



E. F. GALLAGHER II



JAMES G. BABB JR.

Annual Fund Underway

The 1977-78 Annual Fund Campaign was officially kicked off at a special combined meeting of the Board of Advisors and Board of Trustees held in the Abbot Vincent Taylor Library Thursday, Nov. 17.

Plans for reaching the \$300,000 goal were discussed. This amount is needed to balance the current operating budget of the College. The success of the Alumni Phon-a-thon was also discussed. It was noted that the Phon-a-thon exceeded its goal of \$15,000 (see Phon-a-thon article).

The general chairman of the 1977-78 Annual Fund Drive will be Dan C. Turner. Turner is president of the D.C. Turner Construction Co. of Charlotte.



DAN C. TURNER

His generosity to the College has been evident in the past, including the refinishing of the tennis courts.

Serving as chairman of the Board of Advisors in the Annual

Fund Drive will be Charles L. Grace, president of Cummins Carolinas, Inc. of Charlotte.

E.F. Gallagher, II, a 1931 alumnus of the College, will chair the committee respon-

sible for the Board of Trustees. Gallagher is chairman of the board of Good Will Publishers, Inc. of Gastonia. He has served on the board of Advisors at Belmont Abbey College for 18 years and is currently serving on the Board of Trustees.

Another alumnus, James G. Babb, Jr. (BAC '59) recently promoted to executive vice president of Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Co. in Charlotte, will be responsible for gaining the support of the corporations and foundations.

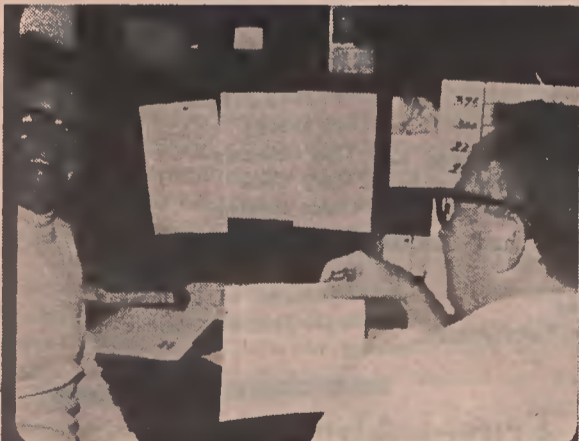
Dr. Kevin Soden (BAC '67) and his brother Brendan Soden (BAC '71) will serve as chairman and co-chairman of the Alumni Annual Fund Drive, which is already moving close to its goal.



DR. KEVIN SODEN



CHARLES L. GRACE



Frs. Martin and David are pleased with pledge.

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Raises
Over
\$17,000**



DR. BEN JUDKINS, Br. Gregory Corcoran, O.S.B., and Warren Clark discuss progress.

During the second and third weekends of November thirty-six members of Belmont Abbey College's faculty, staff, alumni and students engaged in the first Annual Fund Alumni Phon-a-thon at Good Will Publishers, Inc. in Gastonia. Thanks to E.F. Gallagher II, chairman of the board at Good Will, the

callers were able to use ten WATS lines in reaching the alumni.

The co-chairpeople for the Phon-a-thon were Mrs. Jane Freeman, librarian, and Mr. Jack Hanahan, chairman of the physical science division and associate professor of Spanish

and geology. The results were outstanding.

Two hundred eighty-one alumni pledged to this year's Annual Fund Drive. Their pledges already total \$17,705, and commitments continue to come in. The average pledge from the alumni was \$62. The

College is extremely grateful to all those who made Phon-a-thon pledges and also to those who mailed in their support to this year's Annual Fund Drive.

Our sincere thanks to all members of the faculty, staff, alumni and students who gave their time over the two weekends.

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much from him, for in my view, too many of them today seem to seek popularity with students, or at least try to find a *modus vivendi* with them by choosing the line of least resistance. Father Cuthbert truly cared for all those generations of students, and because he cared, he had the strength to be a stern but fair disciplinarian when discipline was clearly needed. By the same token, I know of no one who has helped in ways beyond telling countless students, as much as he did over so many years. He counseled them, consoled them, assisted them with their problems, both personal and academic; no one knows the hundreds of students who owe their college education to him, for he went out and begged or borrowed the money to keep them in college when their funds ran out. His deep love and caring for students is what won for him, first of all, their respect, which rapidly grew into devotion, and that is the reason why alumni who had received so much from him traveled from near and far to attend his funeral; that is the reason why glowing tributes to this man have been pouring into the College since the day he died.

A story that appeared a few years ago in *The Charlotte Observer* gives some indication of the kind of man he was and the caring for students that was as natural to him as breathing. A married student at the College had told Father Cuthbert of his problem of having to take care of his one-year-old baby while his wife worked. "How can I attend classes," he asked Father Cuthbert, "carrying my baby around?" "No problem," Father Cuthbert told him, "I'll take care of the baby while you attend classes." The picture of Father Cuthbert walking up and down the avenue with a big smile on his face, carrying the baby, provides for us an insight into the kind of man he was.

In summing up Father Cuthbert's life, it must surely be said that he spent himself utterly in the cause of Catholic higher education. In 1972 Pope Paul VI extolled the work of Catholic colleges and universities as the "pastoral ministry of thought" and a work that is "irreplaceable and urgent." Almost a half-century before the Pope made this statement, Father Cuthbert understood this and practiced this pastoral ministry of thought through his work in Belmont Abbey College.

His total commitment to this "irreplaceable and urgent" work and his daily dedication to it were generated by his deep faith in the Christian Gospel, the Good News that teaches us the true meaning of our lives on this earth. Consequently, Father Cuthbert lived a life that was full of meaning and purpose, and to those who stood by his bedside at 9:40 p.m. on December 1, 1977, his beautiful and peaceful death reinforced their conviction that the Good Lord Himself has given Father Cuthbert Allen the greatest of all accolades, the accolade which all of us still here on earth pray and work for: "Well done, good and faithful servant."