

Phone-A-Thon Brings \$21,387 In Pledges

The Alumni Annual Fund Drive got off to a blistering start during the second and third weekends in November as the Alumni National Phone-A-Thon was conducted. Thirty-four members of Belmont Abbey College alumni, faculty, staff and student body combined talents to partake in a very successful project. Thanks to Mr. Edward F. Gallagher, II, Chairman of the Board at Good Will Publishers, Inc. the callers were able to use ten WATS lines in reaching the alumni.

Jay Briody, alumni director and associate director of development, directed this year's phone-a-thon. Warren L. Clark, vice president for institutional advancement and director of the centennial phone-a-thon and last year's alumni phone-a-thon, aided

Briody in the project.

"Chic Clark was our specialist on the \$40,000 Challenge" joked Briody. "This year there was an added twist in the phone-a-thon. Two Board of Advisor members agreed to match dollar for dollar any new or increased gifts as an incentive for the alumni to support the Annual Fund Drive.

"Explaining the Alumni Challenge on the phone was a little difficult," said Briody, "but everyone caught on after while. I had to chuckle when I would hear the callers explaining if you gave \$50 last year and give \$75 this year..."

Briody feels the \$40,000 Alumni Challenge will help to involve more alumni. "People want to join together and accomplish something and our alumni are no exception."

Three hundred and fifty-eight alumni pledged to this year's Annual Fund Drive during the phone-a-thon. Their pledges totaled \$21,387. Of this \$21,387, \$17,039 were new or increased gifts. Because of the Alumni Challenge this \$17,039 is to be matched. Thus our total was \$38,426. Adding the matching company gifts of \$2,112 (of which \$1,834 are also matched), the grand total for the two weekend phone-a-thon was \$42,372! The College is extremely grateful to all those who made phone-a-thon pledges and also those who mailed their contributions to this year's Annual Fund Drive.

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



Fathers Raphael and Martin check the thermometer and discuss the results of the second weekend of the phone-a-thon.



Professor Jack Hanahan shows signs of fatigue during the final day of the phone-a-thon.

Joseph Michael Graham FACULTY FOCUS

by SANDY SCALES

Joseph Michael Graham, chairman of the accounting department, has been a faculty member since 1972. He has also served as assistant business manager and chairman of the social science division during his tenure at the College.

An Abbey graduate in 1971, he was certified as a public accountant in 1972, and in 1974 was awarded a Master's degree in business administration from Winthrop College.

Born and reared in Lincolnton, North Carolina, Joe and his three brothers played baseball and football with the neighborhood boys. His high school pastimes included various sports and drama. He was a good student, attested to by his membership in the National Honor Society, with a concentration of his courses in the mathematics area.

For three summers Joe reached Little League Baseball. Another summer spent working four hours a week in a textile mill convinced him of the importance of higher education as a means of attaining the career desired.

Joe attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, then Belmont Abbey College. A first list student, he was a member of a national social science honor fraternity, Pi Gamma Mu, and a social fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon. A member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the North Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, his accounting experience includes position as staff accountant at a CPA firm in Charlotte,



Do you remember him as student, alumnus, faculty member, assistant business manager, chairman of the social science division, or chairman of the accounting department?

Conrad, Huey, East and Company, and one as a senior accountant for G.A. Miller, also of Charlotte. These years in the business world were not totally satisfying, and Joe came to the decision that he would prefer to devote his energy and talents to teaching. A position at the Abbey became available and he decided to take it. Generally, he has been "very happy here."

The Abbey has benefitted tremendously from Joe's hard work and dedication. The first two years he taught here, he also served as assistant business manager. In 1975 he was appointed chairman of the department of accounting, in 1977 he was elected chairman of the social science division, and in 1978 he was granted tenure. He is a dedicated educator who always puts forth a lot of time

and effort for the benefit of his students.

Here at the Abbey, the words "accounting" and "Graham" are synonymous, and for good reason. Passing a course with him requires a lot of hard work. A consistent, concise and fair teacher who is always willing to help, he is well liked by the students. He finds teaching at the Abbey to be extremely rewarding, especially the association with students. He feels the ability of the Abbey "to provide the excellent combination of an accounting degree within a liberal arts background which offers the student a wide range of career opportunities" to be one of the school's finest points.

At home he enjoys music and photography. Preferring the creative sounds of the 1960's era, Joe himself even plays a bit of keyboard now and then for his own personal enjoyment. He has two boys, Charlie, three years old, and Kevin, eighteen months. Anne, his wife, is an Abbey graduate with a political science degree. The Grahams live in Gastonia.

Are You Involved in Church Ministry?

Belmont Abbey College has much to be proud of when it comes to our alumni. Many of them are doing very well in their chosen fields, and many are also involved in their community.

It has been mentioned that there is a large number of alumni involved in their church activities. The alumni office would like to have information concerning all alumni who are involved with their church. We would like to know if you are teaching CCD, serving on the church council, serving as an usher or serving in any other capacity. Please complete the form and mail it immediately to the Alumni Office, Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N.C. 28012.

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