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## New Alumni Director

Gregory J. Hollingshead, class of 1976, has been named director of alumni and institutional relations and associate director of development at Belmont Abbey College.

"We are fortunate to have a B.A.C. alumnus with Greg's qualities and background to join us in this important capacity," said Harry Creemers ('74), vice president for institutional advancement, in making the announcement. "I know that our alumni will look forward to meeting and working with him."

On August 1, Hollingshead assumed responsibility for directing and coordinating activities for B.A.C. alumni and



**GREGORY J. HOLLINGSHEAD**

for handling the college's Annual Fund Program. He succeeded John P. Briody in this position.

Since his graduation from the Abbey, Hollingshead has done graduate work in the field of public administration at George Mason University, Fairfax, Va.

He has served as a legislative staff assistant for Congressman L.A. Bafalis in the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington since January 1977. Prior to that time he was the assistant manager of the Ben Franklin Store in his hometown of Lehigh Acres, Fla.

Hollingshead and his wife June have made their home in Mt. Holly. They have one son, Justin Patrick, born June 1, 1979.

## 1978-79 Gifts To BAC Most In History

Belmont Abbey College during 1978-79 raised more money in gifts than ever before in its history.

Total gifts collected last academic year equal \$645,364.15, over \$190,000.00 more than the previous year's total of \$454,935.09. Contributions to the college were made to several funds overseen by the Development and Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees.

The Annual Fund Subcommittee, chaired by James G. Babb, Jr., a BAC alumnus and executive vice president of Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Company, raised \$245,505.29, surpassing its goal of \$240,000.00. Five hundred and seventy-three alumni contributed \$38,794.00 to the fund. A total of 827 separate gifts to the Annual Fund were received.

The Capital Fund Subcommittee, chaired by George L. Wrenn, president, Wrenn Brothers Carolinas, Inc., raised \$27,222.77 for the next phase of the Administration Building renovation. The second floor of the building will be renovated in stages beginning May 1980 at a projected cost of \$374,000.00 over the next few years.

Endowment of the college gained sizeably when a friend of the college contributed \$179,000.00 during the past

fiscal year. The Dr. Gilbert J. Farley and J.P. Smith Scholarship Funds were established and have been receiving contributions. Total contributions and pledges exceed \$15,000.00. These funds will be ongoing and contributions will continue to be sought.

The Centennial Fund reported \$172,963.59 given by 315 individuals. Over \$770,000.00 has been collected on the Centennial Fund thus far with one year remaining.

Other restricted contributions totaling several hundred dollars were also reported.

The Development and Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees is chaired by Theodore B. Sumner, Jr., chairman of the board of First Union National Bank.

At a year-end reporting meeting of the committee, Mr. Sumner thanked all the members of the committee for their hard work and also expressed appreciation to Father Tobin, president, Father Bradley, provost, and Mr. Warren Clark, vice president for institutional advancement during last year and several years prior.

Members of the Development and Planning Committee of Belmont Abbey College are:

Mr. James G. Babb, Jr., Executive Vice President, Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting.

Mr. J. Bynum Carter, President, A.B. Carter, Incorporated.

Father Raymond Geyer, O.S.B.

Mr. Dan C. Gunter, Jr., President, Smith Textile Apron Company.

Mr. Wallace B. Dalton, Executive Vice President and General Manager, Southland Rebuilders.

Mr. Virgil T. Harquist, President, Jefferies Southern Processors.

Mr. Thomas S. White, Division Manager, Scovill Corporation.

Mr. Theodore B. Sumner, Chairman of the Board, First Union National Bank.

Mr. Charles E. Zeigler, President, Public Service Company of N.C., Incorporated.

Mr. Edward J. Dowd, Jr., President, Central Piedmont Employers Association.

Mr. George L. Wrenn, President, Wrenn Brothers.

Mr. Charles L. Grace, President, Cummins Carolinas, Incorporated.

Mr. Lewis C. Ferretti, Senior Vice President, Alderman Studios, Incorporated.

Mr. Leon G. Alexander, Chairman of the Board, Wix Corporation.

Mr. Alan T. Dickson, President, Ruddick Corporation.

Mr. Howard A. Wheeler, Jr., Vice President & General Manager, Charlotte Motor Speedway.



The Gaston County Art and History Museum of Dallas, N.C., site of a current exhibit of books from the B.A.C. Library, hosted a reception on August 12 for friends of the college and the museum. Pictured (l to r) are Ms. Johnnie Falls, Fr. James Solari, O.S.B., and Mrs. Jane Freeman.

## BAC Books Tell Local History

Books from the Belmont Abbey College library are currently on display at the Gaston County Art and History Museum in the Old Courthouse in Dallas, N.C.

Themes for the exhibit are "Tales from the Old North State" and "Napoleon." The exhibits include portraits, engravings, busts, maps, and other miscellany, as well as books.

"The exhibit was designed in response to the interests of the people in the local area," said Mrs. Jane Freeman, director of learning resources at the college's Abbot Vincent Taylor Library. "It's a fun exhibit, one people will enjoy browsing through."

"The majority of the material included in the 'Napoleon' exhibit was donated by Mrs. Carlos Guiterrez in memory of her late husband, Mr. Ellis Soper," said Mrs. Freeman. The collection includes a marble bust of Napoleon, a number of framed prints, two velvet cushions from his royal courts, and miscellaneous books.

Mrs. Freeman and the library staff have divided the "Tales from the Old North State" exhibit into special feature groups: Land, Colonial Times, North Carolina History, Kings Mountain, Land of the Sky (Mountains), Gaston County, and Confederate Days.

This exhibit features two

beautifully framed maps of North Carolina even before the state had a Gaston County. These maps were furnished by Mr. Jack Hanahan, chairman of the department of geosciences at B.A.C.

According to Mrs. Freeman, the two most notable books in the exhibit are James Davis' **North Carolina (Colony) Laws and Statutes**, one of the first examples of printing in North Carolina, and a 1791 edition of **Bartram's Travels** in which he describes his journey through the Carolinas and Georgia on foot.

"The exhibit contains something which should interest almost everyone," said Mrs. Freeman. There's a Revolutionary War dueling pistol, original music manuscripts by Abram Ryan, the post-priest of the Confederacy, and several of Christian Reid's original letters as well as early editions of her works.

The Gaston County Art and History Museum will continue the exhibit through September 15. "We want to invite everyone in the area to visit the museum and view our displays," said Mrs. Freeman.

Museum hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saturday, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is free.

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