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**125** YEARS OF SIMMONS

**Reunion** 2025

**Simmons**

Alumnae/i Association



# *125 Years of Simmons*

*Prepared for the 125th Reunion Annual Meeting of the Alumnae/i Association by Maddie Gretzky '16, Alumnae/i Association Historian*



*First graduating class, 1906: creators of the Alumnae Association*





*Simmons Hall, 1957*



*Two Students outside MCB, 1982*





*Shark Snack Attack, 2013*



*Students Singing, 1948*





*Students with Electric Equipment, 1982*



*Senior Week Boat Ride, 2015*



*Simmons Students, c. 1910*





*Smith Hall Candy Machines, 1964*





*Students in MCB, c.1954*

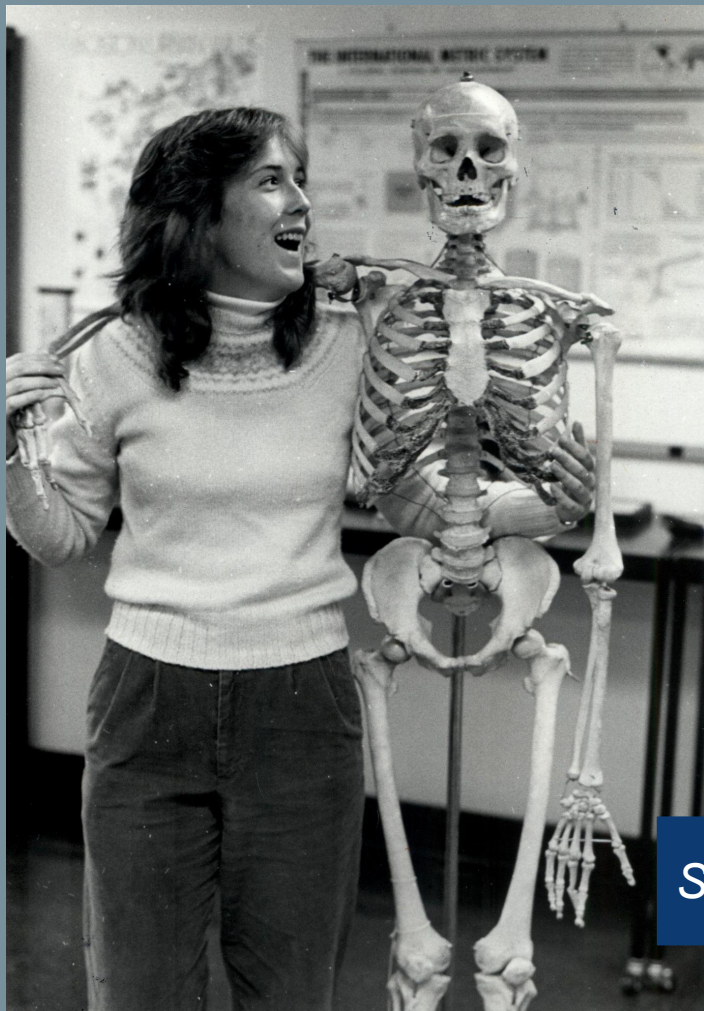


*Common Grounds, 2018*





*Student Protestors, 1969*



*Skeleton and Pal, 1982*





*Track Day, c.1929*



*Students, 1994*



*Student in Dorm Room, c. 1970*

*Pinning Ceremony, 1966*







*Class of 1928, Reunion 1993*



*Orientation Leaders Kayaking, 2015*





*Aerial View of the Fenway, c.1957*





*Volleyball Game, 2014*



*Class of 1933, Reunion 1983*



*Departmental Banners at Graduation, 2016*





*College Center Opens, 2000*

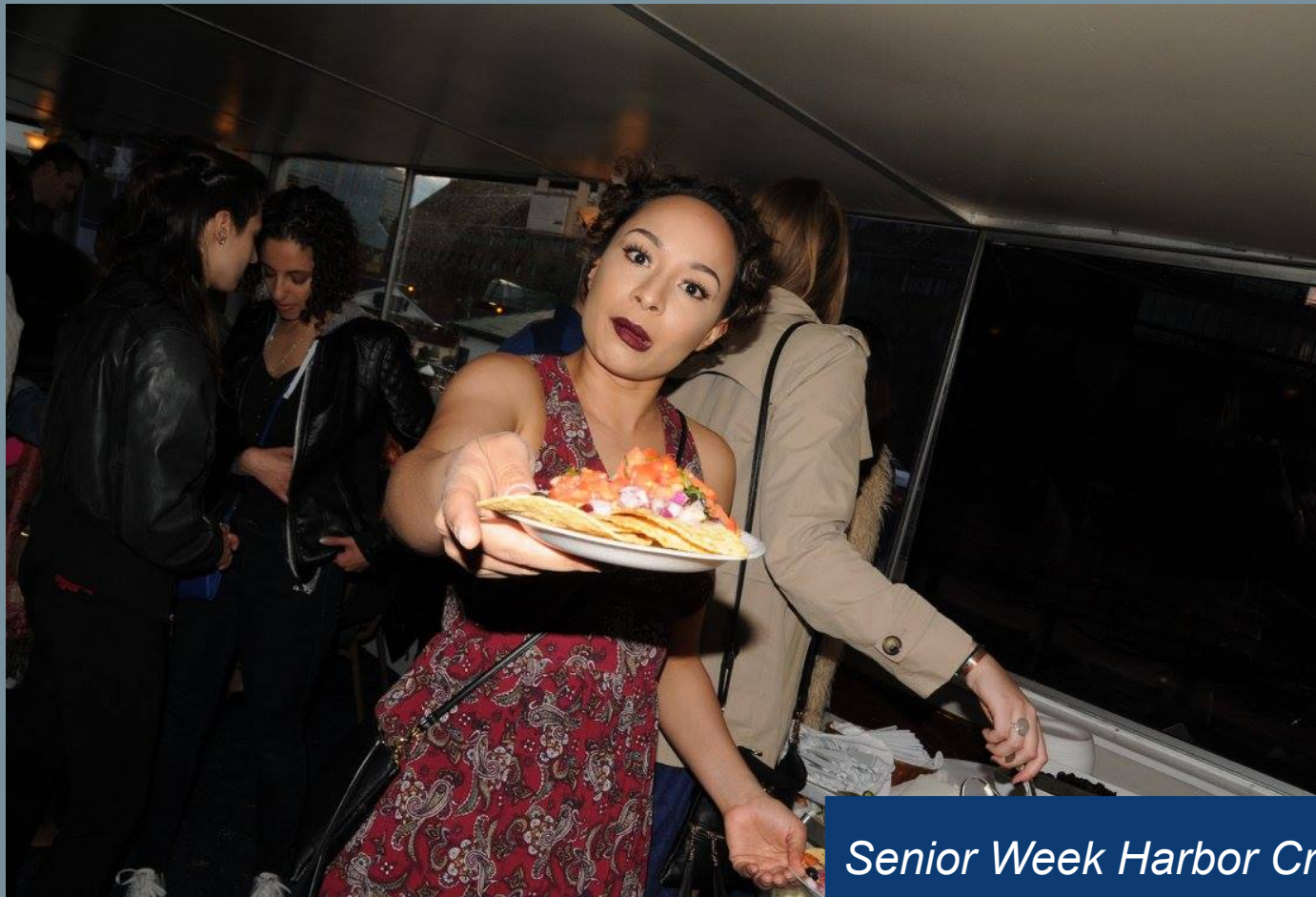


*Daisy Chain, 1951*



*Cows in the Fenway, 1920*





*Senior Week Harbor Cruise, 2016*



*Students on the quad, 1985*



*Alums at the Isabella Stewart Gardner,  
Reunion 1966*





*Students, 1985*



*Chemistry Students, 1948*



*Class in C101, 1999*





*Fall Fest, 1981*



*Spring Carnival, 2013*





*Blizzard of '78*

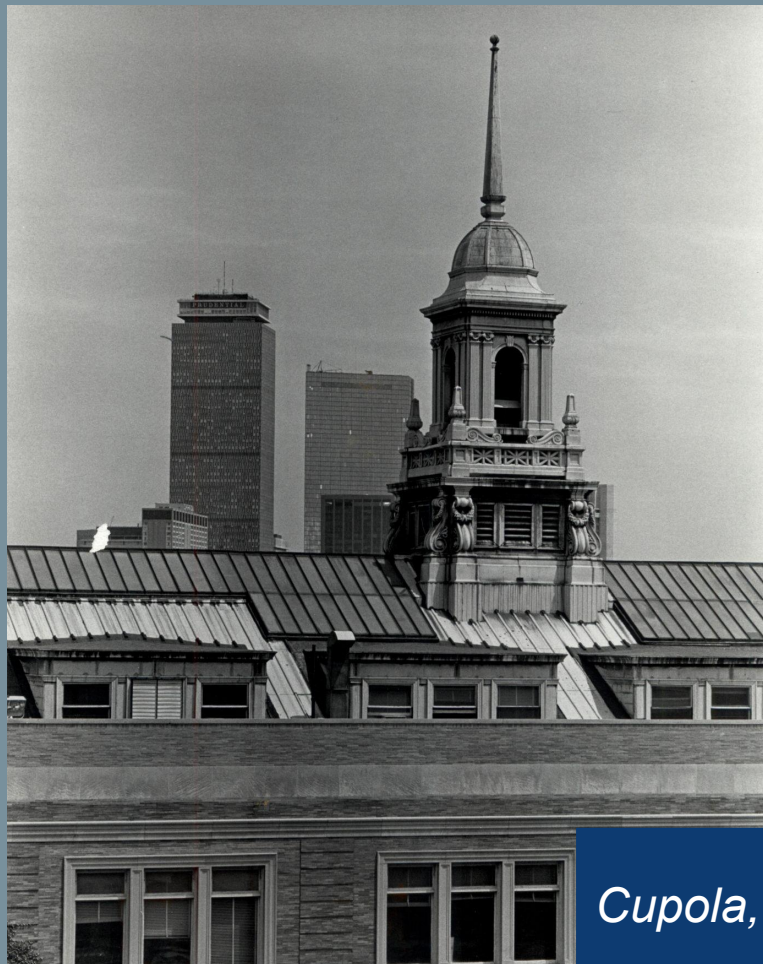




*Morgan Ward '16 and Kyree Jones '16  
receive Leadership Awards, 2016*



*Medieval Dinner, 1966*



*Cupola, c1973*





*Students at the Bookstore, 1979*



*Students enter Res Campus, 1983*

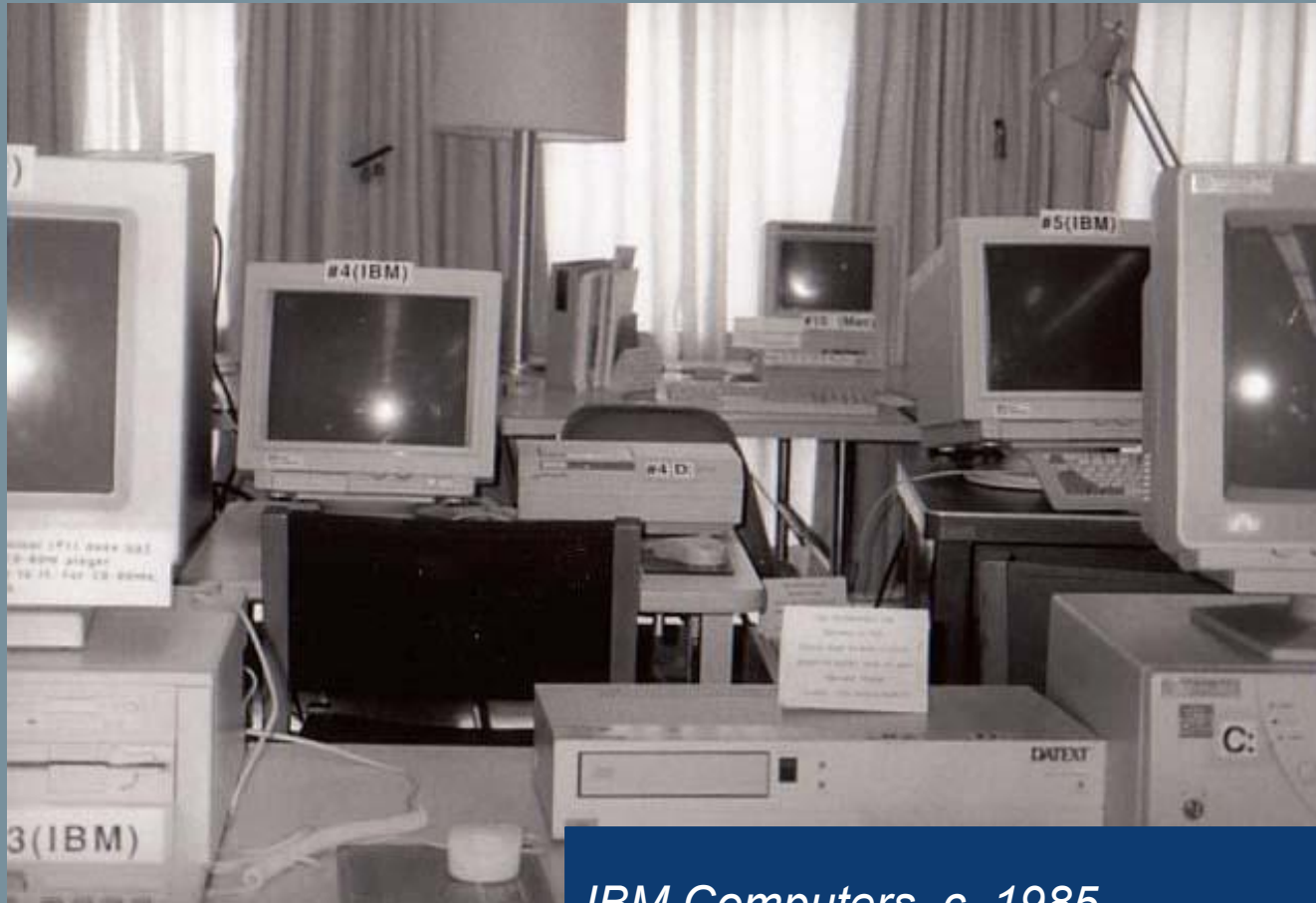


*English Grads & Faculty, 2016*





*Jane Bergwall Shattuck '48 presenting the Alumnae Achievement Award to Gail Levin '69, 1986*



*IBM Computers, c. 1985*



*Hololens Demo, 2023*



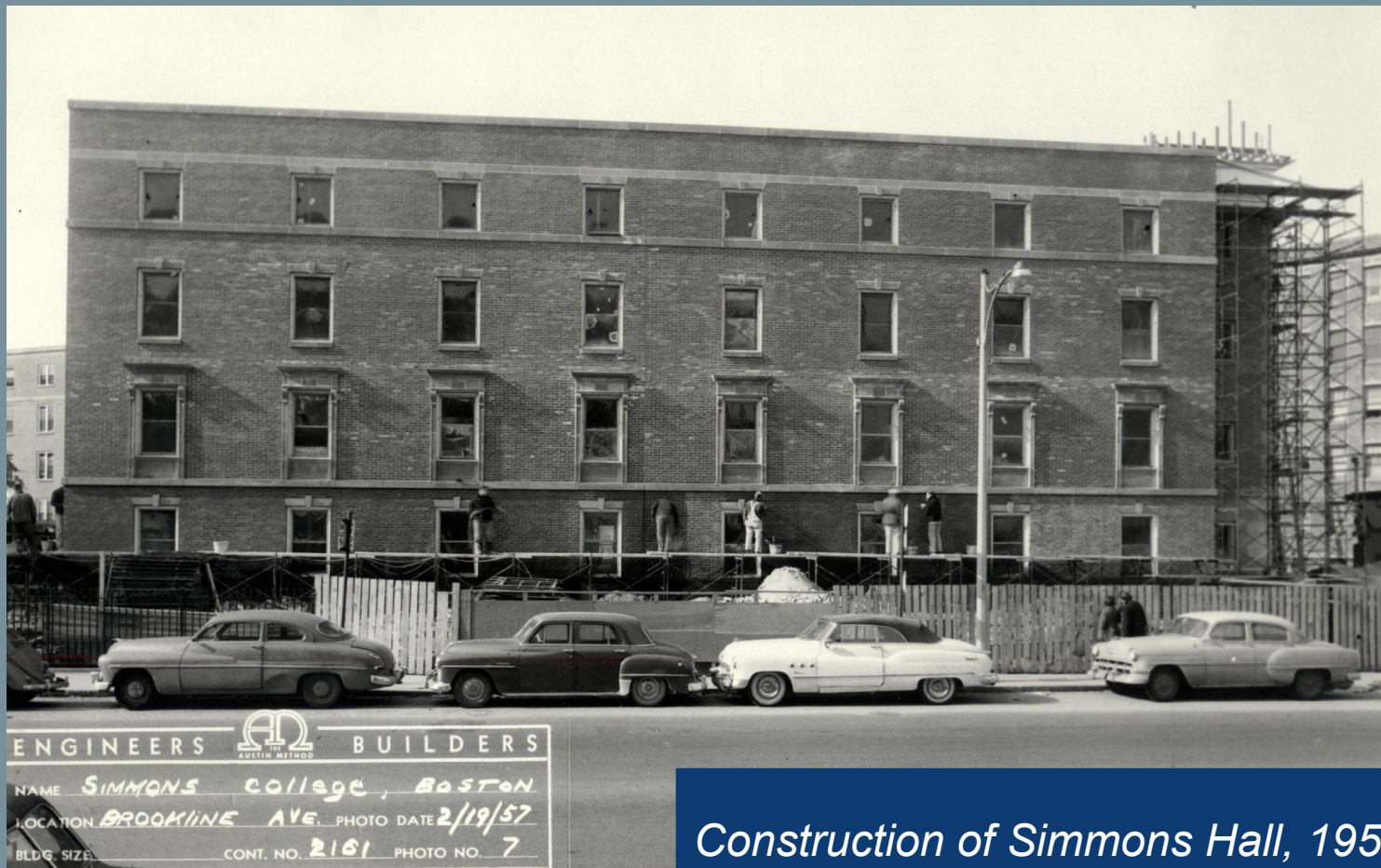


*Convertible in front of MCB, c. 1940*



*Class of 1919, with Daisy Chain at  
Reunion 1991*





*Construction of Simmons Hall, 1957*





*Snow on the Res Quad, 2013*



*Maria Gonzalez '16, Stormy, and  
Matoaka Kipp '16, 2014*





*May Day, 2004*





*May Day, 1951*





*Sophomore Class, May Day, 2016*



*Student demonstrators conduct a silent protest against faculty downsizing, May Day, 1967*





*May Day, 1970s*



*May Day, 1983*



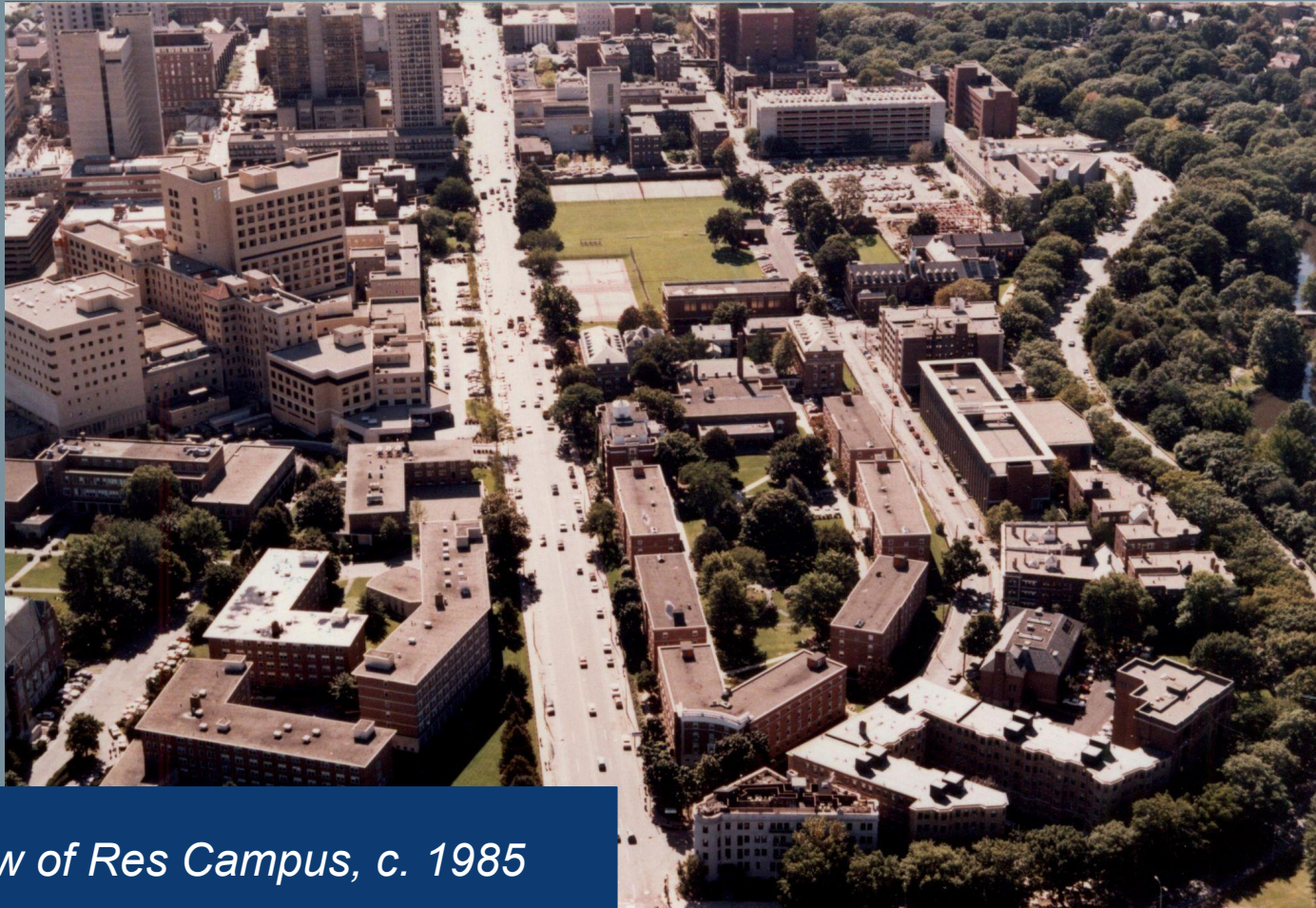


*May Day, 2015*





*Student Government Council, 1945*



*Aerial View of Res Campus, c. 1985*





*Daisy Chain, Reunion 2015*





*The New Fens, c. 1978*



*Students in Common Grounds, 2014*





*Alums View Student Art, Reunion 1987*





*Linda K. Paresky with alums, 1964*



*Front of MCB, c. 1943*



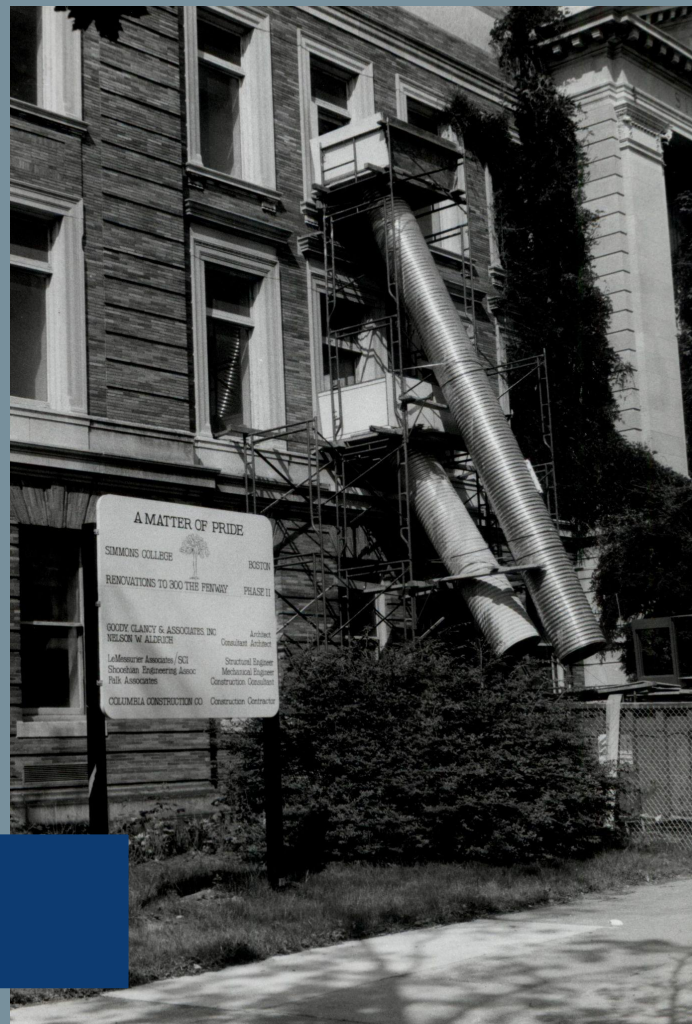
*Mesick Residents, 1981*

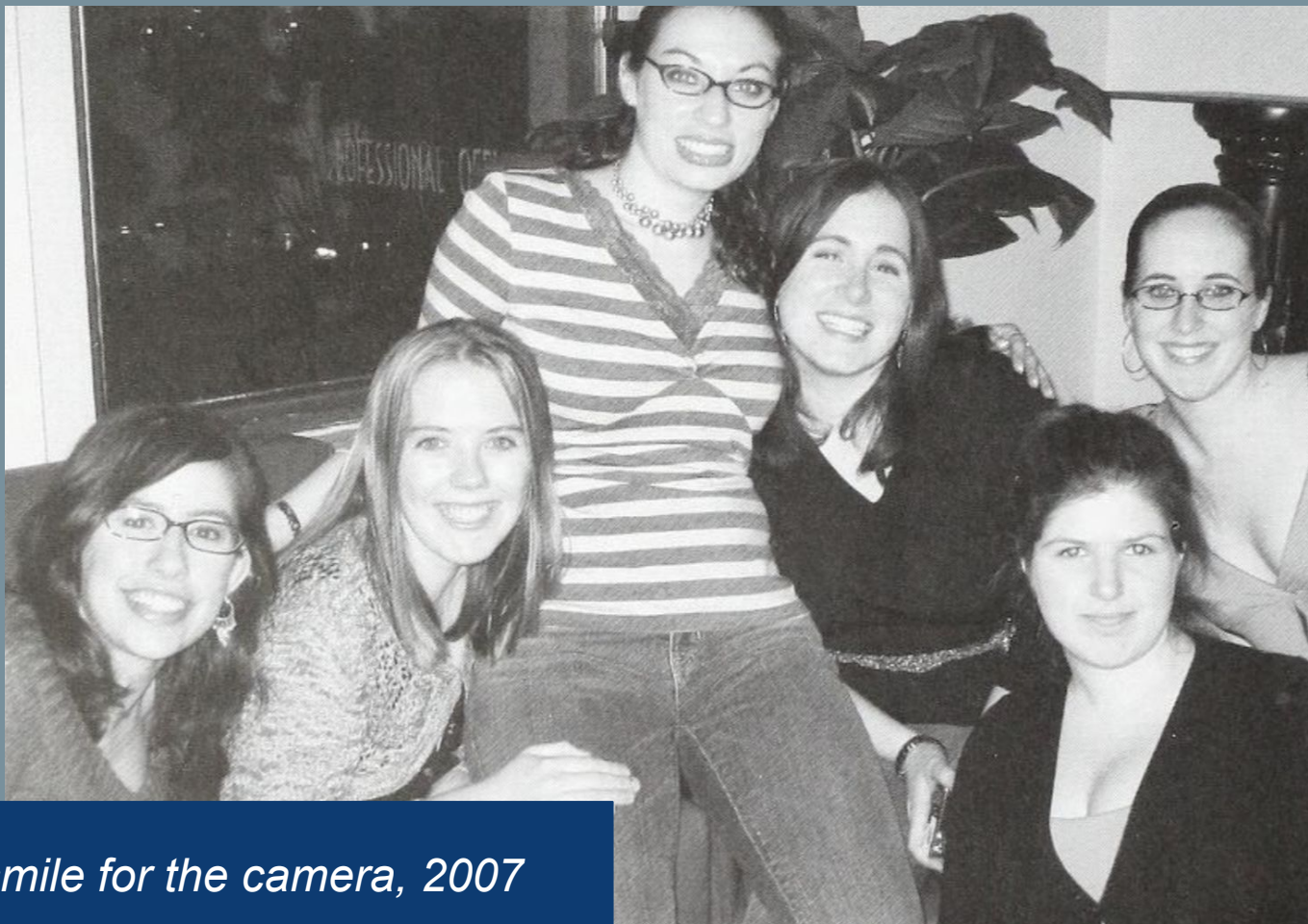




*Class of 1953, Reunion 1988*

*MCB under renovation, 1981*





*Students smile for the camera, 2007*





*Arnold Hall Residents, 2003*



*Everyone loves a Fenway Frank!*  
c.1954



*Asian Student Association, 1985*





*Class of 1906, Reunion 1931*



*Park Science Center, 1972*



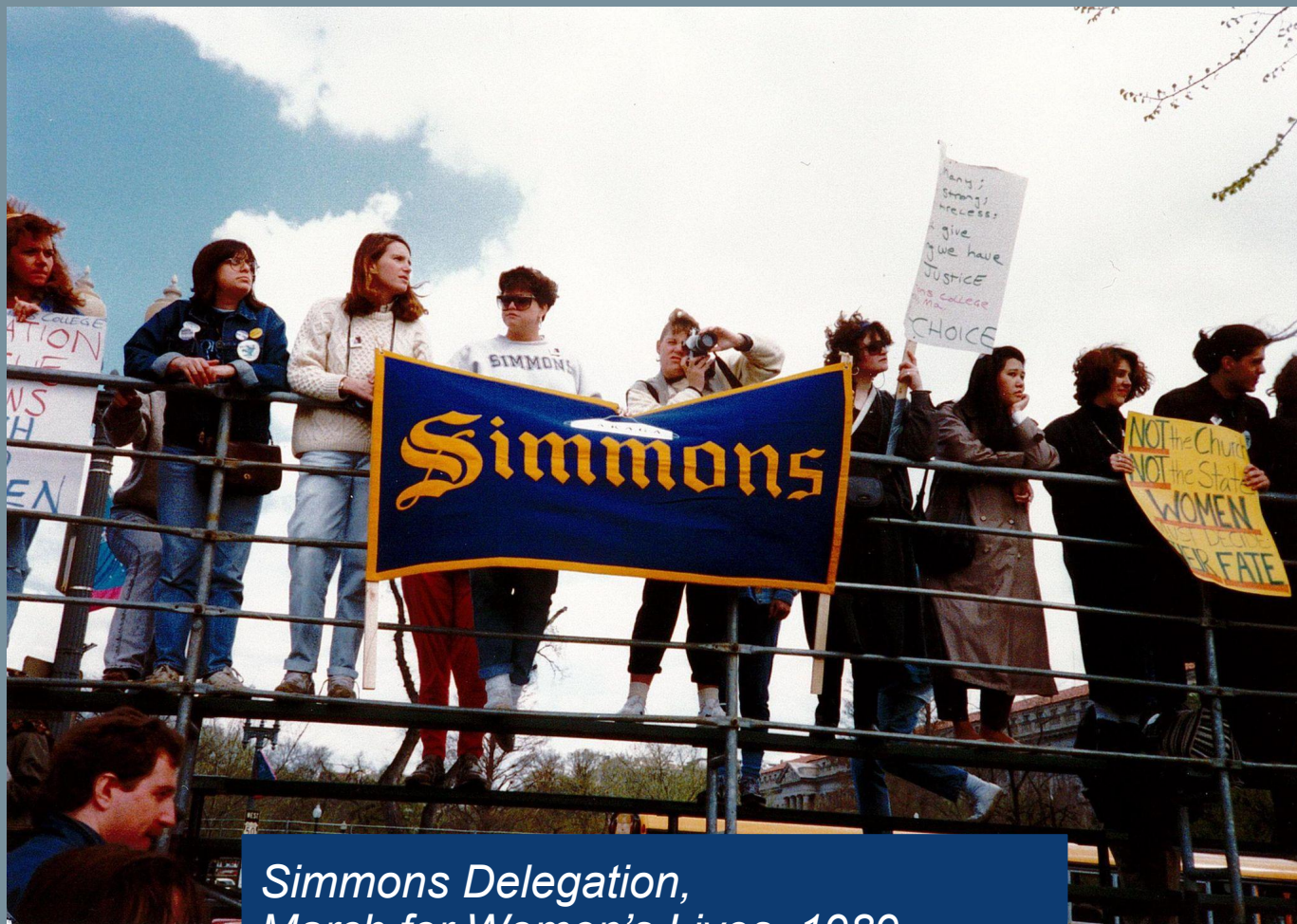


*Soiree, 2015*





*Alums pose with donation for  
Simmons Sports, 1990*



*Simmons Delegation,  
March for Women's Lives, 1989*





*Julie Dickerson and Charlene Wood,  
Class Day 1977*





*Commencement, 2003*



*School of Library Science, 1954*





*Students in Beatley, 1961*

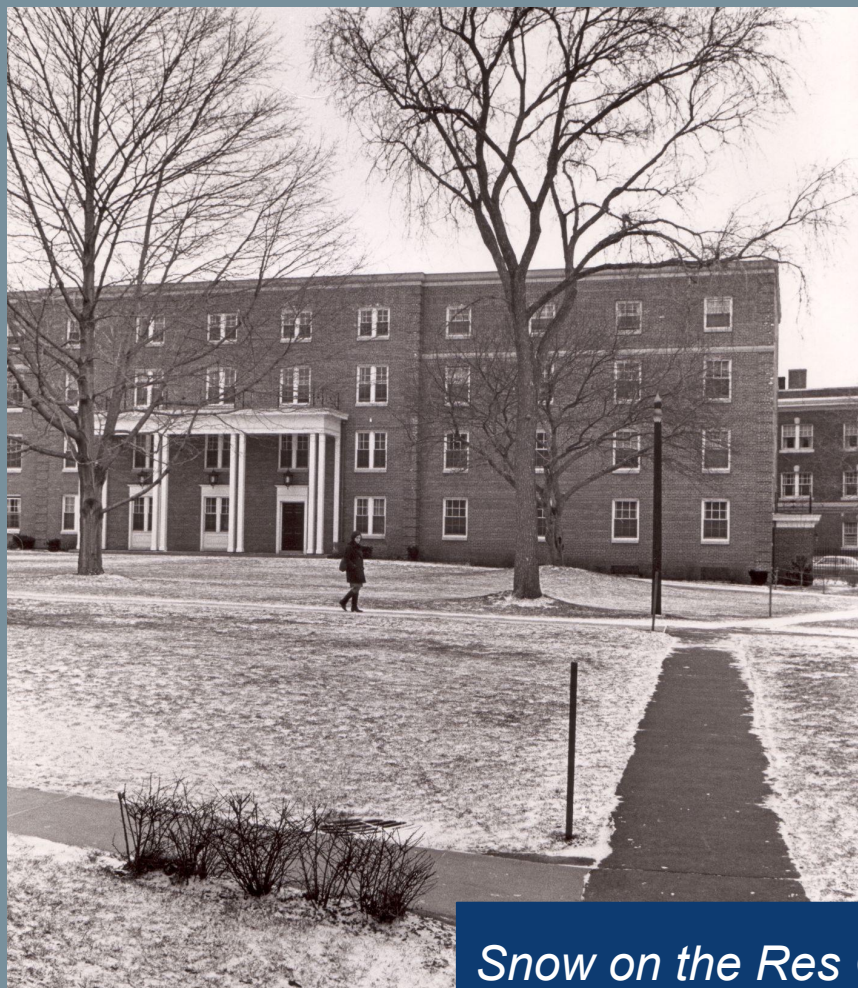




*Crew team, 1990s*



*Selene Brantley '1995, Trelane Clark '1996, Maryann Rush '1995, and LaTasha Washington '1995, c. 1995*

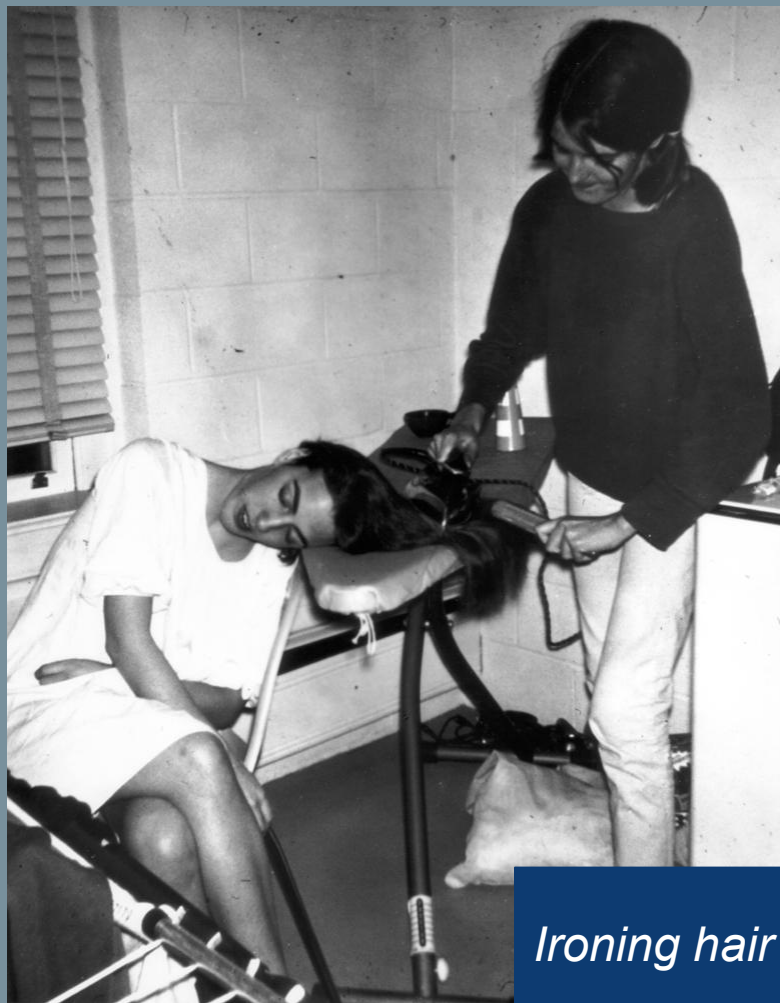


*Snow on the Res Quad, 1968*

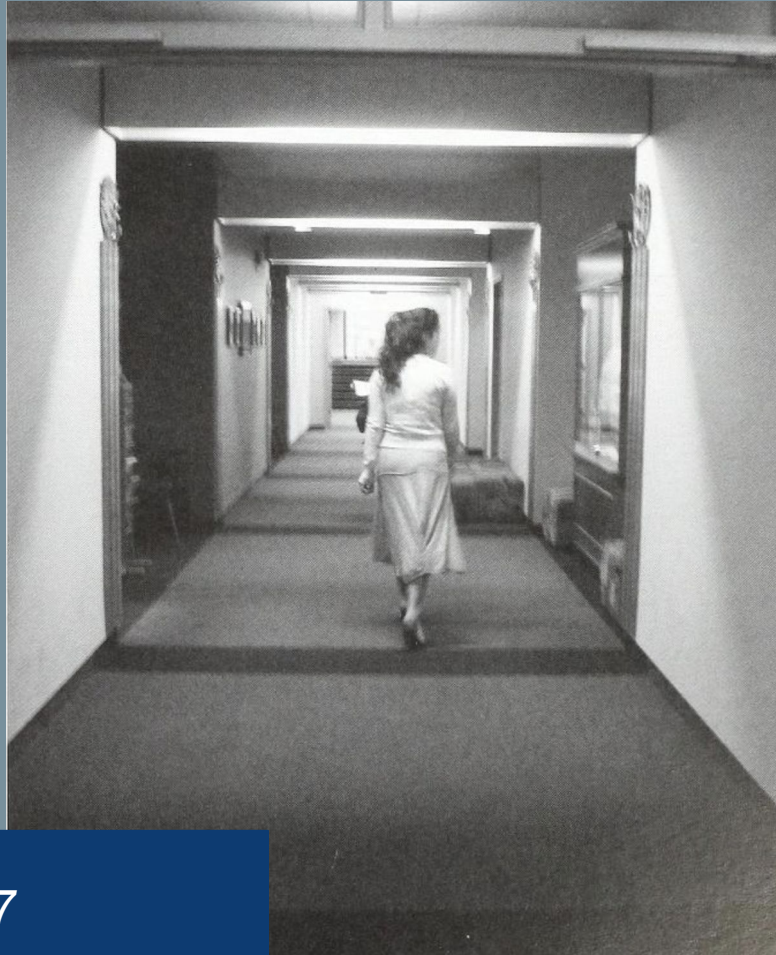




*Class of 1960, Reunion 1990*



*Ironing hair in the dorms, 1966*



*MCB Hallway, 2007*





*Stormy the Shark!*



*Beth Bower '73, wearing a hard hat and preparing to lead a tour of the Big Dig, c. 1995*



*A Snack on the Academic Quad, 2014*





*Eleanor Maloney Howe '40, Elizabeth Sturko Ivanowsky '40, and Marie Doyle Stenrose '40, Reunion 1990*



*Knitting Circle, 1994*



*Class of 1924, Reunion 1989*





*Daisy Chain, 1952*



*Aerial View of Academic Campus, 2002*

*Photography Student, c. 1975*





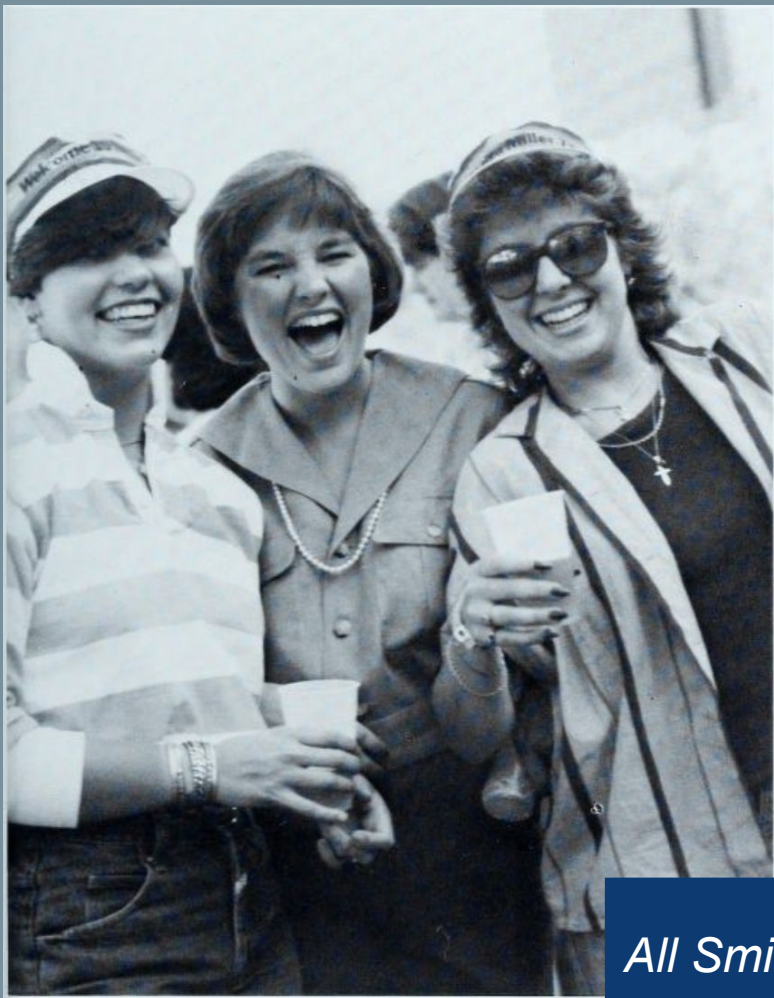


*Reunion, 1985*



*MCB from the Fens, 2004*





*All Smiles, 1985*





*Graduation 2015*



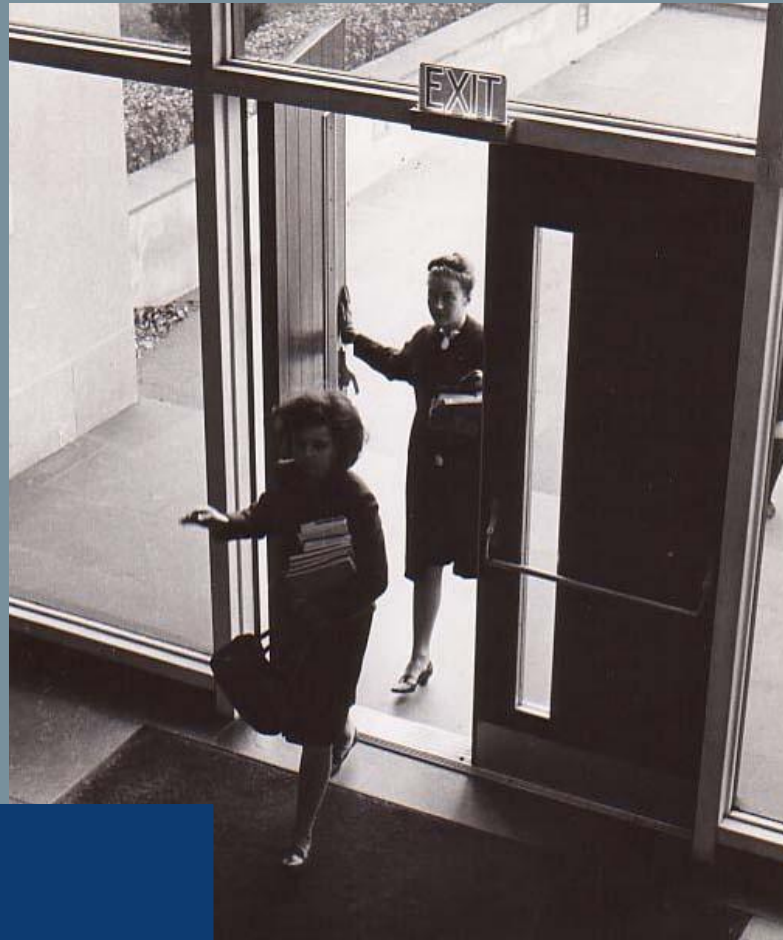
*Beth Tabor '98 SLIS and Ruth Nute Tabor '38*





*Senior Class Dance, 1975*





*Beatley Entrance, c. 1965*



*Sportstacular, 1989*



*New Sweatpants, 1989*





*It pays to be ignorant*

*Questionable Advice, 1945 Yearbook*



*Sailing Club, 1985*

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# REGISTRATION



*Orientation, 2018*



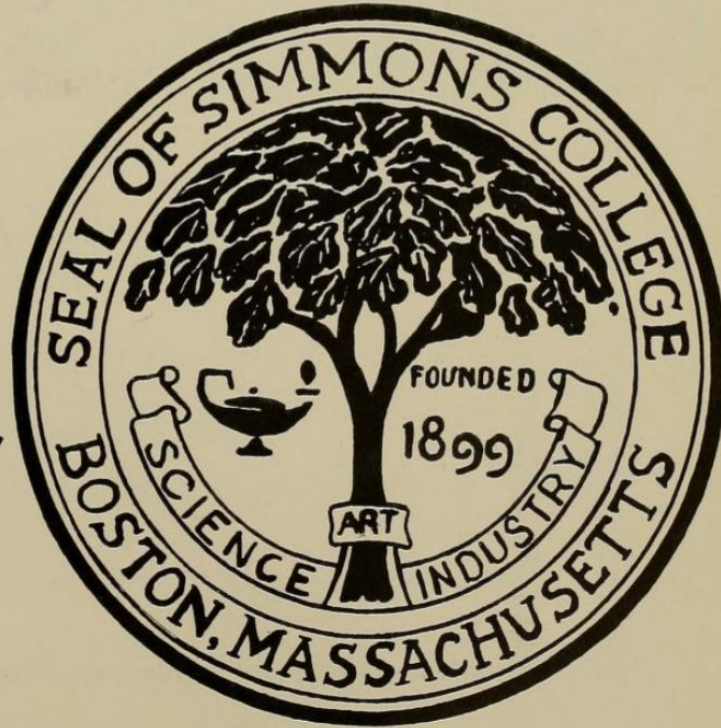


*Holly Badger, Sue Eaton, and Bruce, 1989*



*Class of 1921, Reunion 1964*

**hail alma mater**







*Balloon Salesman, 1954*



BSO Table, College Fair, 2014



*MCB from the Fens, 1919*





*Nursing Students, 1958*



*“89 Days to Graduation,” 1989*

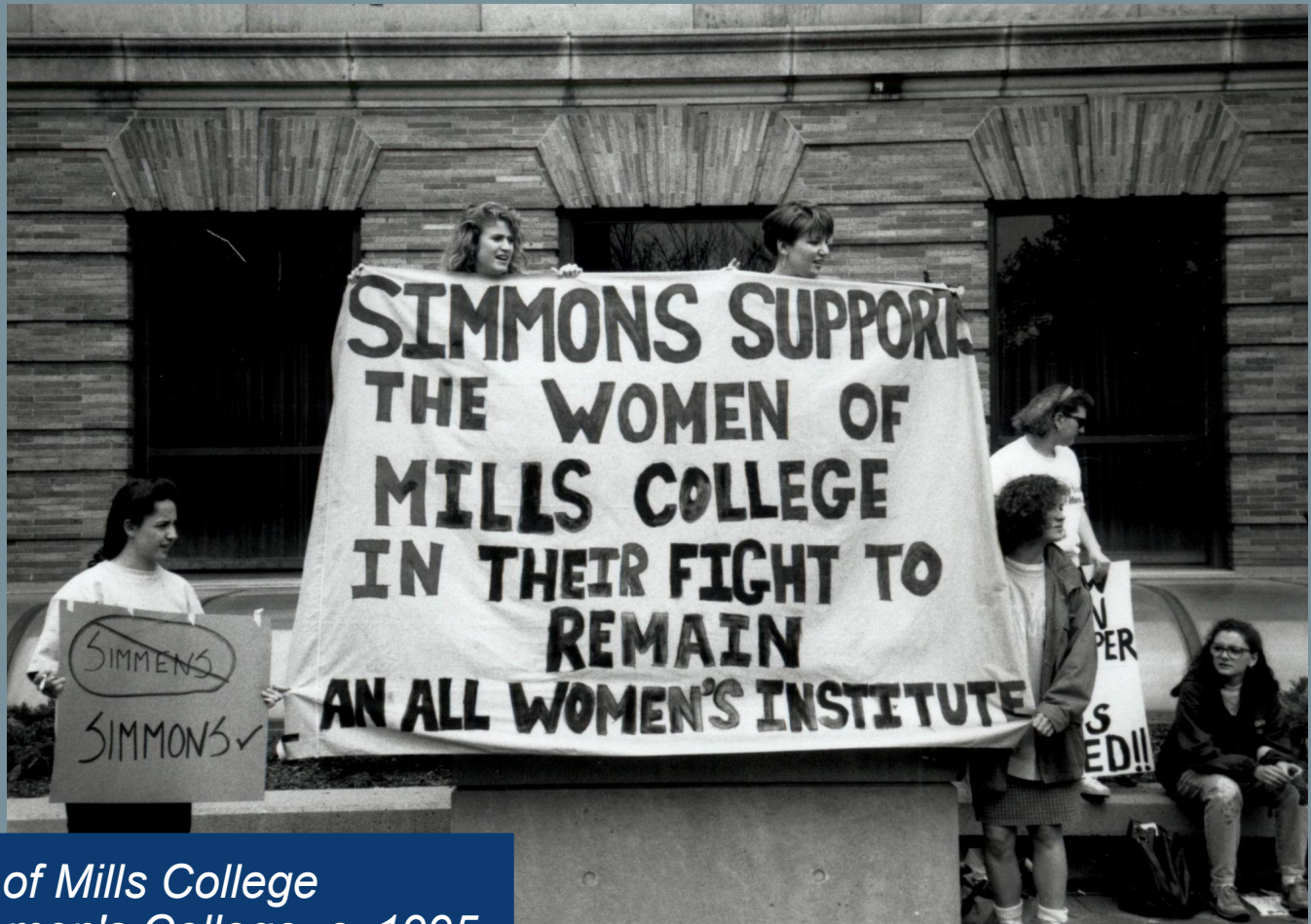


*Dr. Dorothy Boulding Ferebee '20, receives the first ever Alumnae Achievement Award, 1959*





*Senior Awards Dinner, 2016*



*Rally in Support of Mills College  
Remaining a Women's College, c. 1995*



*Student in front of MCB, 1905*





*Orientation, c. 1985*



*Holmes Sports Center Under Construction, 1987*



Reunion 1986





*Janet Gebauer '55, Brenda Lind '67, Christine Bongiorno '71 and  
Professor Alicia Faxon, Hartford Simmons Club May Day Brunch, 1994*



*Spring Carnival, 2013*





*Barbara Tomorowitz '79, Carolyn Field '38, Linda Greenberg '92,  
Susan Garber '67, Fatina Grady '74, and Jean Wyeth '44; November 17, 1992*





*Students with Bike, c. 1975*



*Class of 1971, Reunion 1986*



*MCB Lobby, c. 1978*





*Students on MCB Construction Scaffolding,  
c. 1979*



*Alum Gathering, 2015*



*Bake Sale Outside Bartol, c. 1975*





*Winona Ryder and Denise DiNovi '77, c. 1990*



*Casino Night, 1975*



*Graduation, 2024*





*Sunny Day on the Quad, c. 1975*



*Zenaida Peterson, Student Speaker, Graduation 2015*



*Students on Res Quad, c. 1970*







*Elaine McCarthy '76, posed with MRI Machine, 1999*



*MCB Patio, c. 1975*





*Carol Hirsh '86, at Graduation*



*Class of 1917, Reunion 1942*

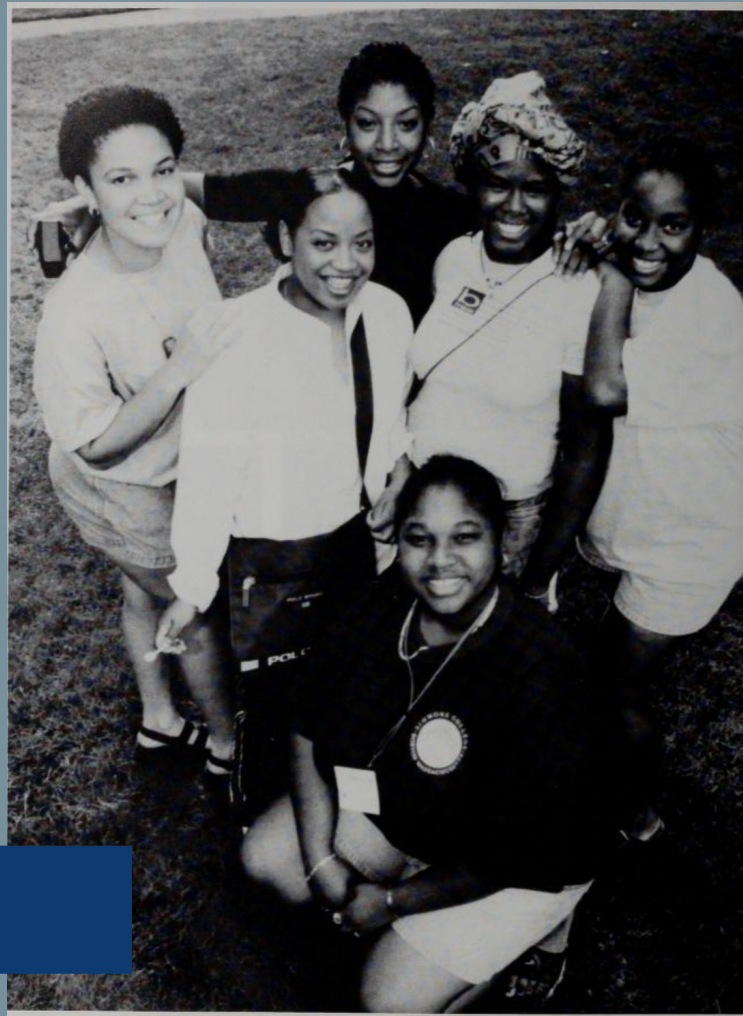


*Students in Shorts, 1985*





*Class of 2015 become Alumnae/i!*



*Orientation, 1999*



*Student Award Winners, 1961*

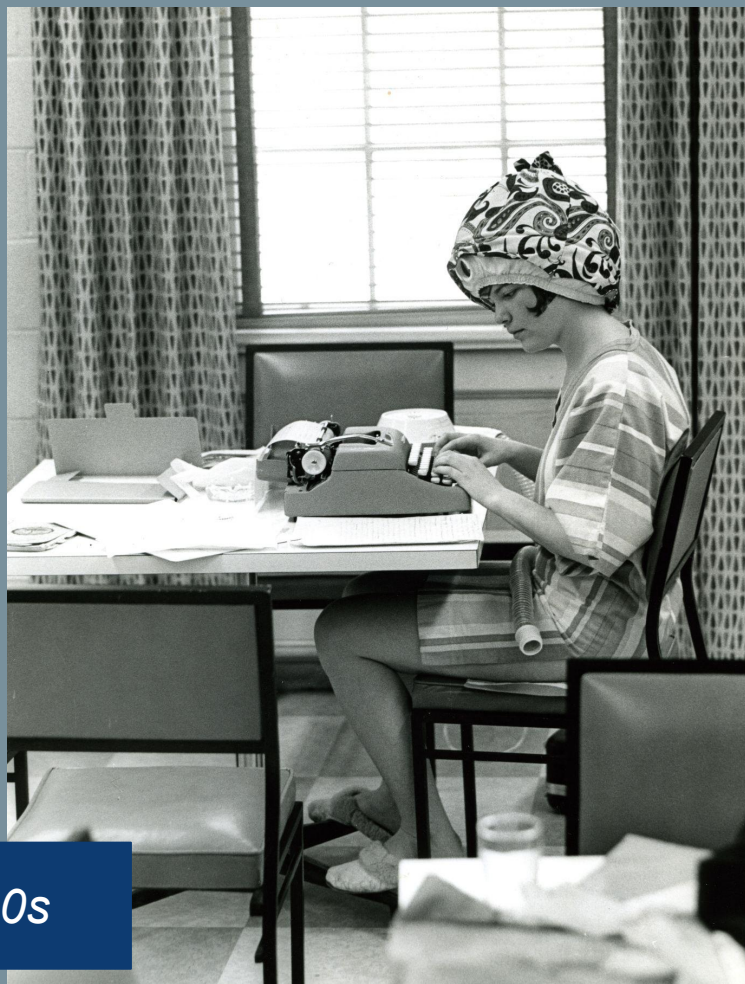




*Barbara Lee Fellowship Kickoff Event, 2025*



*Domestic Arts, c. 1910s*



*Multi-tasking, c. 1960s*





*Simmons Crew, 1985*



*MFA College Night, 2023*





*Linda Kotzen Paresky '64, with  
Marion Alcott '19, c. 1964*





*Students outside Bartol, 1982*



*Students with President Drinen, 2012*



*Shirley Chisholm on the Res Campus, 1977*





*Student Reading in Dorm, 1968*



*Tampa Bay Simmons Club, 1995*



*MCB Steps, 1949*







*Class of 1906, Reunion 1931*



*Move In Day: 1970s, 1990s, 2010s*



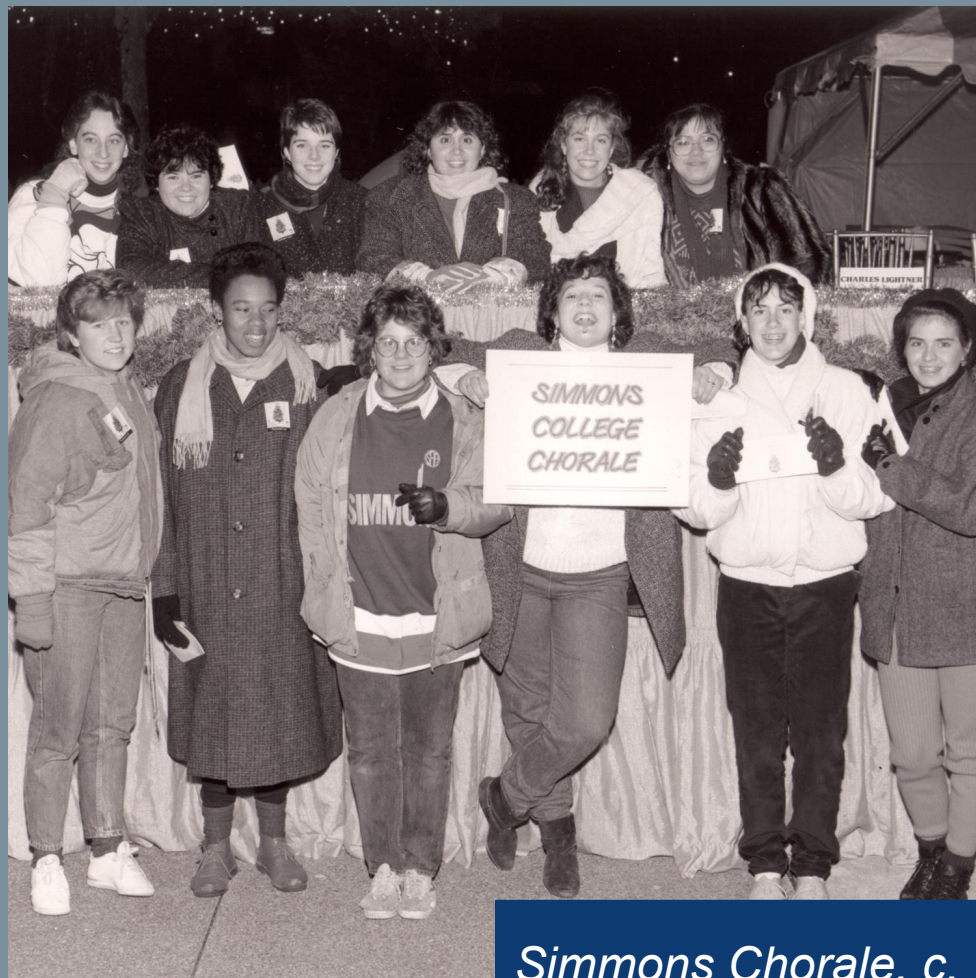


*Discussion, c. 1970s*





*300 The Fenway, c. 1955*



*Simmons Chorale, c. 1980s*



*Priyal Goyal '14, Ahalia Persaud '14,  
Winter Wonderland 2014*





*Studying the Cafeteria Menu, c. 1950s*



*Tug of War, c. 1980s*



*Leadership Award Winners, 2015*



*Supervising Construction of  
Simmons Hall, c. 1957*





*Reunion, 1990*





*Candle Lighting, Welcome Weekend 2021*





Students, 1970s



*Students on Res Campus, Fall 1982*





*Alumnae president Ellen Keegan Doyle '15, presenting Scholarship Award to Adele Cohen Goldstein '55 and Honor Award to Linda Sprague '55, 1954*





*High Five from the 2014 OL's!*



*Candid, 1994*

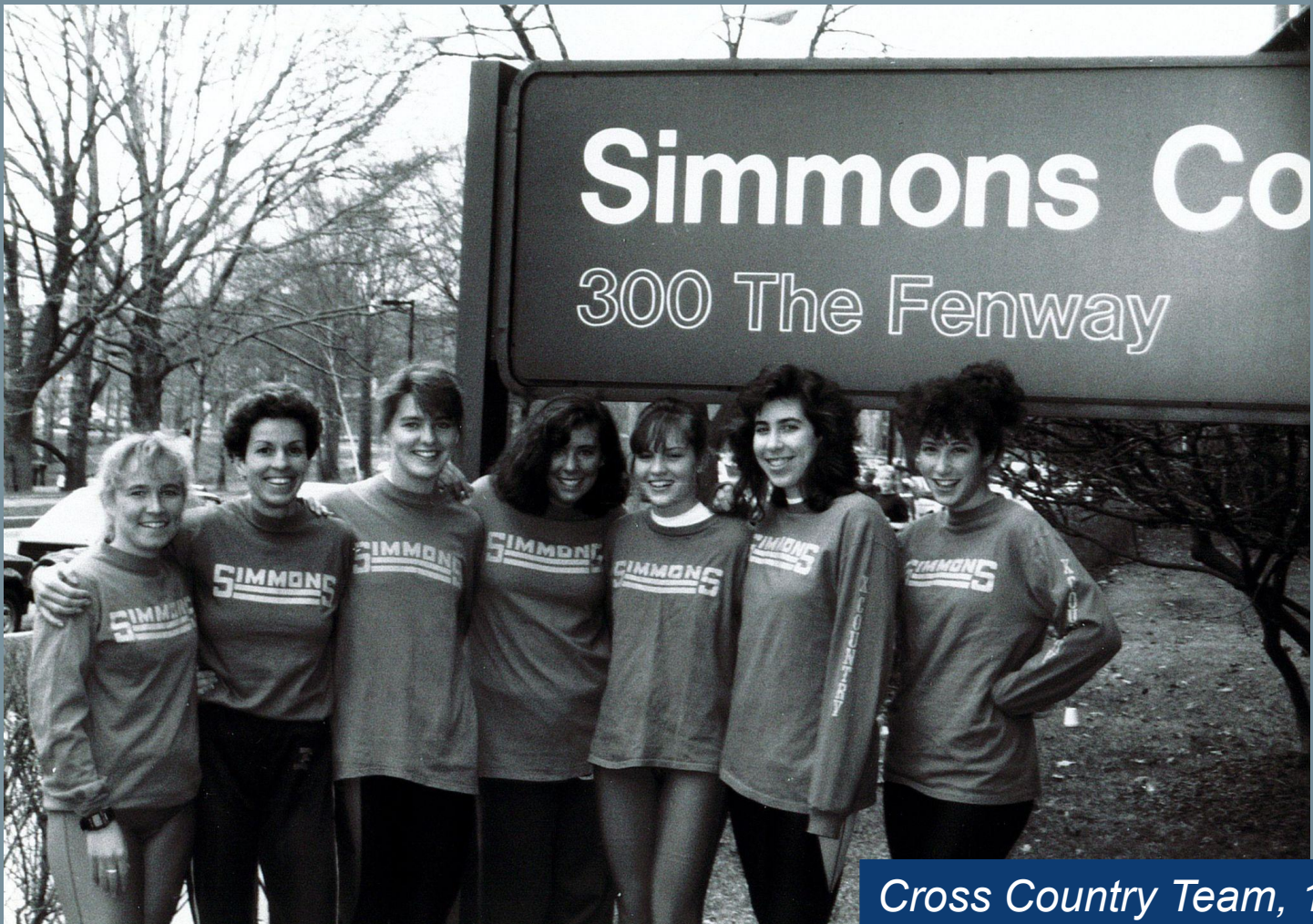


*Parasol at the Daisy Chain, c. 1960s*





*Students in Costume, 1920s*



*Cross Country Team, 1990s*





*Fall Fest, 1984*

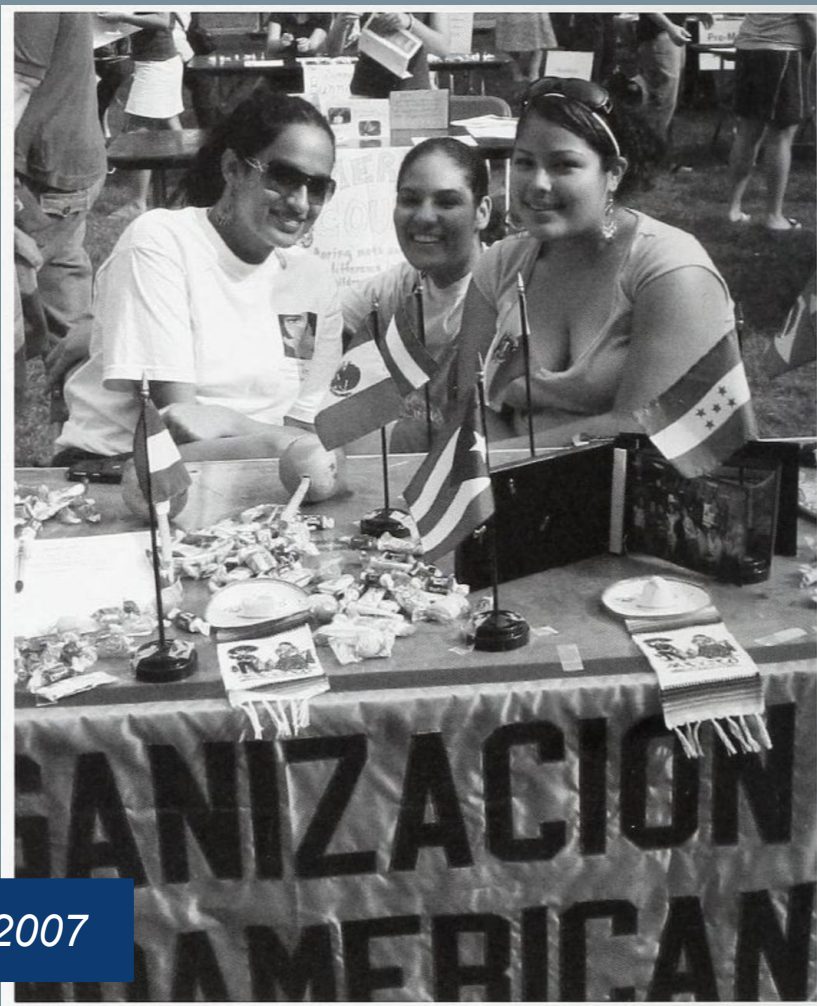




*Wall of Positivity, 2018*

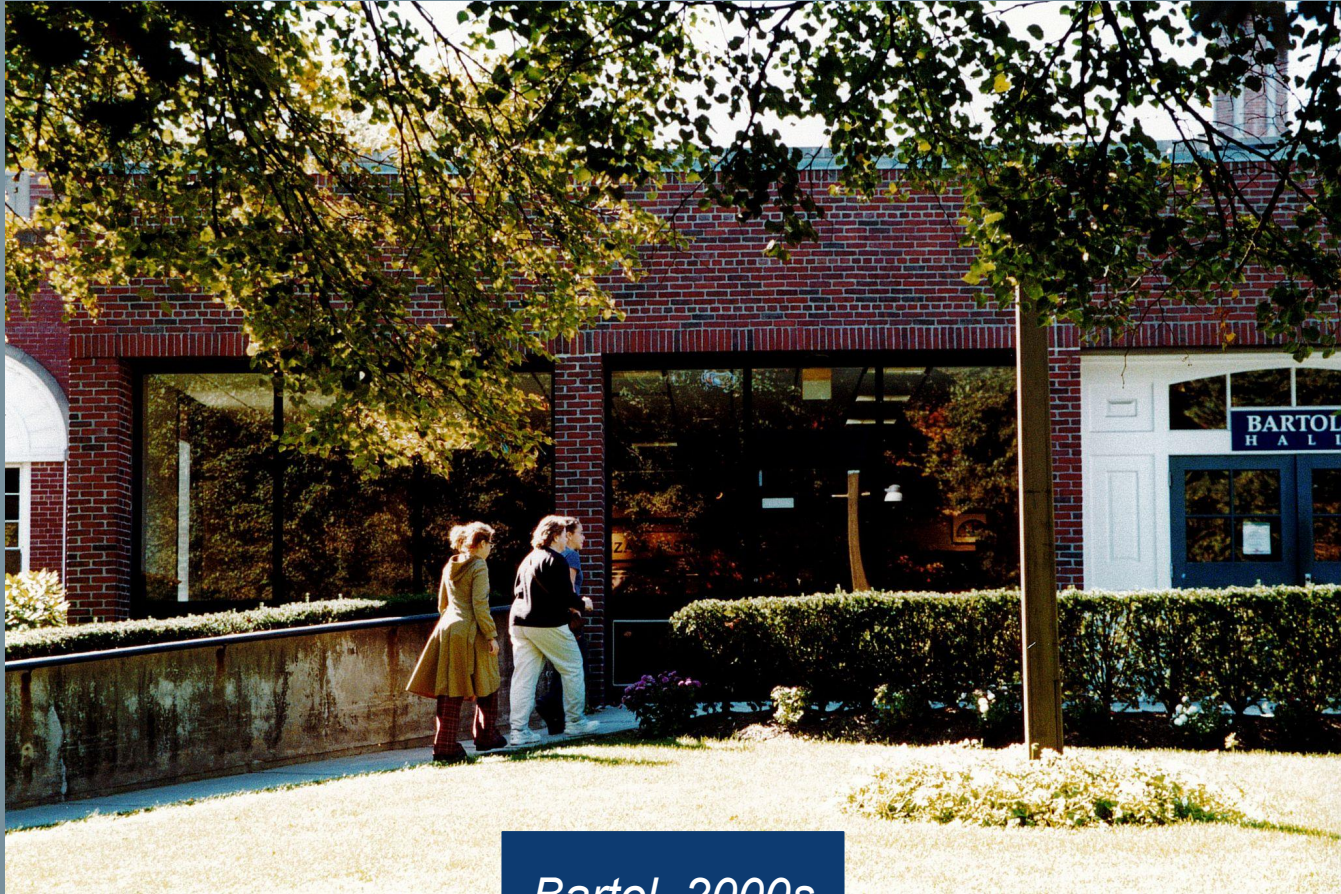


*Notable alum Ruth Leonard '28 with  
Audrey Fredette '83, c. 1995*



*Organización Latino Americana, 2007*



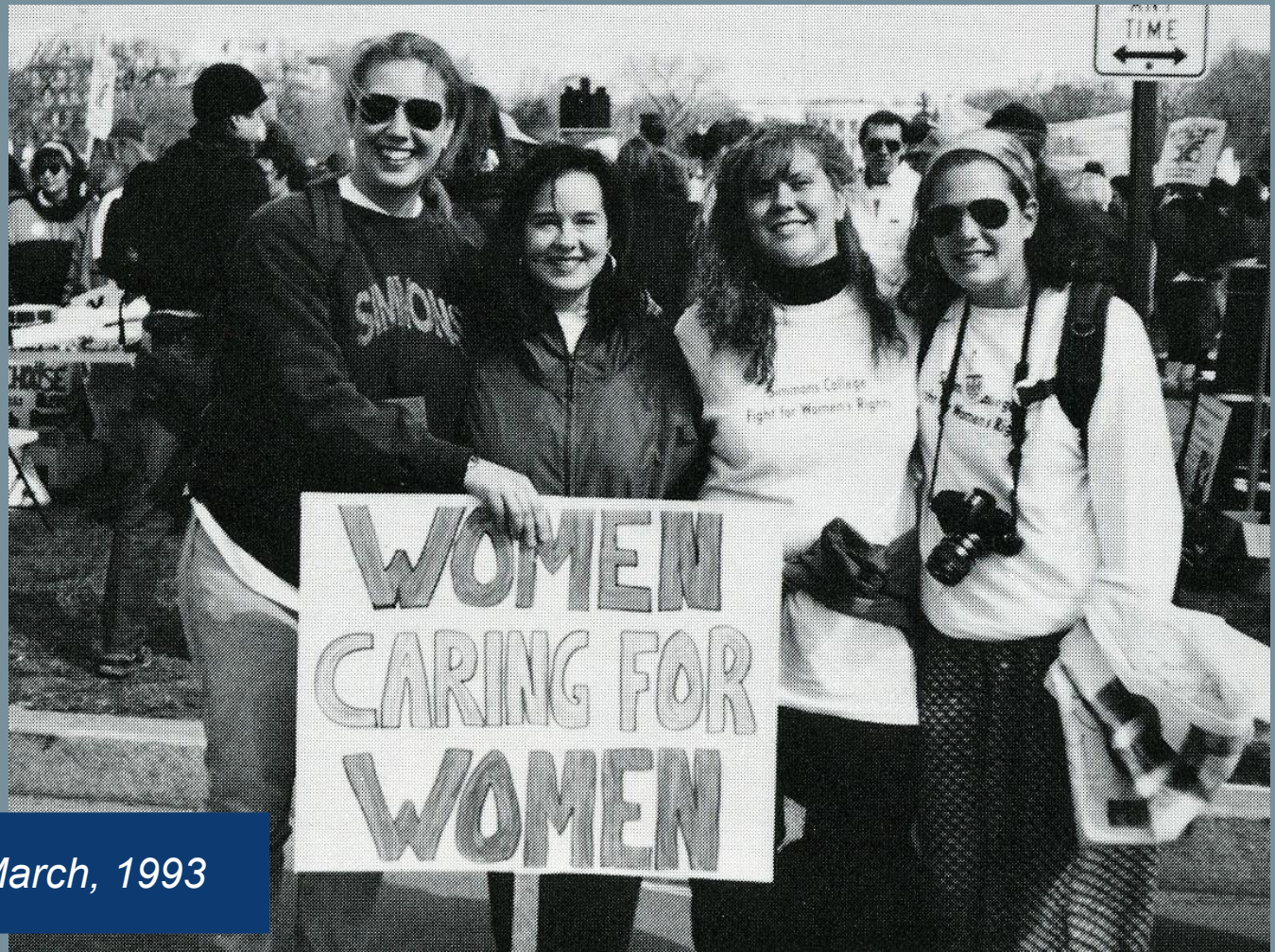


*Bartol, 2000s*



*Physics Students, c. 1945*



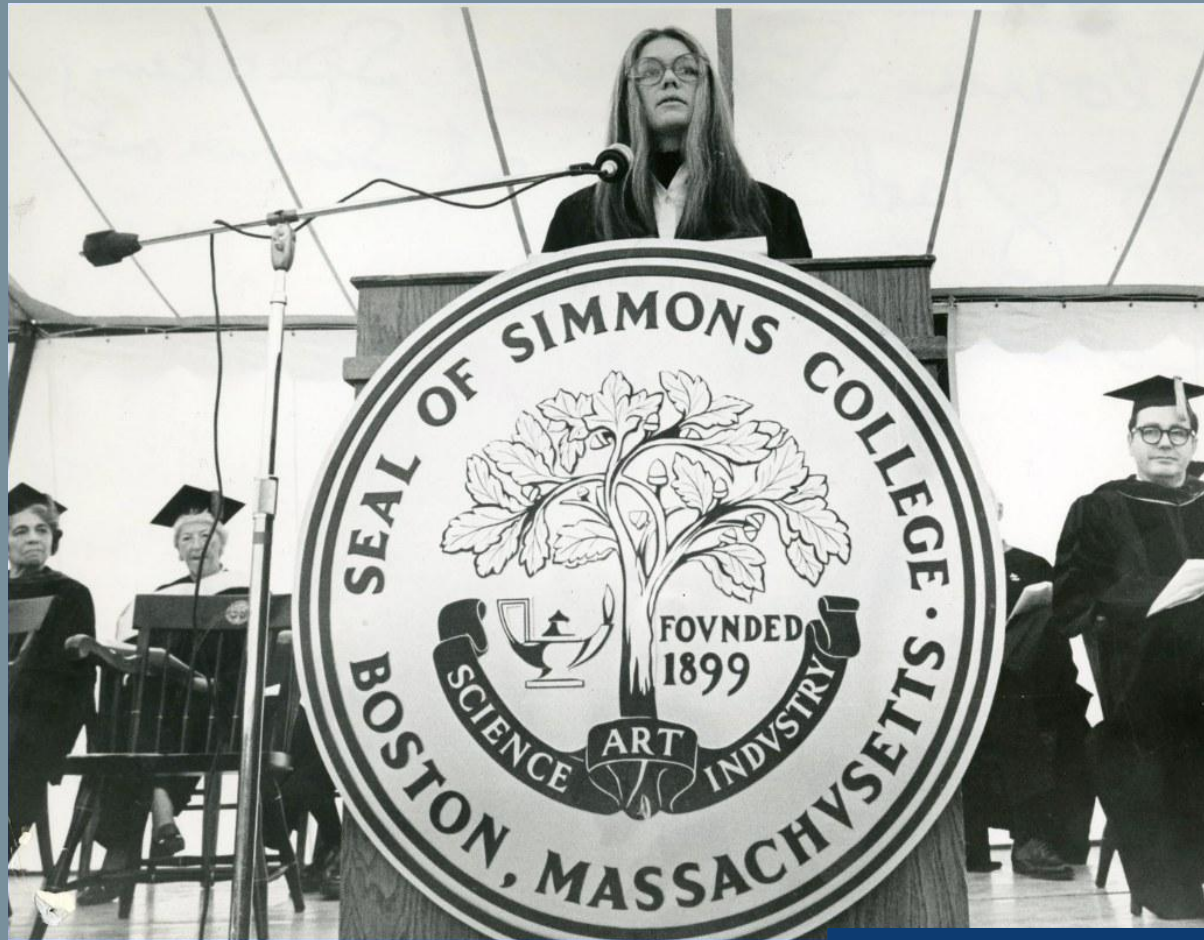


*Women's Rights March, 1993*





*Grads, 1990s*



*Gloria Steinem at Commencement, 1973*



*Singing on WRUL, 1940s*



*100th Anniversary, 1999*





*Alternative Spring Break, 2014*



*Sheila Sennett '63, dancing at the  
Christmas Cotillion, 1962*



## GWEN IFILL

*A Life of Purpose*

Best known as a successful and much admired television news anchor, Gwen Ifill launched her career here at Simmons, where she majored in Communications, wrote for student publications, and interned at local newspapers.

A black woman covering politics, she often found herself overturning stereotypes and breaking new ground. She encouraged the next generation of journalists, advising, "Learn lessons from the people who are willing to help and ignore the haters."



**WORDS  
HAVE  
POWER**



*Gwen Ifill School, 2018*



*Silence! Genius at work!*

*Yearbook Direction, 1945*



*Convocation, 2015*





*Loraine Trotter '83, Cheryl Miller '81, and student, c. 1985*



*Grads, 2021*





*Original Library, 1930s*





*Trustman Art Gallery, 1984*



*OLs, 2015*



*Simmons Snowblob on the Fens, c 1950s*





*Library Studying, 2013*



*Basketball Team, 1913*



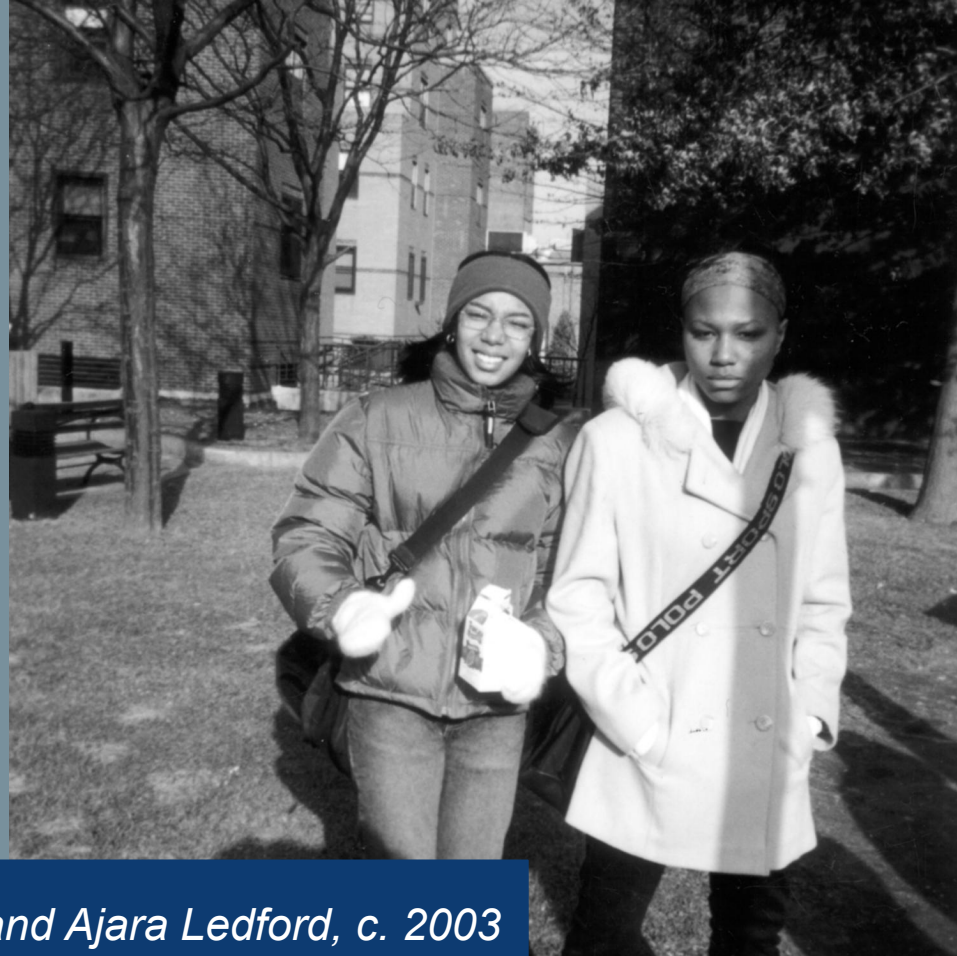


*Academic Quad, 2022*

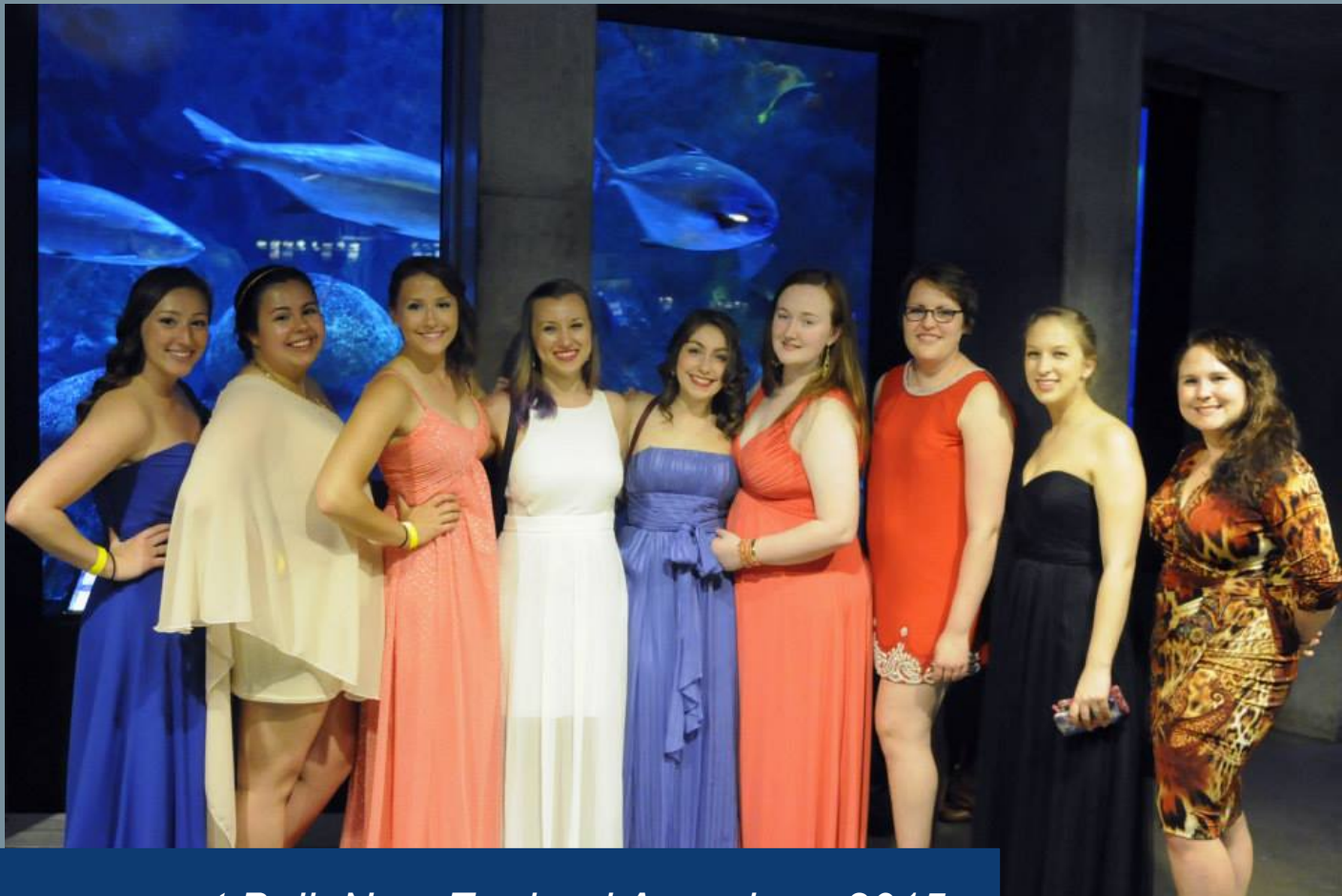




*Securing the Cap, Graduation, 1970s*



*Tonika Claiborne and Ajara Ledford, c. 2003*



*Commencement Ball, New England Aquarium, 2015*





*Beverly Seymon '61, and Kate Norris '61,  
looking at construction of Mesick Hall, 1960*



*1987-1988 Alumnae Fund Committee*



*Student selling pencils for the Endowment Campaign,  
Pencil Day, October 1921*





*New Science Labs, 2022*



*Students on MCB Front Step, 1947*



*Students in dorm, 1998*





*Art Students, c. 1979*



*Students heading to Bermuda for Spring Break, 1953*





*One Palace Road, 2021*





*Diane Franklin '69, president of the Black Students Organization, eulogizes MLK, 1968*



*Accepted Students Day, 2023*





*Jane Fonda Speaks on Res Campus, 1979*





*Res Campus, 2021*



*Sun on the Cupola, 1982*





*Microcosm Staff, 1956*

*Thanks to all Microcosm Staff across the decades, without whom this presentation would have been impossible.*



*AND THIS WAS THE LITTLE WORLD*

*of Simmons*