

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



DR. BILL KIRK

Kirk is promoted

Dr. Bill Kirk, in his fourth year at Belmont Abbey College, has been named chairman of the department of economics and business.

Kirk holds both the B.S. and the M.E. degrees in civil engineering from Texas A&M University. In 1969, he received the Ph.D. degree in industrial engineering, also from Texas A&M.

Before coming to Belmont Abbey College, Kirk served as an assistant professor of industrial engineering and as an engineering research associate at Texas A&M from 1969-74. He

was involved in industrial engineering and management prior to entering the field of education.

He is a member of many professional societies and organizations and has done varied research in his related fields of interest. He has authored several significant reports and journal papers.

Kirk replaces Dr. Gilbert Farley who resigned his position as chairman of the department after serving in this capacity for a total of ten years.



ABBEY ALUMNUS Roy King (left) district manager of Southern Bell in Charlotte and Frank Skinner (right) vice president of Southern Bell in

N.C., recently visited Fr. Bradley at the Abbey and enjoyed a luncheon in their honor in the Oak Room.

Surtman donates \$100,000 to college

Jule R. Surtman, chairman of the board of Carolina Tractor Supply Co. in Charlotte, recently donated \$10,000 to Belmont Abbey College's Annual Fund.

In addition, Surtman pledged \$10,000 per year for the next four years, bringing his total contribution to \$50,000.

in the College has endeared him in the hearts of all those associated with it.

In the words of Rev. John P. Bradley, president of the College, "Belmont Abbey College is blessed in having such friends as Jule Surtman.

Jule has for many years been a most generous contributor to the College. This latest expression of his generosity is simply one of the many acts of kindness Jule has bestowed on this College."

Distinctions will be higher

The standards for graduation with distinction have been raised this year at Belmont Abbey College.

Requirements in the past included attendance at Belmont Abbey College for at least two years and attainment of a cumulative quality point index of 2.25 for cum laude, 2.5 for magna cum laude, and 2.75 for

summa cum laude.

This year the standard has been raised, requiring a QPI of 2.4, 2.75, and 2.90 for cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude, respectively.

The change was initiated by faculty and administrators in an attempt to raise the overall academic climate of the college.

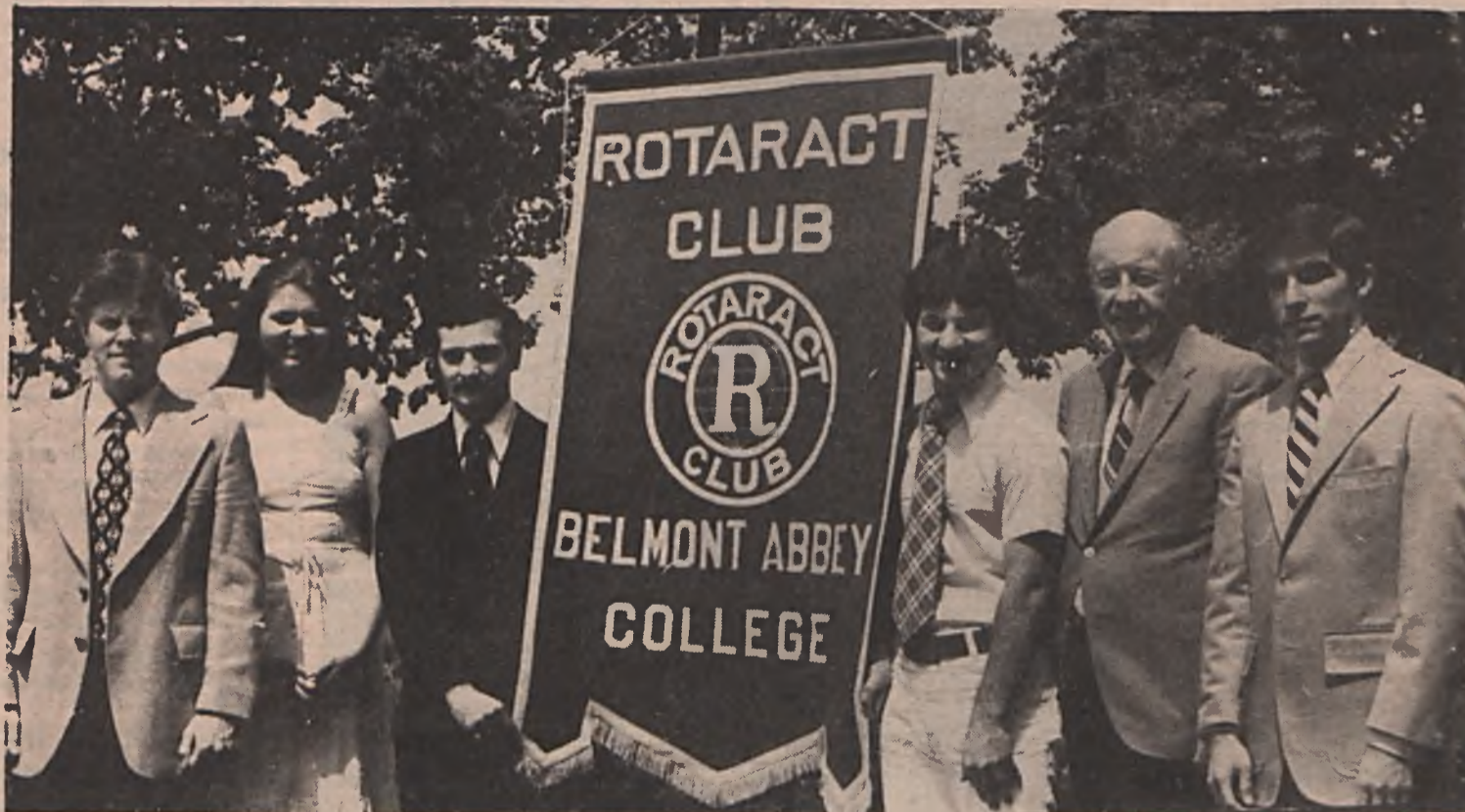
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