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- '40 -- Enjoyed talking with Earl Marshall on the phon-a-thon. He is athletic director and track coach at John W. North High School in Riverside, California, where he and his wife Barbara and two children live.
- '47 -- Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Etheridge, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 12. Their daughter Carolyn was a student at the Abbey last year.
- '54 -- Congratulations to Herman Parnell, who was promoted to assistant vice president of the Charlotte office of Branch Banking & Trust Company. He is the new mortgage loan officer. He and Mary are the parents of four children. Marty and Joe Sheenan were here for Homecoming and it was their first visit in nine years. Marty ended up in Mercy Hospital for three days but is better now, and it was so good to see them. Our deepest sympathy to you Joe, on the death of your mother.
- '55 -- Jim Pat Ros has been named manager of the new Saturating Kraft Sales Department of Union Camp Corporation in the Unbleached Division in Atlanta, where he, wife Bootsie and their two children, Karen, 18, and Rick, 16, will live.
- '57 -- Jane Shannon ('76), who recruits for the Abbey, saw Ed Chavarría at a College Fair in Atlanta. How about a letter, Ed, giving me news of you and Theresa and the family? Congratulations to Joe Coyle, who has been promoted to division administrative manager for Burlington Sportswear Fabrics. He and Frances and their two sons have moved to Greensboro, the home office of Burlington Industries.
- '58 -- Enjoyed a visit with Dick Holt when he came by to get his transcript. He plans to study for the ministry and preached November 27 at Parkwood Baptist Church in Gastonia, where he, Catherine and their three children live. Dick is now district manager of Combined Insurance Co. of America.
- '59 -- Congratulations to Mariana and Charlie Wade on the arrival of Sean Martin on October 6. As Charlie says, "after 15 years, what a surprise -- and we couldn't be happier!"
- '62 -- Preston McLaurin has been promoted to mid-western regional manager of sales by American Olean Tile Company, a division of National Gypsum Company, and will have his office at the Company's Chicago-North sales service center, where he will direct thirteen sales representatives and eleven sales service centers in his region. Congratulations, Preston, and be sure to let us have your new address.
- '65 -- Harvey Gregory is a major in the Service and he and his wife Pat are living in Bettendorf, Iowa.
- '67 -- Richard Magovern is marketing manager of yarn sales for Millikin and Co. in FairHaven, New Jersey. Jim Monahan is director of finance at South Amboy (N.J.) Memorial Hospital.
- '68 -- Congratulations and best wishes to Edward Vecchio and Carol Reed, who were married September 24 in Sag Harbor, New York. Ed is merchandise manager of the New York branch of Summerfield Industries of North Carolina and New York. Carol is a flight attendant with American Airlines in New York. Luis Rodriguez is with Pan Florida Realty, Inc. in Coral Gables, Florida. Congratulations to Paul Zingg on his new position as executive dean of academic affairs at Daniel Hale Williams University in Chicago. Also to Anne Stirling and Mike O'Connell, who were married October 22 in Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Charleston, S. C., with Father Donald participating in the wedding. Mike is a public defender in Charleston and they live on Sullivans Island, S. C.
- '69 -- George E. Sullivan is vice president for sales with Atlantic Steel Castings Co. in Chester, Pa. He is married and has two children. It was good to see Kathy and Bob Marshall (they were married July 31) when they came by for a short visit October 7. Both are working in the Family Life Bureau of the Diocese of Arlington, where Bob is the assistant director. He flies all over the country making speeches and they live in Falls Church, Virginia. Thank you, Kevin Hislop for your telephone call telling me of your new job as director of radio and assistant professor of communications at Seton Hall. Kevin and Marie, who is a registered nurse and attended the College of Dublin in Ireland, are expecting a new addition in the spring and live in South Orange, New Jersey. Congratulations to Alice (Ford, SHC) and Lee Whalen

on the arrival of Kimberly Anne on August 17. They have a son, Patrick, who is three years old, and live in Darien, Conn. Lee commutes to New York City where he is with Owens-Illinois. Thanks for your letter, Thomas Cheek, telling us of your new job as of October 1 as assistant director of training with the Life Underwriter Training Council in Washington, D. C., where he is writing, editing and revising textbook materials produced for the training of life insurance agents nationally. After graduation from the Abbey he spent four years in the Navy as an officer and aviator; in 1973 he joined Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., where he became district agency manager responsible for recruiting, hiring and training agents in the Piedmont and western North Carolina area. He and Donna have three sons, Scotty, age seven, Travis, six, and Matthew, three, and they live in Annandale, Virginia. Congratulations and best wishes to Rick Salem and Eileen Monley who were married November 25 in Tampa, Florida. Rick is an attorney at the firm of Salem & Salem, Musiah, Morse, and MacKenzie in Tampa.

'70 -- Pat and Steve Butrym announce the addition of a daughter, Ellen, who arrived via the Lamaze method on October 23. Steve has recently been promoted to administrative operations manager at the General Systems Division of IBM in Roanoke. Tom McGorrry is with Curtis 1000, Inc. and lives in Neptune, New Jersey.

'71 -- Congratulations to Diane (Klinker, SHC'71) and Richard Hoefling on the arrival of Stephanie Suzanne, who was baptized by Father James on October 2. They also have a son, Matthew, who is three years old. Richard is corporate attorney for Tacoma Investment Co. in Winston-Salem, of which Joe Mertes is president and George Taylor ('72) and Bob Daniel ('75) are top executives.

'72 -- Ernie Kelly is with the Employment Security Commission in Gastonia, and he and Cynthia live in Mt. Holly. Enjoyed talking to Charles Farrell on the phon-a-thon. He is pursuing graduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania and teaching marketing there. He and Maria live in Havertown.

'73 -- Dan Loftus stopped by for a visit on October 25. He is living in Springfield, Virginia, and working at Paxton's Moving Co. in Washington, D. C. in their Public Relations Department and is consult to special products and national accounts. He was in this area to facilitate the move of Continental Telephone from Hickory, N. C. to Atlanta. Edward De Torres is an attorney in Newton, N. C., associated with Samuel P. Moose. He was admitted to the New Jersey State Bar in May and passed the N. C. State Bar in July. Good luck in your career, Ed.

'74 -- John Keaton is with the National Consumer Finance Association in Washington, D. C. He is also working on his Masters in Economics at George Mason University in Virginia.

'75 -- Paul Keany is with Chester, Blackburn and Roder Shipping Lines in New York City. He and his wife Wendy live in Sea Bright, New Jersey.

'76 -- Congratulations and best wishes to Virginia Marie Willis and Brian Richard O'Fallon, who were married in Charlotte on October 8.

Jack Hanahan visited in Washington the end of September and brought back news of the alumni in that area. Ellie and Brent Jaquet ('71) are completing their new home in Edgewater, Maryland. Brent is administrative assistant to one of the California congressmen. He and Ellie have three children; Bootie and Alan Jones ('56) are very pleased at the progress of Alan Junior at the Abbey; Chris Franke ('72) is very interested in rejuvenating the Abbey Alumni Chapter in D. C. and worked with Greg Hollingshead ('76), who is an assistant to a Florida congressman, in putting on the recent meeting in the Rayburn Building.

It was great talking to so many of the alumni during the phon-a-thon. Please keep the news coming. All of us here at the College like to hear from you, and I'm sure all your classmates enjoy knowing what is happening to you.

IN MEMORIAM

Denton Vlaservich

Class of 1928 (Dent's Place)

Anthony A. Burke
Col. A. F. Briggs
James M. Fagan
Martin Joseph Wright

Class of 1939
Class of 1940
Class of 1957
Class of 1969

Insight

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Yet, Belmont Abbey College has managed to survive, but only through the faith in God and the enormous struggles of many dedicated people over the years and, since God's ways are wonderful, also through the great generosity, encouragement and interest of many fine non-Catholic friends in our local area. Keeping in mind the meager support the College has received (contrary to what many people think, the College has never at any time received any financial support from the Catholic Church), the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court affirming the eligibility for some State funds of North Carolina residents who choose to attend Belmont Abbey College can be seen to be helpful to us in our long struggle.

Another important development that augurs well, I believe, for the future of the College is the continual build-up of the Catholic population in our entire region, as more and more people move from the North and other parts of the country into the so-called Sunbelt. Significant numbers of these people are Catholics. Belmont, with Sacred Heart College and Belmont Abbey College, is the only center of Catholic higher education on the east coast of our country between northern Virginia and Florida, and as the Catholic population grows in our region, we ought to be prompted to make sure that these Catholics are provided with the option of an education at a Catholic college, the kind of college whose role is, as Pope Paul reminds us, "irreplaceable and urgent."

These developments ought also to prompt the growing Catholic population in this region to give Belmont Abbey College the kind of support I believe it has earned by its pioneering efforts in higher education here over so many years. Belmont Abbey College is a good small college that gives its students an excellent undergraduate education in the programs it is able to offer; it also strives to lead, in suitable ways, its Catholic students to a mature understanding of their faith. But with the support I believe it ought to receive from its growing Catholic constituency in the years ahead, we could have here the kind of institution that would reflect the scope and excellence commensurate with Catholicism's great tradition in higher education throughout the centuries. As I write this, I recall a quotation that may be apposite to our present situation: "Some men see things as they are and say why. I dream things that never were and say why not."

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Travel Abroad

Once again the Abbey alumni will be able to travel abroad. Plans are being made for a trip sometime in the spring or early fall. More details will be coming your way.

Parents Weekend

Parents Weekend is scheduled for March 10, 11 and 12. A fine weekend is being planned and a large turnout is expected. All parents will be notified soon about the schedule of events.