

# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Professors across the nation have observed a decline in college students' ability to express themselves; this trend is verified in the steadily declining SAT and ACT scores of applicants to our nation's colleges. Belmont Abbey College shares in that national trend and, may I assure you, it concerns all of us here.

During last academic year Dr. J. Patrick Lee, Academic Dean, and the Academic Affairs Committee studied our curriculum in light of this national trend and proposed changes in the curriculum and in the requirements for graduation, which were subsequently approved by the Faculty, myself, and the Trustees. To qualify for the Bachelor's degree, all students entering in the fall of 1979 will be required to demonstrate effective communication in critical reading, in critical thinking, in oral expression, and in written expression. Most of our students will fulfill this requirement through the following courses:

1. College Reading, which will develop reading skills with special emphasis on vocabulary, analysis, and comprehension.

2. Critical Thinking: Basic Logic, which will study the various uses of language, good grounds for thought and action, sound and unsound arguments, logical consequences and logical proof.

3. Effective Speech, which includes the principles of public speaking, voice and speech improvement, analysis of model speeches, and oral interpretation.

4. English Grammar and Composition, which is being expanded from a one to two-semester course.

These communication courses will total fifteen credits.

Some of our freshmen who have excelled in high school will demonstrate competency in the various areas of communication through a program of testing during orientation; these students will receive credit, up to a maximum of fifteen. In order to accom-



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modate the additional requirements in the communication core, graduates of Belmont Abbey College will be required to earn 130 credits, an increase of ten.

Curriculum trends in general education across the nation are moving away from the academic smorgasbord of the last decade toward a more struc-

tured curriculum in general education, though less structured than the curriculum of the forties and fifties. Our College will join some prestigious institutions in that trend. In the Division of Humanities required courses will include **Introduction to Literature**, another literature course, two courses in philosophy, two in theology, and two other humanities courses from Fine Arts, Humanities, Languages, and Literatures. In the Division of Social Sciences six credits in the **Survey of Civilization** will be required as well as two other courses in social sciences. In the Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences requirements will be two science courses of which one must be a laboratory course, **College Algebra**, as well as one other mathematics course (**Advanced College Algebra, Trigonometry, Mathematics for Business and Economics, or Mathematics for Non-Science Majors**). There will be fifty required credits in the general education component of the curriculum.

The area of major concentration will be continued. The remaining of the 130 credits will be elective.

I am pleased with these curricular developments at our College. Our graduates will be well trained in the basics—the kind of education that has brought renown to Belmont Abbey College for a century.

Our curriculum changes were recently highlighted in *The Charlotte Observer* in an article, "Harvard Unveils Drastic Change Toward Highly Specific Courses." And so Belmont Abbey College quietly continues the Benedictine tradition which we have inherited from the monastic schools of Europe.

*Neil W. Tobin*

Father Neil W. Tobin  
President

## Has Anybody Here Seen...?

- 1902  
Cheek Jr., Aubrey K.
- 1903  
Edwards, Harry P.
- 1905  
Gaddy, John F.
- 1909  
Lockfaw, Daniel Alphonsu
- 1910  
Skeffington, Vincent T.  
Bunn, Peter H.
- 1911  
Bliley, Rupert H.
- 1913  
McCarthy, John F.
- 1914  
Henebry, George J.  
Seay Jr., John W.
- 1917  
Turner, Bernard L.
- 1918  
Gable, Rev. Charles J.  
Powell, Enslow A.
- 1920  
Hulcher Jr., Frank J.
- 1922  
Singleton, William A.  
Sottile, Nicholas J.
- 1923  
Leonard, W.
- 1924  
Oliver, John Ryan
- 1925  
Hagan, Patrick  
Urguiza, Charles
- 1926  
Dos Reis, Rev. Arthur C.
- 1928  
Dunn, Edward E.  
Wittaker, Jack
- 1929  
Whittaker, John K.  
Doran, Gordon W.  
Ciucevich, Frank N.  
Anthony, S.M.
- 1930  
Morse S D S, Aegidius  
Eberhardt, Edward  
Folin Jr., G.H.
- 1931  
Frierson, Norton A.  
Dunn, Francis  
McCanless, Robert Lee
- 1932  
Fitzgerald, John F.
- 1933  
Lawrence, F.

- Blackwelder, James W.  
Walsh, Robert E.
- 1934  
Stults, Clifford E.  
Kearns, Dennis J.
- 1935  
Tabet, William  
O'Keefe, Charles  
Atienza, Pedro  
Falls, Kenneth
- 1936  
Rockett, James E.  
Aguero, Jose  
Stant, F.T.  
Ballard, H.R.
- 1937  
Edwards, James A.  
Davidson Jr., William A.  
Borgher, Francis
- 1938  
Fisher, Reuben H.  
Adams, Robert
- 1939  
Martinez, Glenn David  
Decastro, Jose Fernando
- 1940  
Wheeler, Earl B.  
Mack, John Alien  
Moron, Antonio  
Rhyne, Robert C.
- 1941  
Weston, John Francis  
Cunningham Jr., Hoyt  
Smith, William Marshall  
Thornburg, Miles O.
- 1942  
Brown, Capt. Lawrence N.  
Moore, Charles D.  
Knable, Charles W.  
Johnson, J. Perry  
Cook Jr., Perry A.  
Piro, Eulogio  
Chiungas, Menelans J.
- 1943  
Samel, Harris M.  
Eppley, Jack H.  
Rhyne, John A.
- 1944  
Shoemaker, Melvin  
Braun, Robert F.  
Jumper, John M.  
Muldoney, Rev. Damian  
Johann, Rev. Christopher
- 1945  
Wolff, Quintin Z.  
McConnell, Harvey R.  
Baccher Jr., John Joe

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THE MORE ADDRESSES YOU SEND-  
THE BETTER YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING

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Deadline for addresses is October 1, 1979.

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**AUGUST 1979**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Lost Alumnus/Alumna: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1946  
George, Charles  
Healy, Andrew T.  
Edge, Harold F.  
Stowe, R. Alexander  
Mack, Lewis L.
- 1947  
Dunn, Dennis C.  
Watson, Robert Glenn  
Shelton Jr., Spencer M.  
Gardiner, Robert Coleman  
Martin, Ralph P.  
Birkner, Andrew M.  
McKoun, Philip  
Smith, Lincoln W.

- Hull, Robert H.  
Steele, Franklin A.  
Privatte, Norman L.  
Scott, John G.  
Roberts Jr., J.C.
- 1948  
Shaw Jr., Joseph S.  
Henebry, Hugh S.  
Bryan, Cody  
Clardy, Dalton B.  
Horton, Capt. L. Douglas  
Hughes, John A.  
Patch, Cephas T.  
Payne, David  
Howard, William G.

- Stowe, Don L.  
Fahey, Edward J.  
Barnard, Ralph
- 1949  
Graham, John F.  
Gallang Jr., James F.  
Knightly, John R.  
Alfonso, Pierre  
Byerly, Andrew J.  
Riba, Pablo  
McKinney, M.A.  
Abernathy, Troy
- 1950  
Handlon, Charles J.  
Dover, E.  
Toole, James R.  
Garmon, William P.  
Lominac, Ernest A.  
Jones, William R.  
Garza, Gabriel  
Barnette Jr., John G.
- 1951  
Noble, Charles  
Brown, Harry E.  
Stuart, David L.  
Purvis, Devant J.  
Searle Jr., Geo.  
Kennedy, William L.
- 1952  
Gibson, Douglas N.  
Martin, Pardoe M.  
Hendrix, Charles A.  
Brown Jr., Hugh
- 1953  
Shaw, Thomas L.  
Barton, Edward L.  
Moore, Silas A.  
Lingerfelt, Bobby Don  
Bager, Miguel  
Vesprille, Thomas J.  
Quigley, Thomas A.  
Eudy, Boyd Jackson
- 1954  
Forner, Herbert L.
- 1955  
Ros, James Patrick  
Hinson Jr., Claude Sims  
Cowan, Gaylord H.  
Donahue, Matthew Edward
- 1956  
Gnann, Van Clark  
Forbes, Robert H.  
Loftin III, Frank W.  
Burke, Thomas F.  
Connors, Capt. Jeremiah P.
- 1957  
Hand, Horace E.

- Handlon, Edward James  
Beckwith, Charles E.  
Harris, Bertie C.  
Lang, Ellery M.  
Underwood, Jack Ralph  
Gaetano, James Michael  
Armstrong, Louis W.  
Snock, Rev. Bernard C.  
Scott, Kenneth W.  
Evans, Peter Holton
- 1958  
Setzer, Joe Ross  
Ross, Michael  
Mashburn Jr., John D.  
Nulden, Ted W.  
Cornell-D'Echert, Blaise  
Avila, Richard F.
- 1959  
Ros, T. Rory  
Sutlive, Charles Edward  
Brown, Ronnie J.  
Wiley, Russell J.  
Harrington, Stonewall J.  
Neagle, Joe A.  
Collins, David Lawrence  
Medders, Ronald R.  
Godard, James M.  
Folsom, Herbert A.  
Littrell, William L.  
Cybrynski, Robert C.  
Rankin, William S.  
Malik, Charles  
Fadel, Sam  
Kennedy, Frank C.  
Kerr, William E.  
Dominic, Joseph
- 1960  
Mehle, James Joseph  
Long, Virginia B.  
Puskar, John Andrew  
Toole, David W.  
Tangredi, Albert J.  
Henson, Mary Catherine  
Davis, Charles M.  
Linn, John J.  
U'Ren, Stacy N.  
Gowen, Malcolm J.  
Fitzpatrick Jr., Thomas R.  
Gruenther, Alfred M.  
Holliday, James A.  
Kee, James Kelly  
Smith Sr., Andrew J.  
Hoyle, Leonard L.  
Cusick, Patrick A.  
Farrar III, Albert Austin

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