

ALUMNI NEWS ALUMNI NEWS

by Mrs. Mary Cook

'42 -- Bill Rice is in the mortgage insurance business in Charlotte.

'49 -- John Fitzpatrick is an attorney in Bronxville, N.Y.

'56 -- Patricia and William Hatchett and their son William visited the Abbey July 29 on their way home from vacationing in the mountains. William is a teacher in Huntsville, Ala.

'57 -- Dick Bain is county administrator of York County, Va., and lives near Williamsburg. He and Helen have three children.

'59 -- Marie and Warren Brookins and five of their eight children visited the Abbey the weekend of June 29. Their oldest son is 18 and in the Marines. Warren works for the Orange County (Florida) Public Works in the soil testing laboratory and they live in Orlando. He told us that Bob Phandski teaches chemistry at Bishop More School and Jack Schrinker ('69) is a CPA. Jack and Virginia have five children. It was good to talk to you on the phone, Warren, and sorry I was on vacation when you visited the Abbey. It was good to see Joe Mullally when he stopped by the latter part of July to tell me his daughter, Carolyn, will be a student at the Abbey next year. How time flies!

'60 -- It was good to see Father Daniel Bain when he came for the Theology Seminar at the Abbey during June.

'64 -- George Lund is a reserve school technician in the U.S. Army Reserve.

'66 -- Frank Becht is a physical education instructor at Hudson Catholic High School in Jersey City, N.J., where he also coaches soccer and track.

'67 -- Bill Drinkwater has a private law practice in Virginia Beach. Thanks, Bill, for all your work in organizing alumni events in the Tidewater area. Congratulations to Mike Del Priore who has been promoted to vice president of The Bank of New York.

'68 -- Pat and Cathy (SHC '66) Blevins came by to see Fr. Oscar on July 3. Pat is a personnel management specialist at Fort McPherson, Ga., and Cathy is a medical technologist (RIA Dept.) in Pathologists Services in Tucker, Ga.

'69 -- Enjoyed the article in the N.C. Catholic on Richard Salem, who is running for election to the U.S. House of Representatives from Florida. He is married to the former Eileen Monley of Tampa, where they now live. Good luck, Rick! Craig Whitt has graduated from Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry and is now in a general practice residency in dentistry at Naval Hospital, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton.

Congratulations to Bryant Deaton who recently passed the C.P.A. examination.

'70 -- Enjoyed visiting with Jimmy Woo when he stopped by the Abbey on June 27, the first time since graduation. He is in the Production Control Department of Reynolds Metals in Richmond and was amazed at the changes on campus since 1970. Don't wait so long to visit again, Jimmy. It was good to see you.

'71 -- Bob Bielat is a CPA with Waller & Woodhouse in Norfolk and lives in Virginia Beach. Mike Gallagher works for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Commerce in Philadelphia. Dennis McEvoy has moved to Atlantic Highlands, N.J. He and his wife Chris have a beautiful view of Sandy Hook from high above the Atlantic Ocean. Dennis is with Johnson & Johnson.

'72 -- Pat Duffy is now with the Atlanta Hilton. Mike Patterson teaches fifth grade and coaches basketball at Our Mother of Sorrows School in Philadelphia. He and wife Susan live in Philadelphia. Mike Power is with IBM and he and Mary live in New York City. John Czel is sales manager for Prudential Insurance Co. in Stamford, Conn. and lives in South Norwalk. Jim Frazer is with New York Life in New York. Joe Ford is assistant vice president of National Bank in Chesapeake, Va.

'73 -- Tom Nolan is in his second year of residency at Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., in the department of obstetrics and gynecology. He and his wife Susan have one daughter, Jennifer, 16 months old. Bill Hatfield recently became an associate of the law firm of Hyman, Morgan, Brown, Saleeby, Jeffords and Rushton in Florence, S.C. He graduated from the University of South Carolina School of Law in Columbia in 1977. It was good to see Mike Connors and his wife Grace when they visited the Abbey in July. Mike is the senior management officer for First & Merchants Corp. in Richmond. He and Grace have a 19-month-old son Sean. Frank Kurtz is the assistant personnel director of Hunterdon County, N.J., and he and his wife Joannie (SHC '73) live in Bloomsbury. Congratulations and best wishes to Barbara Johnson and Ted Eskildsen, who were married in Raleigh, N.C. in March. Ted has completed his Master's degree at UNC-Charlotte and he and Barbara live in Marcella, N.J., where Ted is guidance counselor at Morris Catholic High School and coaches baseball and basketball. Chic Hamm is teaching and coaching at Oregon Junior High School in Medford, N.Y. Bob Demuro is a U.S. Postal Inspector in New York City. He is completing his Master's at Rutgers University and he and Chris live in North Brunswick, N.J.

'74 -- Best wishes to Mike Corcoran and Mary Kenn,

who were married in New York in June. Mike is a communications specialist working in New York. Greg Schultz is a distribution analyst with MAPP Products in Springfield, N.J. Wendy and Paul Keany have moved into their new home in Rumson, N.J. Paul is with Chester, Blackburn and Roder in New York City. It was good to see Ray Schambach when he stopped by the College on June 12. He is a Brother of Divine Providence in Bogota, Colombia, S.A., who operates an orphanage for boys and two retirement homes there. Ray told me that his brother Bob ('71) has two boys and Randy ('76) a little girl, and both live in Guatemala. Dick Harlow, who has been an account executive at WGLD-FM in High Point, has been named sales manager of WYYD-FM in Raleigh. Dick and his wife live in Apex, N.C.

'75 -- Russ Beecker is a manpower specialist for the Middletown County, N.J.C.E.T.A. program. He and his wife Robin live in Spotswood. Congratulations and best wishes to Elaine Capuano and Ed Steiner, who were married August 6. Ed is a graphic artist with Impact Exhibits in South Plainfield and they live in Edison, N.J. Congratulations and best wishes also to Kenny Heretick and Maureen Reilly ('76), who were married August 5 in St. Petersburg, Fla., where they are living. Bernie Scibienski is with General Motors in Linden, N.J., and he and wife Pat live in Bound Brook. Congratulations to Jerry Mumpower who recently passed the CPA examination.

'76 -- Al Raimo is a counselor at the Commonwealth of Virginia State Penitentiary in Richmond. Jay Marchwinski has been accepted into graduate school at the University of South Carolina in the field of Public Health Administration. Congratulations to Mark Beam who recently passed the CPA examination.

'77 -- Mary Cheaney is with the Internal Revenue Service in Jacksonville, Fla. Elizabeth Tracy is a social worker in Alexandria, Va. Congratulations and best wishes to Joseph Peter Vollkommer, who entered the noviate at Belmont Abbey on July 10 as Brother Andrew. Congratulations to Anne Michele (Bogan) Monaco, who has been promoted to personnel officer at Mercy Hospital. She and John ('75) have just built a home in southeast Charlotte. John is a tax specialist with Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. and also teaches accounting in the evening at the Abbey. Bart Turner is with J.C. Penney Co. in New York City and lives in Mattituck. Barbara Sweeney is a statutory accountant for Chubb & Sons in Short Hills, N.J., and lives in Bridgewater.

'78 -- Tony Stouffs is with Dun & Bradstreet in Richmond.

The Art Of Thinking

Editor's Note: Over the next few months Father John Bradley, provost at Belmont Abbey College, will be writing a series of articles as a guest columnist for THE CHARLOTTE NEWS. Throughout the series Father Bradley will attempt to highlight certain ideas that Belmont Abbey College endorses as important goals in its philosophy of education. Following is a reprint of the first of this series, in which he emphasizes the importance of thinking as contrasted with mere information gathering.

Some time ago the curriculum committee of Harvard University complained that Harvard was not teaching its students to think. I believe that many educators associated with various colleges and universities throughout the length and breadth of the

country would nowadays agree that this is their experience also.

No doubt there is a great range of reasons why little time and opportunity is devoted nowadays to challenging the student to think, as contrasted with information gathering and merely regurgitating that information in tests. The enormous growth of information about almost everything in recent times is in itself a constant temptation to the educator or textbook writer to cover as much information as possible, thus leaving less and less time to exercise our most important faculty, the faculty that works on that information, criticizing it, analyzing it, synthesizing it. In other words, leaving less and less time for thinking.

Concerned about this and about the consequent danger of

students confusing real thinking with mere information gathering, I used to tell the freshmen honor students at Belmont Abbey College a story I heard years ago at Oxford University.

At Oxford, various examinations are held throughout the year that have no direct bearing on the examinations for degrees. For example, there is the Latin Poetry Prize examination. The student who wins this does indeed receive a small prize, but it is the prestige of winning such an examination that is most valued. Many years ago the famous English poet A.E. Housman took his place with a few other students in the examination room and the professor supervising that year's Latin Poetry Prize examination entered and announced that the topic they

should write a Latin poem about was: "The Marriage Feast at Cana." Three hours were allowed for the students to complete their Latin poems.

Almost at once all the examinees, except Housman, began to write, recounting the facts of the New Testament story of Jesus changing the water into wine, observing meticulously the rules of Latin poetry as they did so.

Housman, however, seemed to be gazing out the window observing the lawn in the quadrangle outside. Two hours went past and the other students had some twenty lines on paper and Housman had none. Then he took up his pen, wrote two lines of Latin poetry, handed in his paper and left the room. He won that year's Latin Poetry Prize. Here is the English translation of what he wrote: "The water looked at its Creator and blushed."

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