

# ALUMNI NEWS

By Mrs. Mary Cook

'30 -- Thanks, **Ed Mansfield**, for your letter and for identifying the members of the basketball team whose picture was in the last issue of CROSSROADS. Hope your friend will stop by for a visit when he is next in this area, but better still, when are you coming for a visit?

'40 -- Congratulations to Rear Adm. **Vincent Lascara**, commanding officer of the Norfolk Naval Supply Center for the past three years who has been nominated by President Ford for a third star and assignment as vice chief of the Naval Material Command.

'48 -- **Otis Collier** visited the Abbey just after Easter. He is manager of the warehouse for Morgan & Allen Company, wholesale jewelers, in San Francisco.

'49 -- Thank you, Jack Sherry, for sending the news, particularly about **Russell Johnson's** death on January 30. Russell was a boxing star while at the Abbey and captured the Virginia middleweight crown in 1948 when he was home for the Easter holidays.

'54 -- **Carroll Thomas** is with Crompton & Knowles in Charlotte.

'59 -- Congratulations to **Zean Jamison**, who has been elected to the Board of Directors of Lance, Inc. in Charlotte, where he is their personnel director. **Louie O'Gorman** is headmaster of Andrew Jackson Academy and he and Gail and their four children -- Farrell, Kevin, and the twins -- live in Denmark, S.C. **Clement Porzio** is coordinator of day care centers in Dade County, Florida, and lives in Ft. Lauderdale.

'60 -- Congratulations to **Steve Delaney**, who has been elected president of the International Association of Foreign Correspondents. Steve is foreign correspondent for NBC and is based in Tel Aviv. He expects to be home in Charlotte for a visit in July and we're looking forward to seeing him then.

'63 -- Congratulations to **Mike Maloney**, who has been promoted by Weyerhaeuser to General Manager in Jackson, Mississippi as of May 1, where he and Yvonne and their three children -- Gregg nine, Kim eight, and Brad five -- will live.

'66 -- Enjoyed talking with Brian Mause recently when he called from Louisville. He is product manager for American Air Filter Co. and he and Linda and their two sons, Christopher and Patrick, live in Prospect, Kentucky. Congratulations also, Brian, on receiving your degree.

'67 -- Our deepest sympathy to **Barry Henfey**, whose father died Easter Sunday.

'68 -- Congratulations to Carolyn and **Bernie Lange** on the arrival of Steven William on September 14, their first child. Bernie is still in production planning with

Reynolds Metals Co. in Richmond. **Tom Bledsoe** has been promoted to assistant vice president by North Carolina National Bank. He is manager of the Consumer Credit Department in Spruce Pine.

'69 -- **John Schrenker**, CPA, has opened his own office in Altamonte Springs, Florida, and has enrolled in Florida Technological University in their Master's Program. Congratulations and best wishes to **Jerry Paul Lackey** and **Vickie Gayle Graham**, who were married in Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Lincolnton, N.C. on May 2.

'71 -- **Randolph Sorrell** has joined User Corporation of Charlotte as a sales engineer. It was good to see **Bruce Martin**, his wife Lois and five-year-old Barry when they visited the Abbey on May 10. Bruce is in graduate school at the University of South Carolina in Business Administration.

'72 -- **Joe Ford** has been employed by Virginia National Bank since graduation and is Assistant Vice President and Branch Manager working in Virginia Beach. He was married in July, 1973, and has a 15-month old daughter, Kimberly.

'72 -- Congratulations and best wishes to **Amy Page Stephens** and **Wayne Farris**, who were married April 10 in Unity Baptist Church, Belmont. Wayne is employed by Catawba Pharmacy.

'74 -- Congratulations and best wishes to **Richard Harlow** and **Jane Rose Reichenbach**, who were married May 1 in West Raleigh Presbyterian Church. Richard is account executive at WGLD Radio in Winston-Salem, where they will live. **Keith Wolfson** visited the Abbey in May. He is with Eastern Air Lines and plans to marry **Kathryn Gayle Gray** on June 19 in Belmont Abbey Cathedral. **Allen Morris** has been chosen to have his biography appear in **Notable Americans of the Bicentennial Era and The Dictionary of International Biography**. He is headmaster of St. Stephens Academy in St. Stephen, S.C.

'75 -- Congratulations and best wishes to **Bob Daniel** and **Susan Killian**, who were married in Belmont Abbey Cathedral on May 8. They will live in Winston-Salem where Bob is with Tacoma Enterprises, Inc. and Susan (who was a junior here at the Abbey) will attend UNC-G.

## In Memoriam

Russell Johnson, Class of 1949

Albert G. Myers, Sr., Class of 1957 (LL.D.)

"once in a lifetime;" however, Mrs. Freeman is now pursuing the descendants of General John Newton since she has discovered a commendation, which is dated the twenty-sixth of September, 1876, from the State of New York.

How was Belmont Abbey able to possess and discover these valuable works? Mrs. Freeman speculates "that many of the books and manuscripts were

donated by the Bishop of Charleston in 1942; Father Thomas Oesteriock, St. Maur's Priory in Bristol, Virginia; and others were brought to the Abbey by the benedictine priests from Europe."

The manuscripts which have been catalogued thus far include: an "incunabula" which is a handwritten manuscript, that dates back to the

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## Abbey Library Books

### Pre-Date New World

"Not many institutions the size of Belmont Abbey College possess a collection of books and manuscripts which date back to the fourteen hundreds," stated Mrs. Jane Freeman.

When our present library was opened in 1959, many valuable and rare books were moved from the former library and stored in two rooms in the new library for safety.

Mrs. Freeman and the library staff began the task of restoring and cataloguing the literary valuables this year. At this date, approximately five hundred books and manuscripts have been

catalogued.

In April of 1976, the library staff discovered a family Bible and register bearing the inscription: Thomas and Elizabeth Claggett, 1840. After numerous attempts to place the Bible in the hands of its descendants, Mrs. McDonnell discovered an article in the September 1975 issue of TOWN AND COUNTRY which discussed the family of Captain Thomas Claggett and his descendants. Consequently, the library staff sent the family Bible to Brice M. Claggett, a young man who was immensely interested in his family ancestors. Perhaps this event could happen only



Robin Roberts

## Abbey Grad.

### Gets L.B.J.

### Internship

Robin Ray Roberts, a senior - political science major at Belmont Abbey College, has been selected for the Lyndon Baines Johnson legislative internship with Representative Charlie E. Bennett of his home district, the 3rd congressional district of Florida. Under this program each congressman is annually allowed one intern for general clerical work and research during the month of August. Applications for this position must be filed by late fall of the preceding year.

Robin has just completed his term as president of the Student Association. During his tenure, the Student Association of the Abbey was completely remodeled and put into a functionary tri-branch unit consisting of a representative body of governors, a legislature, and a judicial board.

Robin, who transferred from Florida Junior College in 1974, has served the college in various other positions. He was treasurer of the Student Association, the student newspaper, yearbook, and of his fraternity - Phi Kappa Theta. He has been active in WABY (the student radio station), the Campus Ministry and the N.C. Student Legislature, and is a member of Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. Also, Robin has acted as Chairman of Orientation, and student assistant to the Dean of Students.

Robin is the son of Capt. and Mrs. Roy Roberts of 1869 Embassy Drive in Jacksonville, Florida.

## A.P.O. Alumni Brothers!

Alpha Phi Omega, Rho Mu chapter will celebrate its tenth anniversary in February 1977. Preparations are underway for a banquet. All alumni brothers are requested to send their current address:

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Belmont, North Carolina 28012