

From The President's Desk

One of the goals I set for my presidency was to gather a community of planners to develop long-range plans for Belmont Abbey College. The realization of that goal began on 14 February when Brother Gregory Corcoran, O.S.B., Mr. Warren Clark, Dr. J. Patrick Lee, Father Richard Burton, Mrs. Kathy Drumm, Father Lawrence Willis, O.S.B., Mr. Joseph Graham, Dr. Francis Murray, Dr. Monica Minton, Mr. David Gilliken, and Mr. John Maresh met under my chairmanship to undertake long-range planning for the College.

Our process originated in a study of the historical trends as we simply asked ourselves what were the widely accepted convictions—not subject to further debate—which guided the College in the past and which provide a foundation for the future. This took us back to our roots and resulted in a statement of institutional beliefs. I wish to share those beliefs as we have presently stated them:

We believe:

1. In the value of the Christian message as proclaimed by Christ and as embodied in the Catholic tradition.
2. In the value of the Benedictine way of life and learning, including stability, community, hospitality, adaptability, and the preservation and communication of culture.
3. In the value and inherent dignity of the person, both as an individual with inalienable rights and as a responsible member of society.
4. In the value of the person developing physically, intellectually, emotionally, socially, and spiritually, according to his or her potential.
5. In the value of the dual system of public and private higher education.
6. In the value of Catholic higher education.
7. In the value of Benedictine higher education.
8. In the value of coeducation.
9. In the value of liberal arts as the essential and of professional studies as the complementary com-



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ponents of education.

10. In the value of an academic community composed of monks, priests, sisters, laymen, laywomen from various faiths, races, and ethnic origins.
11. In the value of a faculty committed to excellence in teaching and to the scholarship and research necessary for effective teaching.
12. In the value of service to the local Catholic Church and to other faith communities.
13. In the value of service to the local civic and

business communities.

14. In the value of fiscal responsibility demonstrated by efficient use of resources and a balanced budget.

Our long-range planning committee would appreciate your reactions to this list of institutional beliefs. It is the very foundation stone of our planning process.

Next the committee will direct its attention both to the mission statement, which gives the broadest, most comprehensive statement of continuing purpose, and to a list of the major functions of our College.

In the second step of our planning cycle we will describe our resources and our constraints: the organizational chart which delineates authority, responsibility, accountability, and communication, the basic operational policies which are an internal constraint on our mission, our strengths and weaknesses, extrinsic environmental factors which are beyond our control and influence our operation, and assumptions which must be taken for granted in planning.

Then we will formulate the goals and objectives for the College. Existing data will then be used to establish trends and to identify gaps between our goals and our present trends. In the final stage our committee will design strategies, programs, and actions along with resources to bridge the gaps between projected goals and present trends.

The long-range planning cycle is an extended one, but it does cause the College to focus on its development in an orderly fashion. We will keep you informed as our committee moves through its work. We ask your prayer and concern for the success of our institutional planning.

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 President

Abbey People On The Move

Fr. John Bradley, provost, has been named to the Board of Directors of Contact, a 24-hour telephone service in Charlotte. Trained volunteers provide an around-the-clock listening and counseling service for callers with various problems and needs.

A paper co-authored by **Dr. Mike McLeod**, assistant professor of biology, has been accepted for publication in "Taxon," a highly respected taxonomy journal. This paper will probably appear in print around August.

Dr. Michael Reidy, chairman of the department of recreation, had an article on "Belmont Abbey College's Intramural Orientation for Freshmen" accepted for publication in the "Journal of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation."

Dr. Bill Kirk, chairman of the department of economics and business, was selected to serve as a member of the discussion panel at the March 28 area meeting of the National Association of Electrical Distributors in Charlotte. The topic of discussion was "Warehouse Problems - Shrinkage, Organizing and Security." Dr. Kirk was accompanied by Ben Smith, Jr., an Abbey student major-

ing in distribution management.

Dr. Winslow Hartford, associate professor of environment science, was selected as the recipient of the 1979 American Wood Preservers' Association Award of Merit. The award was presented at the group's annual meeting in Colorado Springs, Col., April 14. Dr. Hartford also continues to speak to various groups in the area. He presented a seminar on "Thermodynamics, Economics and the Environment" for the chemistry department of the Citadel, Charleston, S.C., on February 22. And on March 5, he presented a lecture entitled "Science, Economics and the Environment" for the Chemistry Club of Central Piedmont Community College.

Dr. George Herndl, chairman of the department of English, served on the Visiting Committee to reaffirm the accreditation of Southern Benedictine College. Representing the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the 11-member committee visited the St. Bernard, Ala., campus April 14. Dr. Herndl was responsible for evaluation of the humanities area of

Southern Benedictine's academic program and served on the sub-committee for evaluation of the college's faculty.

Dr. Bennett Judkins, chairman of the department of sociology, and Ms. Robena Wertz, a senior sociology major, presented a paper they co-authored at the Southern Sociological Society Meeting in Atlanta on April 5. The paper was titled "The Struggle for Community in Public Housing."

Dr. Anselm Min, assistant professor of philosophy, presented a lecture on "Christian Theism and Process Philosophy: Are They Compatible?" at the Fourth James Montgomery Hester Seminar. The seminar, sponsored by the department of philosophy at Wake Forest University, was held on their campus April 5-6.

Father John Bradley, provost, was the keynote speaker at the 18th Annual Convention of the Carolina's District Circle K International in Charlotte on April 6. He presented his talk at the President's Honor Banquet on the topic of providing motivation and inspiration toward the dedication of young lives to helping their fellow man.



The alumni participants in the First Career Awareness Day were: front row (l to r), Robert Gallagher, Robert Healy; back row (l to r), Larry Hartsell, Ted Hawley and Robert McDonnell.

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The first Career Awareness Day, coordinated by the Alumni Association, the Office of the Academic Dean and the Office of Career Planning and Placement, was held March 7, 1979 on the Belmont Abbey College Campus.

With five alumni representing their career fields, students were able to hear presentations concerning careers in accounting, banking, insurance, law, sales and

marketing. The alumni gave overviews of their fields, the qualifications required and opportunities available. The students were able to ask questions following the presentations.

The alumni participants included Larry Hartsell ('70), Ted Hawley ('68), Robert Healy ('68), Robert McDonnell ('67), Robert Gallagher ('72).