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1979-80 ANNUAL FUND UNDERWAY

The 1979-80 Annual Fund is off and running. This year's annual fund kick-off took place October 23 with a meeting of the Board of Advisors in Charlotte.

The Annual Fund campaign is a yearly event at the Abbey. Last year, more than \$254,000 was raised during the drive. This year's goal is \$270,000. Of that amount, \$47,500 is the target for alumni giving.

"This year we hope to increase the base of alumni support," reported Theodore B. Sumner Jr., chairman of the Development and Planning Committee of the Board of Trustees. "Last year, we were fortunate to have 573 alumni contributors. This year, we will try to reach 626."

Contributions to the Annual Fund go toward the operating budget of the college. It is through the generosity of our alumni, faculty, staff, parents, trustees, advisors and other friends, as well as foundations and corporations, that the college is able to continue operating on a sound fiscal basis.

One of the highlights of this year's Alumni Annual Fund will be the Alumni Phonathon. Six hundred alumni will receive a telephone call from a fellow alumnus, faculty member or administrator of the college.

Calls will be made on two consecutive weekends in November. This will be a great opportunity to pledge support to the college through a contribution to the Annual Fund.

In addition, all alumni will be receiving an Annual Fund package in the mail outlining this year's drive and where the money goes. Pledge envelopes will be provided for the contributor's convenience.

Let's make this the greatest Annual Fund in the history of the College!

Grace Chairs Annual Fund

Charles L. Grace, president and owner of Cummins Carolinas, Inc., Charlotte, and chairman of the Belmont Abbey College Board of Advisors, has been named chairman of the Belmont Abbey College 1979-80 Annual Fund.

Grace has been chairman of the Board of Advisors since 1978, and has been active in fund-raising for the College since he joined the Board in 1973.

He is chairman of the Board of Directors of Central Piedmont Industries; is a director of Keane-Monroe Corporation of Monroe; is on the Board of Ad-

visors of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company; is a member and former director of the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association, and the Motor Transportation Association of South Carolina; and is a past member of the National Alumni Board of Directors of Notre Dame University.



CHARLES L. GRACE

He is founder and a former president of the Notre Dame Club of the Carolinas, and is a former president, and a member of the Board of Directors of Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation. He is a member of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, Quail Hollow Country Club, Carmel

Country Club, Charlotte City Club, and the Young President's Organization.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Carolina Ambassadors, and is active in St. Gabriel's parish in Charlotte where he is a former member of its Board of Advisors, Athletic Association and Men's Club.

Grace succeeds James G. Babb, Jr., executive vice president, Jefferson-Pilot Broadcasting Co., as chairman of the Annual Fund.

He and his wife, Mary Ann, have four children, and they live in Charlotte.

Hartsell to Head Alumni Annual Fund

Larry Hartsell, a 1970 graduate of Belmont Abbey College, has been named chairman of the 1979-80 Alumni Annual Fund. He succeeds Kevin and Brendan Soden who acted as co-chairmen the past two years.

"As alumni, we all got a lot of good out of the Abbey," Hartsell said. "I just want to help the College continue doing for its students what it did for me."

"It took a lot of work by people before us to make the Abbey what it is. Now we can work toward the future with our con-

tributions to the Alumni Annual Fund."

After receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from the Abbey, Larry went on to earn a law degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga. He is currently director of property and tax with PCA International, Inc., in Matthews, N.C.



LARRY HARTSELL

Hartsell is a member of the American Institute of CPAs and the North Carolina Association of CPAs. He is a member of the Georgia bar, and Phi Alpha Delta legal fraternity.

Larry is married to the former Caroline Smith. They live in Mount Holly, N.C.

B.A.C. Expands Local Student Grant Program

Belmont Abbey College has again expanded its Local Student Grant Program.

The amount of the grant was increased from \$300 last year to \$465 for the 1979-80 school year. In addition, the grant was extended to include qualified students from York County, South Carolina, as well as the North Carolina counties of Mecklenburg, Gaston, Lincoln, and Cleveland.

The program specifies that qualified students from either of these five counties will have their tuition reduced by \$465 per year (\$232.50 per semester). This reduction continues each year the student remains at B.A.C., thus bringing the total value of the grant to \$1860 over a four-year period.

A "qualified student" is any present resident of either of these five counties who graduated from a high school in the county or anyone with three years consecutive residence there. Once the student is accepted for admission to B.A.C., he or she automatically receives the reduction.

This Local Student Grant is designed for both resident and commuting students from these five counties. According to Mrs. Eileen Dills, director of financial aid at the College, 169 full-time students are currently receiving this annual tuition reduction.

The grant is also awarded to ten part-time students on a prorated basis. The actual amount by which tuition is reduced for part-time students depends upon the number of curriculum hours in which they are enrolled. A minimum of six hours is required for eligibility.

The Local Student Grant Program was initiated in 1970 in response to the generosity of the local community in its support of Belmont Abbey College. The grant, which was originally offered only to students from Mecklenburg and Gaston counties, was expanded in 1977 to include both Lincoln and Cleveland counties. The grant has also served as an incentive to encourage local students to enroll at B.A.C.

Fall Enrollment Up 11%

Enrollment at Belmont Abbey College this fall is up almost eleven percent over last year's 699 students. Our current total of 777 students is the highest since 1968.

The number of resident students as well as commuting students has increased significantly. "The College's three dormitories are at capacity," said Father Mauricio West, O.S.B., director of residence life, who was forced to make temporary housing assignments to a number of students who did not have prior room assignments when they returned for the fall semester.

"Resident students at the Abbey are required to make a \$100 room deposit before I can assign a room to them," said Father Mauricio. "Those students who failed to reserve a room, hoping to get a room assignment after they arrived, were the ones who ended up without rooms."

Early in the semester Father Mauricio had several students sleeping on the floor in his living room until he could find places for them in the dorms.

Students were also staying with Miss Rose Horman, vice president for student affairs. Both Father Mauricio and Miss Horman live in the dorms on campus.

Some students were also temporarily housed in an annex to the security office on campus. Others stayed with friends, sleeping on mattresses on the floors.

School policies have in the past required students who are not married or living at home with their parents to live in the dormitories. Father Mauricio and Miss Horman were able to ease the crowded dormitory situation by allowing some students who wanted to live off campus to move out of the dormitories, thereby creating spaces for students waiting for rooms.

"We expected an increase in enrollment this year," said Mr. Robin Roberts, director of admissions for the college, "but we did not expect an eleven per-

cent increase." Projected enrollment for the 1979 fall semester was 725 students.

Officials at the school attribute the enrollment increase to improved recruiting procedures. A new computer system in the Admissions Office allows for more accurate and timely response to all inquiries about Belmont Abbey College, and the Admissions Office has expanded its recruiting territory in recent years.

The school also experienced an increase in the number of upperclassmen who returned to the college.

"The outstanding enrollment at our institution this year is a source of strength to all of us here at Belmont Abbey College," said Father Neil W. Tobin, president. "It affirms our judgement that contemporary students value a liberal arts and sciences education within a Christian, Catholic and Benedictine environment."

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