

Expanding Job Market For Environmental Science Grads.

A growing realization on the part of government and industry of the many diverse aspects of the environmental problem is creating an expanding job market for persons with a humanitarian outlook, and a broad educational background in science, business and politics.

Belmont Abbey College is helping to meet this need with a newly-instituted major in Environmental Science. The program includes courses in the fields of biology, chemistry, geology, sociology, economics and political science. This interdisciplinary curriculum provides the Environmental Science

major with a base of specialized knowledge in the many areas which bear on the environmental problem. By means of internships, upper-class students can enter government planning agencies at local and state levels as trainees, and graduate into positions where their education can find effective use.

Graduates can also expect to find jobs as environmental analysts or junior ecologists in control agencies, such as the Environmental Protection Agency; in industries with environmental problems such as chemical and power companies; with civic planning groups; and with financial

organizations which need to evaluate the environmental effects of proposed projects. Further study in business administration would qualify the Environmental Science graduate for a management position in industry, dealing with government environmental agencies.

"A similar program is well-established at several other colleges," Dr. Winslow Hartford, chairman of Belmont Abbey's program, commented. "They have had a great deal of success as far as jobs graduates are concerned." Due to the newness of the environmental science profession, no firm figures on starting salaries are available. Dr. Hartford, however, feels that since about two-thirds of the training is in the science area, salaries should be commensurate of those graduates with a bachelor's degree in other sciences (approximately \$10,000 per year). Opportunities for advancement should be good, he thinks, due to the broad scope of education that the program provides and the increased attention being given to environmental problems.

For those students who may wish to pursue a career in Environmental Science, Dr. Hartford describes the program as "pretty tough. This is primarily due to the many lower-level natural science requirements and an equally heavy load of upper-level social science courses. All in all, it's a pretty rigorous major, and we expect it to produce some very well qualified people."

Founded by the Benedictine priests in 1876, Belmont Abbey is a coeducational, liberal arts college located 10 miles west of Charlotte. With an enrollment of nearly 700 students, the College is able to provide many of the academic and cultural advantages of a large campus without losing the unique, personal characteristics of a small one. A flexible curriculum allows the student to put together an educational package tailored to his or her career interests and still receive the broad, intellectual advantages of a liberal arts program.

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the University of South Carolina and is now in the Ph. D. program.

'69 - **Bill Ficke** is president of Fleet Feet, an athletic footwear retail store in Aurora, Colorado. Congratulations to Judi and Bob Hanley on the arrival of Stephanie Loren on November 21. **Donald Walthall** is on assignment from GAO to the House Government Operations Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations which is considering an extension of the Revenue Sharing Program. He lives in Dale City, Va. **John Benito** is an assistant public defender for Hillsborough County, Florida, the 13th Judicial Circuit, and lives in Tampa. Congratulations to **Frederick Sklow** and his wife on the arrival of Lisa Marie on September 8. They live in Flushing, New York. **Richard Frick** is an agent with State Farm Insurance Co. in Washington, D.C. and Maryland. Their second child, Kristen, was born July 14. **Richard Salem** has received a Ph. D. in Sociometrics from the University of Southern Oklahoma. Congratulations to him and his wife Scooter (Wildy, SHC'69) on the arrival of their third son, Edgar. Richard now plans to settle back in Tampa, Florida, and resume his psychology practice.

'70 - **Ryan Condon** is loan officer of First Citizens Bank & Trust Co. in Charleston, S.C., and he and Cathy live in Mt. Pleasant. **Howard "Dinker" Jones** is with Gerber Foods in Arden, N.C. and he and wife Brenda and three-year-old Katie live in Hendersonville. Congratulations to Trish and **Don Falato** on the arrival of Wendy Leigh on May 21. **Ernest Dwight** is co-owner of F & D Wooden Signs and Embroidery Service Co. in Charlotte, where he and wife Vicky and son Blaise, two-and-a-half, and daughter Amy Camilla, four months, live.

'71 - Congratulations to **Anne** (Agee '75) and **Joe Graham** on the arrival of Michael Charles on January 21 - ten pounds, eleven ounces.

'71 - It was good to see **Joe Gallagher**, his wife Kathy and four-year-old Kyra, when they visited Kathy's family in Belmont during the Christmas holidays. Joe is service manager for Commonwealth Utility Co. and they live in Butler, Pennsylvania. Congratulations and best wishes to Deborah and **James Hyland**, who were married October 3 in Our Lady of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Rock Hill, S.C. Jim is with the York (S.C.) County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Director - Manager of the Halfway House operated by the agency. **William Alyta** is a Plant Results clerk for Southern Bell in Charlotte. **Robert Shahid** has his own real estate company in Charleston, S.C., where he and Caroline (Breay, SHC '70), and one-year-old son "Studley" live. **Bruce Martin** is in graduate School (MBA program) at the University South Carolina. **Michael Holly** is a partner in the R.L. Holley and Son insurance firm and helps his father-in-law operate a restaurant. He and Sissy live in Portsmouth, Virginia, and are expecting their first child in March.

'72 - **Dan Ollice** has joined A.H. Robins Company, Richmond-based pharmaceutical firm, as a medical service representative, assigned to the company's Capital Division, and will be working in the Richmond area. **Jerome Croan** will receive the Master of Social Work from Howard University in May. **Fred Leone** is district service representative with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in Brooklyn but plans to open his own Goodyear store on Long Island. He has a son, Sean, who is two years old. Congratulations to the **Ned Carpenters** on the arrival of Pamela Gretchen on August 28. They live in Gastonia.

'73 - Our sympathy to **Martin Gass** and his wife on the loss of their infant son Stephen, one of the twin boys born in Charlotte October 9, and our prayers for baby Martin, III. **Stephen Land** is an Internal Auditor for Ingersoll Rand Corporation in Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey.

'74 - **Harry Creemers** is business editor of the Lynchburg (Va.) News. **Bob Mulder** has completed his work at N.C. State for a degree in Horticulture and expects to enlarge his already operating business in the Raleigh area. **Douglas Kler** is administrative assistant at Margaret R. Pardee Hospital in Hendersonville, N.C. He completed the residency program at Charlotte Memorial Hospital Medical Center in hospital administration, under the sponsorship of the Duke Endowment. He and Louise and daughter Carolina live in Hendersonville. **Frank Duggan** completed graduate work at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City in January.

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our Centennial Year fund-raising campaign. To you 195 alumni who responded so well we are most grateful.

It is interesting to me when I consult the records of particular students who, while at the Abbey had their college education financed almost 100 per cent by the Benedictines and who today are successful in their careers, yet tell us they have little interest in contributing to the College. In other words, these alumni, fortunately very few, have little interest in doing what they can to help young students today receive the opportunity that was given to them.

To strike a more positive note, let me take this opportunity to thank all our alumni who responded so well to my November letter. So many of you have, I know, given at significant personal sacrifice, and I have no hesitation in saying that the Abbey is fortunate in having a number of alumni whose loyalty and dedication to the College is unmatched anywhere. We have, of course, plans for a special alumni celebration during the Centennial Year, the details of which you will hear about later, and I look forward to thanking you personally at that time.

Our fund-raising campaign continues until July 31, 1976. The goal of the campaign is three-quarters of a million dollars, and there is a possibility that if we do well in this work, we might reach a million dollars. So far, Abbot Jude and I, assisted by others, have been giving presentations of the College to various local business leaders at cultivation luncheons. It seems that our strongest claim for substantial support is the excellent reputation built for the College by the performance of our alumni pursuing their careers in our local area. It is certainly a heartwarming experience to hear civic leaders give high praise to our alumni and the contribution they are making in medicine, dentistry, law, education, business and industry. This kind of experience would convince me, if I needed convincing, that all the day-to-day struggle and sacrifice required to keep Belmont Abbey College in existence is very much worthwhile. And I am quite sure that were it possible for us to conduct a similar campaign in those areas far from the Abbey where we have hundreds of alumni pursuing their careers, my experience would be similar.

Reflecting on the fine job so many of our alumni are doing in many different parts of the country, we can feel justifiably proud that Belmont Abbey College, now beginning its second century, has earned a record of helping its students to build for themselves not only satisfying careers, but also meaningful lives as a good human beings and by so doing, is helping our nation to be one just a little bit better in those many communities where Abbey alumni work and live.