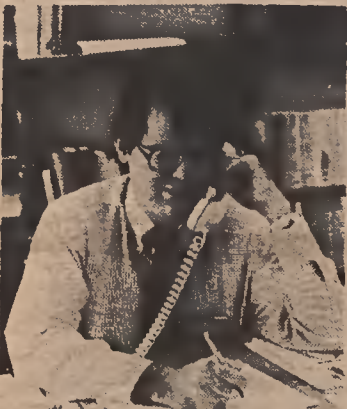


Meet Our New Faculty Members



Angela H. Blackwood
Instructor in Accounting
B.S., University of North Carolina at Charlotte
M.B.A. Candidate,
University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Mrs. Blackwood, who taught part-time at the Abbey last year, is now in her first year as a full-time member of the Department of Accounting. She was previously an accountant for the Duke Power Company (1977-79), an internal auditor for Colonial Acceptance (1974-76), and an accountant for A.M. Pullen & Company.



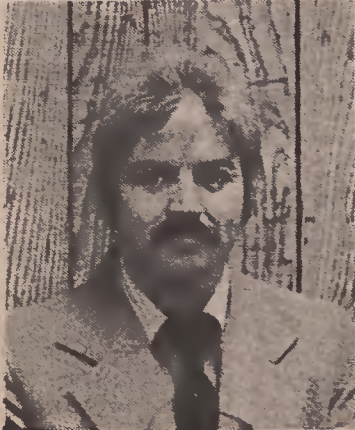
William Lee Gragg II
Reference Librarian
B.A., Hamilton College
C.P.L.F., University of Paris
M.A., M.S.L.S., University of North Carolina

For the past two years, Mr. Gragg served as a graduate assistant at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was pursuing his own education. His background also includes three years of teaching at the high school level.



Starline G. Judkins
Instructor in Mathematics
B.S.Ed., M.A.Ed., Western Carolina University
Mrs. Judkins has been actively involved in education for the past five years, first as a math teacher of gifted and talented students in Laurinburg, N.C.

(1974-75), then as a junior high school teacher in Hendersonville, N.C. (1975-78), and most recently as a teacher in the Alternate School Program of Gaston County (1978-79).



Dr. Peter Lodge
Assistant Professor of Sociology
B.A., Manchester Polytechnic, Manchester, England
Ph. D., University of Keele, Staffordshire, England

Although Dr. Lodge is now in his first year of full-time teaching at the Abbey, he was a part-time faculty member last year. Before coming to Belmont Abbey College, he taught at the Leek College of Further Education, Leek, Staffordshire, England; the Open University, Birmingham, England, and the University of Keele, Staffordshire, England.



Mr. Carl H. Van Orden
Assistant Professor of Business and Economics
B.S., Rider College
M.B.A., Fairleigh Dickinson University

A sixteen-year career in business and industry preceded Mr. Van Orden's entry into the field of education. Since 1974 he has served on the faculty of Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont, teaching in the Department of Economics and Business Administration.

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Donald E. Procknow (left), president of the Western Electric Co., Inc., and chairman of the Independent College Funds of America, talks with Carl Horn, Jr. (center), chairman of the Duke Power Co. and the Independent College

Fund of North Carolina, and Colin Stokes (right), former R.J. Reynolds Industries chairman and a vice chairman of the Independent College Fund of North Carolina.

Father Tobin Attends Annual Meeting of ICFNC

Father Neil W. Tobin, B.A.C. president, represented the College at the annual meeting of the Independent College Fund of North Carolina (ICFNC) in Winston-Salem.

Belmont Abbey College is one of 28 member colleges of the ICFNC. A total of \$1,154,054 was distributed among these colleges at the annual luncheon. Five hundred sixty contributors, who were responsible for another record year for the ICFNC, made this distribution possible.

More than \$15,500,000 has now been contributed to the member colleges through the ICFNC and the predecessor, the North Carolina Foundation of Church-Related Colleges which was organized in Winston-Salem in 1952.

Five hundred sixty-eight colleges and universities benefit from the cooperative fund raising activities of the Independent College Funds of America (ICFA). The ICFNC is one of 39 affiliated associations of the ICFA which had total contributions of \$27,267,653 during the year 1978.

Keynote speaker at the annual luncheon was the ICFA chairman, Donald E. Procknow, who emphasized that private colleges deserve the continuing support of business because they supply most of the nation's business leaders and represent one of the final safeguards of the free enterprise system.

"There is a unique and strong partnership between the private corporation and the private college," noted Procknow, who is president of Western Electric Co.

"Private industry and private education have been

described as two of the last surviving expressions of free enterprise in this nation," he continued. "Unless we can strengthen the partnership between the two, neither will survive."

Procknow said that a survey of 750 large companies in the U.S. revealed that 60 percent of their presidents had received their bachelor's degrees from private colleges, and that 72 percent of those with advanced degrees earned them at independent schools.

He added that an ICFA study showed that nearly half of private school graduates had either started upon or were planning careers in business.

"Independent colleges greatly widen the range of choice open to students and thus keep the country's entire system of education more responsive to individual needs," Procknow observed. "Private colleges provide competition to publicly financed schools, helping to keep that system alert and sensitive to change."

"To the degree that academic freedom is preserved in our private schools, it will be protected in our public schools as well," he added.

At the same time, independent colleges save taxpayers billions of dollars by carrying much of the educational load with little government support, Procknow pointed out.

However, "rising costs are making it harder and harder for the small private school to survive," Procknow said. He cited a survey that indicated tuition costs at private schools will increase as much as eight percent next year, "and that doesn't come close to matching the rate of inflation."

He noted that average tuition costs at independent colleges in North Carolina are over six times those of public schools. "Fortunately, thousands of businesses all over the state are actively supporting the schools in the ICFNC and helping to offset the cost of a private college education," Procknow said.

One North Carolina-based firm, R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., announced at the meeting that the firm is raising its contribution to the ICFNC from \$110,000 to \$300,000.

Colin Stokes, former Reynolds Industries chairman, said in presenting the grant that, "to maintain and strengthen our private higher educational system requires a better team effort between business and education. We in business need to increase our support of private schools, while you in education continue to train the next generation of young adults to become qualified leaders."

Procknow said that assistance from business-supported independent college funds in some 39 states and regions had helped private colleges raise necessary capital and prevented many schools from closing their doors. Within the past ten years, the number of colleges within the ICFA actually increased from 521 to 568, he stated.

"This is a real and vital partnership between private business and private education," he concluded. "We in business need private school graduates. Indeed, we depend on them. And the schools need us. They need our support; they need our business sense and experience; they need our jobs for their graduates."