Business School's Brenda F. Wilson retires

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Mrs. Brenda F. Wilson, chairman of the University of Montana's department of Business Education and Office Administration, is retiring this spring after nearly 35 years of teaching.

The announcement came from Dr. James L. Athearn, Dean of the UM School of Business Administration. He stated, "Mrs. Wilson has built a strong department which has an enviable reputation throughout the Northwest. Her contribution to the program of the School of Business Administration and to business education in Montana is unparalleled."

Mrs. Wilson has been the chairman of her department since its foundation thirty-four years ago. Her primary research interests have been in the areas of business education and methods of teaching stenography and transcription. Her monograph entitled "Tentative Guide for Montana High Schools for the Teaching of Gregg Shorthand" was published in 1947 and distributed to all Montana business teachers.

Professor Wilson took her B.A. in business administration at the University of Montana, her M.S. in business education at the University of Southern California and additional work toward the doctorate at the University of Chicago and New York University.

She has taught in summer programs for business teachers at the University of Saskatchewan, the University of Washington and in Hawaii. Mrs. Wilson also initiated the visiting professor program in business courses at the University of Montana.
Aside from her teaching experience, Professor Wilson has worked for a number of business organizations including the Enterprise Sheet Metal Company, the Renwick Implement Co., the Abstract Title Company, the Montana National Bank and the Burroughs Adding Machine Company. She was Deputy County Clerk and Recorder for Yellowstone County for nine years and was also an assistant to the court reporter.

Mrs. Wilson is a charter member of the business administration honorary, Beta Gamma Sigma, and the business women's fraternity, Phi Chi Theta. She has served as membership chairman for the United Business Education Association, as well as for the National Business Education Association.

On the UM campus she has served on the Library Committee, the Social Standards Committee and was the adviser to Mortar Board, women's scholastics society. She is also a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma social sorority.