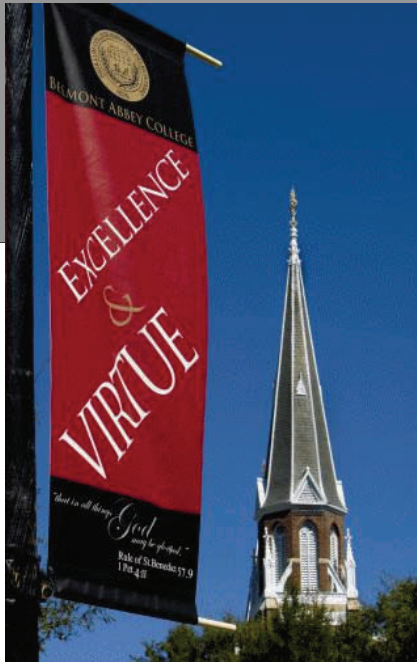


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Dates to

Remember:

- **Thursday, April 5, 2012.** Residence Halls close at 9:00 am for the Easter Holidays.
- **Monday, April 9, 2012.** Residence Halls open from the Easter Holidays.
- **Wednesday, May 9, 2012.** Residence Halls close at 9:00 am for all non-graduating students *
- **Saturday, May 12, 2012** Baccalaureate Mass (9:00 am) Commencement (11:00am)
- **Sunday, May 13, 2012.** Residence Halls close at 6:00 pm for graduating students.
- **All students must be checked out of the residence halls within 24 hours after their last final exam. Any exceptions must have the approval of the Dean of Residential Life.*
- *Room keys must be submitted to the Office of Residential Life prior to leaving for any break in which the residence halls are closed.*

The iPad and the Abbey

There is often a sense of alarm, or at least discomfort, associated with the introduction of a new form of technology into the educational sphere. The question is raised as to whether or not it will be a help or a hindrance to the interest of learning. This has been the latest discussion at Belmont Abbey College, where the administration has decided to grant each incoming, traditional Freshman an iPad2 of his or her own.

Dr. Lucas Lamadrid, Dean of Student Affairs, states "As an admissions idea I wondered whether giving the traditional aged freshmen an iPad would make a difference in having prospective students look at the college. My goal was to have the prospect take a second or third look. I inquired among the current students in a rather informal way and they said that it would make a great difference." The iPads are to be funded by the tuition deposits of prospective students who have decided not to attend the college. Dr. Lamadrid trusts that "if it helps students to come to the Abbey, to learn at the Abbey, to pray and grow at the Abbey, then it is a positive development."

The majority of the concern surrounding the arrival of the iPad2 on campus relates to the college's mission of education in "mind, body, and spirit." The goal of the liberal arts is to teach universal and transcendental truths, and many wonder what real effect this new tool will have on the college environment. For Dr. Lamadrid, "The iPad is a tool. In and of itself it will not make you smarter, more virtuous, or holier. Neither will a book accomplish such feats. But if the student is well-formed and uses the iPad well, it can help one along the journey." But should this decision rest on such a contingency as a student's prior formation? Currently, professors experience problems in the classroom with the misuse of laptops and cell phones. Dr. Cook says, "I don't believe it will always be used well or wisely. I do fear it will seldom be used well or wisely. The temptation for new distraction is too strong. ... I've also had very fine students – good students – I've had to correct for misusing technology in the classroom. I've had poor students, after being corrected a number of times, text under the table." What kind of hold the iPad2 will take in classrooms at the Abbey will be seen next Fall when students enter the



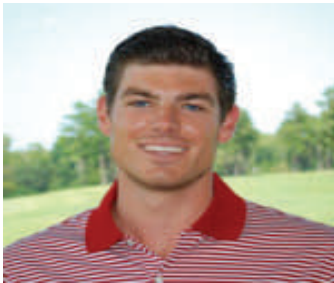
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Athletics

Abbey Men's Golfer Adam Hedges Moves to Number 1 in NCAA Division II Scoring Average.

Belmont Abbey junior men's golfer Adam Hedges is now ranked number one in scoring average among all NCAA Division II competitors, according to the latest rankings from Golf Stat. Hedges has a scoring average of 71.08, which leads his closest competitors by five one-hundredths of a point. It is believed the Hedges is the first player in school history to lead the nation in scoring average. Hedges (pictured below) was in the second position the last two weeks and ascended to the top spot prior to the Barton Intercollegiate tournament. In 13 rounds this season, Hedges, a native of Bromely, England, has amassed a stroke average of 71.08 with a low round of 68. He has accumulated 50 birdies and his average score on par threes is 3.04, 4.10 on par fours, and 4.61 on par fives. In 13 rounds, he has recorded a score under par five times. Two weeks ago, he recorded his first career win at the Richard Rendleman Invitational as he posted rounds of 71 and 68. His 68 tied his low round of the year as he won the title by one stroke. In the spring season-opening Pirate Invitational, he finished in a tie for third with rounds of 69 (-2) and 73. Hedges has finished no worse than 11th in six tournaments this season, as he has led the Abbey to a national ranking of 33rd.



Sport Properly Directed

Geared towards athletes seeking to improve their sports performance.

With the aid of Dr. Thierfelder, the President of Belmont Abbey College and Founder of Sports Properly Directed, students were amused with the words of wisdom he provided. His main point is staying focused at the present moment will allow you to perform at peak performance at any given moment. He emphasizes that rather than wasting time thinking about what you did wrong, evaluate what you did exactly. That way you can find out how to calibrate your performance in the future.

Towards the end of the event, Director of the Motorsports Department, Travis Feezell, also shares his wisdom on how to properly treat players, coaches and officials. Feezell, is also a former DI coach who coached a nationally ranked team into the finals. Dr. Thierfelder has also trained world class athletes in the NFL. Visit Dr. Thierfelder's website at reclaimthegame.com

Lind Leads Women's Track & Field At UNC Charlotte Invitational

Jo Jo Lind earned two Top 25 finishes in the Discus and Javelin Throws at Friday's and Saturday's UNCC 49er Invitational held at the Belk Track on the campus of UNC Charlotte. There were a total of 35 college represented, including 15 NCAA Division I programs and teams from a total of 11 different states at the meet and over 700 women athletes entered. Lind threw the Discus a season best 118' 3" and placed 20th out of the field of 48 throwers and then earned a 22nd place finish out of 40 throwers in the Javelin at 91' 9".

The other top performer for the Abbey women was [Leondra Pridgen](#) who finished 12th out of 25 athletes in the 400m Hurdles, she improved on her school record set two weeks ago at Lenoir Rhyne with a time of 1:07.81.

Coach [Mike De Witt](#) commented on the efforts of the squad that competed at UNCC: "Jo Jo and Leondra did an excellent job competing well against a good mix of Division I and II athletes. They are doing a great job in training and making excellent progress. The others that competed gained good experience and made improvements from our first meet two weeks ago. We are making good solid progress across the team."

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British Theatre and Literature Trip



Departure Date: Friday, May 17, 2013

Return Date: Saturday, May 25, 2013

To enroll, go to: www.efcollegestudytours.com/1158556

Price Details

Enrollment Fee \$95

Current Departure Fees \$670

Early Enrollment Discount ~~-\$250~~ (Before January 30, \$150 before March 1)

For Adults (age 30+) \$2,999 (After Enrollment Fee)

Program Fee ~~\$2,299~~

Weekend Supplement \$70

For Students ~~\$2,789~~ (After \$95 Enrollment fee) Rooming Supplement (age 30 and older) **\$210**



Tour items not included

Extension Program Fee \$499 (Paris, France all-inclusive)
"Jack the Ripper Midnight Walking Tour"

Price includes:



Round-trip flights



Land transportation



Hotels with private bathrooms



Breakfast daily; local dinners



Full-time Tour Director



2 experiential learning activities; 3 theatre performances

Entrance to: Blenheim Palace; Christ Church College; Anne Hathaway's Cottage; Shakespeare's birthplace; Roman baths • *with extension:* Louvre, Notre Dame



Sightseeing tours: London; Dickensian walking tour of London; Oxford; Stratford; Literary tour of Bath • *with extension:* Paris

For more information email: thomasturner@bac.edu

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Spring 2012 Final Exam Schedule

Time/ Day	Thursday Apr 26	Friday Apr 27	Monday Apr 30	Tuesday May 1	Wednesday May 2	Thursday May 3	Friday May 4	Saturday May 5	Monday May 7
8:00- 11:00			TR 11:00	TR 2:30	MWF 8:00	MWF 9:00	TR 1:00		
12:00- 2:00			MWF 12:00	MWF 4:00	TR 8:00	MWF 3:00	TR 9:30		
3:00-5:00			MWF 1:00	MWF 11:00	MWF 2:00	MWF 10:00	TR 4:00		

March– May 2012 Academic Calendar

March	23rd	Last day to withdraw officially from a class
April	4th-9th	Easter holidays – No classes
	17th	Fall pre-registration: currently enrolled seniors and juniors
	18th	Fall pre-registration: currently enrolled Sophomore
	19th	Fall pre-registration: currently enrolled freshmen
	27th	Last Day of classes
	30th	Final Exams
May	1st-8th	Final Exams
	10th	Senior grades due in the Registrar's Office by 10:00 a.m.
	12th	Baccalaureate Mass (9:00 am) and Commencement (11:00 am)

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Around Campus

Performing Arts

BLACK COMEDY

Written by Peter Schaffer

Directed by Jill Bloede

April 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 & 28

8:00 p.m. in the Haid Theatre



In one hilarious act, the action supposedly in the dark is illuminated; when the lights are to be on, the stage is the dark. Lovesick and desperate, sculptor Brindsley Miller has embellished his apartment with furniture and objects d'arte "borrowed" from the absent antique collector next door hoping to impress his fiancée's pompous father and a wealthy art dealer, Schuppanzigh. The fussy neighbor, Harold Gorringe returns just as a blown fuse plunges the apartment into darkness and Brindsley is revealed teetering on the verge of very ripe farce. Unexpected guests, aging spinsters, errant phone cords and other snares impede his frantic attempts to return the purloined items before light is restored.

Come join Belmont Abbey College's Chorus and instrumentalists as they perform the final concert of this season's Arts at the Abbey series. The concert, which is free and open to the public, will be held on Sunday, April 29, 2012 at 3:00 pm in the Abbey Basilica and will feature sacred and secular music.

