science and the Faculty of Liberal Arts and Jackson College of Tufts University, hereby record our warm appreciation for our retiring colleague, Professor Bradbury Seasholes. Brad has served Tufts and the Department of Political Science with distinction for thirty-two years. Through his teaching, scholarship, administrative positions and counseling of thousands of students, Brad leaves us with a record of extraordinary achievement at our academic home at Tufts.

As his colleague and friend for all of these years, I, Professor John S. Gibson, have been privileged to have had a parallel life with Brad. We both are from Ohio and received our undergraduate education at Oberlin. We both came to Tufts in 1963 as members of the Department of Political Science with administrative positions at the Lincoln Filene Center. We worked with considerable energy and dedication in many kinds of academic and real world enterprises. We are now retiring together after thirty-two years of a warm, close and most collegial relationship.

Born and raised in Ohio, Brad decided at Oberlin that he would pursue a doctorate in his major, Political Science. Our mutual professor of Political Science, J.D. Lewis, recommended the University of North Carolina for Brad's graduate studies. At Chapel Hill, Brad sailed through his courses, orals and dissertation with honors and gained his first teaching experience as well. His dissertation dealt with "Negro," now "Black" political participation, an area to which he later made many significant contributions.

At Chapel Hill, he met visiting Professor Robert Wood from MIT who enticed Brad to Cambridge and the MIT Political Science faculty. With his new Ph.D., he worked with Wood at the Institute and the Harvard MIT Joint Center for Urban Studies as well on research and scholarly papers. One of the latter was for the annual Tufts Assembly on Massachusetts Government in 1962 where he met Professor Robert Robbins, Chair of the Department of Political Science, and Lincoln Filene Center Director, Franklin Patterson. These two professors, impressed with the Seasholes-Wood paper and Brad's solid Political Science credentials, made him an offer in 1963 he could not refuse. Thus Brad came to Tufts in July, 1963, as Assistant Professor of Political Science and Director of Political Studies at the Center. It is our good fortune that Brad has been at Tufts ever since.

With our colleagues at the Lincoln Filene Center, Brad and I published a joint study, *NEGRO SELF-CONCEPT: IMPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL AND CITIZENSHIP* (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1965) which was based on a pioneering conference at the Center in September, 1963. This book included Brad's research on Negro political socialization, based on his previous and then current research. It became a seminal work for many future and advanced studies in this field. At the Center, in addition to his teaching in the Department of Political Science, Brad administered the

Robert A. Taft summer workshops, directed the many annual programs of the Northeastern States Citizenship Project including annual youth conferences, directed the annual Tufts Assembly on Massachusetts Government and edited the annual Assembly conference publication, engaged in continuous research on political socialization, became involved in the many Center inner-city projects on race relations, and lectured and consulted in Malaysia and Indonesia on political socialization in these nations of diverse cultures under the sponsorship of the Department of State. His work on race relations took him to the American South where he also participated in the famous march to Selma, Alabama, in 1965. One could go on at some length about Brad's eleven years at the Lincoln Filene Center. Suffice it to say, they were rich with his contributions to Tufts, to our pluralistic society, and to his own remarkable academic biography.

Brad began to devote full-time service with the Department of Political Science in 1974 and continued his courses in American Government and Urban Politics. The most experimental of his courses was field work in government where he managed well over 600 internships for Tufts students in the Greater Boston area. He was associated with Dr. Edgar Berman, personal physician to Hubert Humphrey who was inspired by Vice President Humphrey to maximize college students' direct participation and involvement in urban government and politics. Directing the Berman Program in Greater Boston, Brad fashioned a pioneering internship program - our Political Science 99 - which enabled our students to spend 12 to 15 hours a week in the machinations of government and politics in the offices of our major state and local governmental officials. His work became a model for many other institutions of higher learning to provide intensive but vibrant learning experiences for thousands of other students.

In his community of Newton, Brad has made many contributions to local government and organizations, to his church and to the many foreign students who found in the Seasholes home a warm haven of hospitality and mutual learning. His wife, Fran, and his four children have enriched his life in many ways as he, in turn, has enriched my own. Our Department and our Faculty express our deep appreciation for his extensive professional achievements, his collegiality, his infectious humor, and his devoted and valued friendship.

Be it resolved that this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and that a copy be sent to Professor Seasholes.

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