



TWELVE ABBEY students have been selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Who's Who Selects 12

The 1977-78 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will carry the names of 12 students from Belmont Abbey College who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and

several foreign nations. Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from Belmont Abbey College are Tina L. Coleman, Medford, N.Y.; Anthony D. DeCristofaro, New Monmouth, N.J.; James L. Gates, Jr., Apopka, Fla.; John M. Giblin, Newport, N.C.; Mary M. Greaber, Atlanta, Ga.; Kathleen M. Klautdt, Gastonia, N. C.; Jeffrey S. Martin, Atlantic Beach, Fla.; Jean M. McGinnis, Miami, Fla.; Mary C. O'Leary, Belvedere, S.C.; Deborah K. Prince, St. Stephen's Church, Va.; Jeffrey B. Sailstad, Davidson, N.C.; and Michael M. Weber, Springfield, Va.

Alumni Visited on Tour

On Oct. 11 Harry Creemers, director of admissions, and Jay Briody, director in institutional relations, left for a five-day recruiting and alumni trip. They visited Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Richmond, Washington, D.C., New Jersey and New York City.

Briody, who is responsible for alumni relations, said the trip was very successful. "We were able to visit with a lot of alumni and gain feedback from them." Briody hopes that alumni chapters can be reorganized in Richmond and the Tidewater areas.

The two administrators also visited with the Washington, D.C. chapter, which is very active, and several people in New Jersey who are interested in organizing a chapter.

Help Us Recruit

The Admissions Office at Belmont Abbey College needs your help in recruiting qualified students to attend Belmont Abbey.

If you know of a prospective Abbey student, send us his or her name, address and telephone number. We'd appreciate any leads you can give us.

We promise to follow up with the prospect by sending a letter and literature on the Abbey. Send names to the Admissions Office, Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N.C. 28012.

Thanks to the many alumni and alumnae that have helped us thus far this year by sending us names and addresses. We appreciate it!

Rhode Island Yankee Head Abbey Chemist



FR. ARTHUR PENDLETON, O.S.B.

SPOTLIGHT

By FR. JAMES SOLARI, O.S.B.

In this issue Crossroads has chosen to focus attention upon one of the prominent members of the science faculty. Fr. Arthur Pendleton, O.S.B. is the chairman of the department of chemistry. He is a Rhode Island Yankee who was born and grew up in a typical, small New England town called Harrisville. Back in the nineteen thirties and forties the town's chief industry and base of economy was textiles. So it was quite natural for Arthur to become interested in the manufacture of textile products as a young student in high school.

He enrolled in the Rhode Island School of Design and took a bachelor of science degree in textile chemistry and coloring. His best recollections of those undergraduate years have been etched by long afternoons in the lab, courses in design and technology, with correspondingly little free time for recreation and involvement in student activities. He does admit to having been a fair-to-middling touch football player on intramural teams.

His involvement in chemistry next led to a two year graduate program at the Institute of Textile Technology in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he also was initiated into the charm of Southern folkways in the homeland of Thomas Jefferson. It wasn't long before Arthur became charged up over his research topic and completed a Master's dissertation on: "The Control of Static Electricity in Textile Manufacturing." This graduate study was supplemented by summer employment at Milliken & Company which was located in

the town of Pendleton, S. C. which, it is said, was named for one of the renegade members of the Pendleton clan who fled Rhode Island for Dixie long before the war between the states.

The ink was scarcely dry on his newly acquired Master's diploma when Uncle Sam beckoned and Arthur was inducted into the United States Army in January of 1954. After completing basic training at Ft. Dix, he was assigned to an engineering construction battalion and whisked over to Korea where he would serve for a year. He actually enjoyed this tour of duty and discovered the people to be friendly and the scenery captivating. Particularly memorable was an "R & R" leave in Japan where his textile connections from the U. S. afforded him entry into circles which the normal tourist would not enjoy. He was enchanted by the delicate beauty of Oriental art and the elegance of the Japanese culture.

After an honorable discharge from the service in August of 1955, he returned to academic pursuits and put in three months of lab research at the University of Rhode Island on the fungicidal treatment of golf putting greens. Surprisingly this rather intimate contact with the sport did not rub off and he never had the urge to chase a little white ball across the links!

In 1956 he returned to the employ of Millikan & Co. in Union, S. C. in a ladies wear finishing plant and within the year was promoted to head the laboratory. It was while he was here that he came into contact with the Benedictines of Belmont. In 1958 Arthur was drawn to Belmont Abbey and entered the monastery. After completing his monastic formation and seminary studies, he added "Father" to his name as he received ordination to the priesthood.

During this same period through summer work at Notre Dame University, he earned a second Master's degree in chemistry and in the regular semesters he taught part-time in the chemistry department under the late Dr. Joseph Matthews. From 1968 to 1972 he was engaged in doctoral studies at Clemson University and was awarded the Ph.D. degree. Once more involved in instruction at Belmont, he was promoted to assistant and then to associate professor of chemistry. Upon the retirement of Dr. Winslow Hartford from full-time teaching, Fr. Arthur was appointed department chairman.

He holds active membership in the American Chemical Society and the American Association of Textile Chemists & Colorists. His earlier association with Millikan made him especially sensitive to the industrial needs of the surrounding area, and he has developed several courses for local chemists. He has acquired a reputation for thoroughness and high standards of performance, and this has established his organic chemistry course as a genuine test of the seriousness of pre-med students.

His time is absorbed by monastic duties and instructional responsibilities in the college; however, he escapes several times a week for brisk sets of tennis with colleagues or students. As an avocation he turns to reading in the field of psychology. He has a serious interest in promoting the habit of rational inquiry through the study of science. In 1976-1977 he was chosen to participate in a Lilly Fellowship grant for the study of learning difficulties at Duke University.

Belmont Abbey College recognizes Fr. Arthur Pendleton, O.S.B. for his devotion to his students and wishes him many rewarding years of future service.