

## Social Science Division

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—Chairman—

By concentrating their inquiries on man in society the social sciences seek to transmit to the present and future the culture that has been inherited from the past. They investigate the origin and development of man's social, political, economic, religious, and other cultural institutions, study the social problems of the past, and prepare the student to understand and grapple with the social problems of the present. All of them consider man living and working and disagreeing with his fellowmen, from the remotest past to the contemporary scene; yet each has its own proper approach to the common goal, each makes its own specific contribution to an understanding of society. Each is necessary: a disregard for one will result in an incomplete or isolated view of man in society.

Sociology is the broadest and most general of the social sciences, covering as it does the whole range of man's social activity. But its emphasis is on the present. It offers the student an overview of human group behavior, leading to a better understanding of his culture, values, and norms, and the deviations which create social problems. It studies the theoretical bases of social behavior and supplies the means

and methodology for approaching the study of society. It seeks to develop a "marketable" person, who has been exposed to all facets of society by the time he has earned his degree. If he wishes to pursue graduate studies in this field, he can be presumed adequately prepared. At present the sociology major at Belmont Abbey College can choose either a general concentration or an urban studies concentration. The department hopes in the near future to expand the curriculum to include a concentration in law enforcement and corrections and a concentration in social work. The sociology student has the opportunity to see his field at work through research projects, attitude studies, and intern programs. He may work as an intern in local law and social service agencies, acquiring at first hand a reinforcement of the materials presented in the classroom.

Economics deals with man's efforts to satisfy his temporal needs by the production and distribution of goods and services. Three majors in this field are offered: economics, economics and business, and accounting. The first two are general, without specialized concentration. They prepare the student for graduate studies and

threshold positions in business management and government. The specialized accounting program prepares the student for the C.P.A. examination and work in the public accounting field. A developing program of full-time internship was inaugurated in the spring of 1972. It combines a work program with academic supervision and study. The intern receives full compensation from the sponsoring organization and is supervised by both the chairman of his major department and an officer of the organization. A part-time internship is functioning in the accounting major.

Political science investigates the origin, development, organization, and characteristics of political society in order to analyze and evaluate this facet of human life. Whether it is searching for a knowledge of the good life and the good society, or analyzing and applying political theory, or examining and elucidating the local, national, international societies into which men have organized themselves, this department strives to impart to its students an understanding of man's political life, facilitating their becoming not only better citizens but, more important, better human beings.

The liberal arts college must be interested in the whole man, and so the Department of Physical Education concentrates on his body and his physical health. At Belmont

Abbey College all freshmen take physical education activities for two semesters. The upperclassmen devote their energies to the acquisition of skills in at least two of the many specialized branches of athletics: such as badminton, tennis, golf, weight training, snow skiing, swimming, basketball, and volleyball. More important than the skills, however, is the discipline of team-work and the spirit of fair play.

Finally, history gives to the other social sciences the proper perspective for a better grasp of the past and of the contemporary scene. History observes the totality of man's past activity and provides the data for the other social sciences. While it studies the particular, they seek to generalize. History is one of the principal means for integrating all the liberal arts disciplines. It ties them all together and provides a knowledge of their several backgrounds, the course of their development, their interrelationships, and their contributions to civilization. More specifically, history makes the investigator aware of the civilization in which he lives, showing him how it came to be what it is. It exposes both the good side and the seamy side of that civilization and explains the efforts, successful or frustrated, to improve on the good and to remedy the bad. A survey of

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University. **Larry Donahue** teaches and is cross country and baseball coach in the North Providence (R.I.) School System. **Vernon Wilson** is painter-instructor at the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles. He and **Mary Dianne** have three children.

'59-- **Charles White** is vice-president of sales for Crescent Wallcoverings, Inc. in Atlanta, where he and **Gail** and their two children live. **Sam Fadel** is sales manager of Fadel's, Inc., a commercial food service equipment and supplies company.

'60-- **Ralph Cline** is with the U.S. Post Office in Gastonia. He and **Odies** have three children. **James Ormand** is a Major in the Air Force and chief of computer operations division (Hqds. PACAF), stationed at Hickam AFB, Hawaii. **Jim** received the BS in math from N.C. State University and his masters at Texas A&M. He and **Alicia** have three children. **Wriston Thompson** is sales and merchandise manager for J.C. Penney Co. in Anniston, Ala. where he and **Jeanette** and their three children live. It was good to see **John Barrett** when he visited the Abbey in October. He is a financial advisor in Miami. **John** received his masters in History at Barry College. He and **Peggy** have two children, **John**, six and **Anne**, five.

'61-- **Frank Halligan** is project engineer for optics with the U.S.

Navy in Annapolis, Md. **Carter Lofton** is a dentist in Charlotte, where he and his wife **Charlotte** (what kind of problems arise when your wife has the same name as your home town?) and their four children live. **James Sparrow** is salesman for Henkel-Harris. He and **Blanche** and their three children live in Winchester, Va.

'62-- **Robert Koehler** is president and secretary of Richard E. Frank Insurance Agency in North Providence, R.I. He and **Mary** have three children. **John McCormack** is administrative assistant to the superintendent of the Sayreville, N. J. School System. He and **Sandy** have two children.

'63-- **Andrew Munch** is an accountant with Price Waterhouse & Co. in Annandale, Va. He received his masters in business at Illinois State and is a Certified Public Accountant. **Brendan McLoughlin** is sales instructor with IBM in Richardson, Texas, where he and **Kathy** and their two children live. **John Pillion** is a real estate appraiser and broker with Albert M. Greenfield & Co. He and **Viviane** and their three children live in Gladwyne, Pa. **Richard Inman** teaches science in a junior high school in Warwick, R.I., where he and **Nancy** and their three children live. Congratulations to "Sam" and **Pat O'Leary** on the arrival of a baby girl on August 2. (This makes two boys and two girls). **Tom Barthel** is an instructor of English at Herkimer County

(N.Y.) Community College. **James Taylor** has accepted the position of food and drug inspector with HEW in Orlando, Fla.

'64-- Enjoyed the letter from **Bryan Cavan** bringing us up-to-date on his activities. After leaving private practice of law, he became assistant district attorney for DeKalb County in Atlanta. This summer he accepted the position of special assistant U.S. Attorney assigned to DALE (Drug Abuse Law Enforcement). He is with the regional office for DALE, which includes the Carolinas; so we hope to see him, **Cheryl**, and their two sons, **Michael**, 3, and **Sean Patrick**, 2, at Homecoming. **Brian McDonnell** is analytical chemist with American Cyanamid Co. He and **Barbara** live in Woodbridge, N.J. **Whitney Norton** is a yarn broker with Buckner-Howard & Co. He and **Donna** and their three children live in Buckingham, Pa. **Patrick Doherty** is a programmer for Fairfax County. He and **Sarah** live in Forestville, Md. **Bob Kelleher** is a dermatologist in the Army. He and **Mary** and their two children live in Augusta, Ga. received a card from **Dez Waters** who was Greece. He is now studying in Florence, Italy, and **the** and **Janice** have been touring Europe for thirty-eight days. **Thomas Cloninger** teaches in the Gaston County Schools. He has done graduate work in education at N.C. State University.

'65-- **Bill Dockery** is an at-

torney in New York. He received the J.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill. **Brenda (Gillespie) Husemann** and her husband **Dick** stopped by on their way to Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio. **Henry King** is a chemist with DuPont in Ann Arbor, Mich. **Alex Lalewski** is summer extension coordinator, social work, at Stanford Settlement House in Fair Oaks, Calif. **Mike Nestor** is office manager of Reynolds Metals Co. in Holliston, Mass. **Gene Miller** is a CPA in Charlotte and teaches part-time here at the Abbey. **Don Cresswell** received his masters from George Washington University and has done work towards the Ph.D. He and **Mary Ann** spent some time in Europe. **Don** is now back at the Abbey as Director of the Library. **Charles Hutchins** is a CPA, employed as controller of York Corrugated Container Co. in Rock Hill, S.C. **Glenn Boone** is an oceanographer in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Norfolk, where he and **Connie** and their one child live. He received the masters in oceanography from Old Dominion University.

'66-- **Frank Becht** is head of the physical education department and teaches at Hudson Catholic High School. He and **Loretta** and their one child live in Maplewood, N.J. He received the masters degree in business management at Fairleigh Dickinson U. **Ronald LeDonne** teaches in the Springfield (Pa.) School District. He received the masters in chemistry from the

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