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### 200 Attend

# Alumni Weekend 1979



The highlight of the weekend was the Alumni Banquet held on Saturday night in the college's dining hall. The reunion classes were honored, and Dr. Gilbert Farley and Mr. J.P. Smith were presented plaques in commemoration of the scholarships set up in their honor.

The Belmont Abbey College Campus was bustling with activity during the weekend of March 30, 31 and April 1, as nearly two hundred alumni and friends attended the activities of Alumni Weekend 1979.

The festivities began Friday evening with an informal welcome which was co-sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Alumni Association. The party was held in the Piedmont Room of the Quality Inn Motel. Many local and out-of-town alumni reacquainted with old friends and classmates.

Saturday morning the alumni met with Father Tobin, president of the college, Harry Creemers ('74), director of admissions, and Jay Briody ('74), alumni director. During the informal meeting, Father Tobin updated the alumni on the state of the college, and the alumni were able to ask questions concerning many aspects of the college.

Among the many other ac-

tivities, Saturday afternoon featured an alumni basketball game between the class of 1969 and the class of 1974. The class of '74, with youth and bench strength, was confident prior to the game. However, the class of 1969 dominated the contest with speed and rebounding.

The evening activities began with a cocktail party in the Abbot Vincent Taylor Library. Following the cocktail party, the alumni banquet was held in the college dining hall. Following a delicious dinner, Jay Briody welcomed the alumni and friends, and Father Tobin also addressed the guests. While the guests sipped after-dinner liqueur (a tradition started by Fr. Cuthbert), Jay Briody introduced the reunion classes including 1974, 1969, 1959, 1954, 1949 and 1939. Bernard Doris ('29) from Augusta, Ga., celebrated his 50th anniversary.

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## BAC Up For Alumni Award

Belmont Abbey College has been named a finalist for the U.S. Steel Awards presented by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education for alumni giving programs.

From a telegram received April 12, 1979, Jay Briody, alumni director and associate director of development, quoted, "Your institution has been selected as a finalist in the Alumni Giving Incentive Awards Program Improvement Category. Now in its 21st year, the program is sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education with a grant from the United States Steel Foundation. Up to \$60,000 in awards will be presented this year for distinguished achievement in alumni annual giving." This telegram closed with "Congratulations on your excellent alumni giving program."

Information requested by the Council is due May 11, 1979. Briody believes the awards will be announced this summer. The award is for the

1977-78 Alumni Annual Fund to which the Belmont Abbey alumni contributed \$22,256. 19,500 colleges and universities report their results and the Council names the finalists from these documents.

"Of course we don't think of these awards during the year," said Briody. "We are carrying out these programs for the good of the institution, and that is the reason the alumni support the Annual Fund. This award is just icing on the cake. It is a tribute to the alumni; they are the ones who made this possible!"

With the 1978-79 Annual Fund at \$33,000 as of April 1, 1979, there is a good chance this year's Alumni Annual Fund could double its 1978 figure before the May 31, 1979 deadline.

"There is a good chance we could reach \$44,000," observed Briody. "U.S. Steel can forget the telegram next year," joked the alumni director, "They can just send the award!"

## Harry Creemers Promoted To V.P.

Father Neil W. Tobin, president of Belmont Abbey College, has promoted Harry P. Creemers to the position of vice president for institutional advancement at the college effective June 1, 1979.

Upon making the announcement, Fr. Tobin stated, "It is especially gratifying to promote both an alumnus and an administrator on our staff and to realize that his personal and professional qualities will continue to enhance our community."

Creemers, a 1974 graduate of B.A.C., returned to his alma mater in January 1977 as the director of public relations and alumni affairs. Since June 1977 he has continued at the college as director of admissions.

Prior to his return to B.A.C., he was the communications director of the Diocese of Charlotte and business editor of "The News," a morning daily newspaper in Lynchburg, Va. In his new position,



Harry P. Creemers

Creemers will be responsible for the external affairs of the college; secure financial support for annual operations, endowment and capital improvement; direct a development office, and supervise the directors in alumni, public relations, admissions, and athletics.

Creemers holds the B.A. degree in English from Belmont Abbey College and is currently enrolled in the Master of Urban Administration degree program at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Kiwanis Club of Belmont and chairman of the club's Youth Organizations Committee. He is also a member of the Charlotte Public Relations Society and a former member of the Greater Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce.

In 1977 he was nominated to Outstanding Young Men of America.

Creemers and his wife, Martha Groblewski, live at 432 Sinclair Street, Gastonia.

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