



## Help Us Make It Through Our Second Century

To meet the Challenge of our Second Century we need your help.

The Benedictine Catholic tradition, justly renowned for its contributions to learning, continues to be the guiding force at the Abbey. Though we are dedicated as always to strive for intellectual excellence and the total development of our students as human beings, the progress of modern life presents also the challenge imposed by spiraling costs.

Belmont Abbey College is on record as one of the lowest-priced of the private church related colleges. Its financial aid to students is proportionately very high. The contributed services of the Benedictines, the custom-tailored aid packages from government and private sources, and careful attention to each student's individual needs are witness to the Abbey's desire to develop the best possible financial structure for deserving students.

This is one of the reasons why the Belmont Abbey College Centennial Fund campaign began this year. For the first time in the 100-year history of this institution we find it necessary to appeal to our alumni, our friends, our campus family, and individuals and business interests and foundations who recognize the worth of this College. There are other urgent needs also described in a booklet which is available upon request. Write or call the Development Office at the Abbey. 704-825-3711, Ext. 210.

Large Enough to Challenge  
Small Enough to Care

Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N.C. 28012

## Fr. Geyer Predicts Record Freshman Class in '76, '77

The fall of '76 may well see the largest freshmen class in the history of Belmont Abbey. According to Fr. Raymond Geyer, O.S.B., Director of Admissions, applications have increased from 9 percent from last year (367 out of 417 have been accepted). Fr. Geyer pointed out that the geographical distribution of the applications is similar to those of previous years with the largest concentrations of the applicants residing in the New York, New Jersey and North Carolina areas. As of the latest count, 215 room deposits have been received, those are

divided among 77 women and 138 men.

Geyer predicted a class of 250 freshmen and of that number approximately 100 of the students will be day students. However, an exact number is impossible to determine at this point, due to the fact that day students are not required to send deposit money.

Geyer stated that he was optimistic for the years ahead, and believes that within the next twenty years Belmont Abbey College will become the largest Benedictine establishment of higher learning in the nation.

## Humanities Division Receives Stipend Form N.E.H.

Belmont Abbey's Humanities Division has been selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities to receive a \$2,933 stipend. This grant is to be used for consultation purposes for the entire Humanities Division with particular emphasis in the English Department. Selection for the N. E. H. grants is extremely competitive, with only a small percentage of applicants actually receiving endowments.

The National Board of Consultants informed Mrs. Jean Moore, Chairman of the Abbey's Humanities Division, that the advising consultant will be Dr. Alan Weinblatt. He is from Massachusetts, and is a member of the English Department at Boston College.

Dr. Weinblatt is specialized in communication skills and his purpose at the Abbey will be to develop the inter-

## Ed Dowd Is New Chairman

Edward J. Dowd, Jr., of 5200 Rounding Run Rd. in Charlotte has been elected Chairman of the Board of Advisors of Belmont Abbey College. He is President of Central Piedmont Industries, Inc. Dowd, inducted into the Knights of Malta in 1973, one of the most prestigious international Catholic associations, has been on the Abbey's Board of Advisors since 1971, the last two years of which he served as vice-chairman.

Ed Dowd, well-known throughout the entire state of North Carolina, is Chairman of the State's Manpower Council, member of the American Society of Association Executives, and a fellow of the North Carolina Psychological Association.

James E. Hunter, also of Charlotte, President of Hunter and Walden Co., has been elected as vice-chairman, and Mrs. Mary Cook, executive secretary to the President of Belmont Abbey College, was re-elected as secretary of the Board.

disciplinary programs within social sciences and the humanities. This Division covers many fields of studies, including English, History, Political Science, Philosophy, Theology, and Sociology. The goal of this project will be directed toward the efficient use of resources available, developing laboratory program techniques and reviewing major programs to achieve cooperative planning among all the fields within the humanities division.

Dr. Weinblatt will make four visits to the Abbey between July 1976

and December 1977. During these visits, Dr. Weinblatt will be working specifically with Dr. George Herndl, Chairman of the Department of English, as well as other members of the department and the humanities division.

Within the English Department, Dr. Herndl has selected the following fields for review: English and American literature, literary criticism, aesthetics, poetry, philosophy and literature, freshmen writing programs, and the integration of interdisciplinary programs.

## Mark Your Calendar... for the CENTENNIAL HOMECOMING Friday, Oct. 1 & Saturday, Oct. 2

Reunion, Classmates, friends, teachers, nostalgia -- will all be here if you come to join in the fun and fellowship.

Our plans include: FRIDAY - Registration - 4-6 p.m. Cocktail hour - 7 p.m. Banquet - 8 p.m. Speaker to be announced.

SATURDAY - General Session - 10 a.m. Luncheon - 11:30 - 1. Elder Statesmen - '09 to '59 - Oak Room. The Sixties - '60 to '69 - Maurus Dining Hall. The Young Crowd - '70 to '76 - The Haid. Centennial Salute - 2 p.m. Wheeler Center - Speaker to be announced. Anniversary Dance - 9 p.m.

We must ask for reservations, of course, and we will need to receive your check by September 1.

Send your name and address together with \$10.00 deposit for each person to:

Homecoming Centennial  
Belmont Abbey College  
Belmont, N.C. 28012

The remainder may be paid when you arrive.

PLAN I: 2 nights at Rodeway Inn at 4040 I-85 South, Friday evening dinner, Saturday luncheon, dance:  
One Person - \$49.00  
Two Persons - \$70.00  
Each Child or Guest  
Add \$17.00 (Over 12 yrs. add \$25.00)

PLAN II: 2 nights at Holiday Inn, I-85 & Little Rock Road, 2 meals, and dance:  
One Person - \$53.00  
Two Persons - \$78.00  
Each child or Guest  
Add \$17.00 (Over 12 yrs. add \$25.00)

PLAN III: All events without overnight accommodations:  
One Person - \$17.00  
Two Persons - \$34.00  
Each child or guest  
Add \$17.00