

# ALUMNI NEWS

by Mrs. Mary Cook

'38 - Edward "Butch" Hudacek and his wife Margaret visited Father Cuthbert during the Christmas holidays. Butch is in the construction business in Fair Oaks, Calif. Stanley Romanoski has just finished his eighteenth season as cross-country coach at West Virginia U., with the impressive record of 16 winning seasons, one losing, and one tie.

'39 - Robert Kupsy is teacher and assistant football and wrestling coach at Central Catholic High School in Wheeling, West Virginia.

'41 - Russell Miller is president of Investment & Financial Management, Inc., Norfolk, Virginia, which directs the investment of retirement funds as well as personal accounts. The firm has just celebrated its fifth anniversary.

'47 - Col. Emmett DeAvies is still in the Air Force, now in the Office of Director, Defense, Research and Engineering, lecturing and commenting. He is also Lay Eucharistic Minister at the Church of the Holy Spirit in the Diocese of Arlington, and his oldest son, Michael, will join the Diocese of Arlington as he goes on to theology after graduation from St. Mary's in Baltimore.

'51 - Frank Gragnani is vice president of First Mortgage Corporation in Richmond, Va.

'53 - It was good to see Dolores and Bill Farley when they came down for Abbot Jude's blessing on December 19.

'54 - Robin and Bill Ach were named by their parish council as representatives for St. Leo's Parish to the 1975 Holy Year Diocese of Charlotte Pilgrimage to Rome, visiting Madrid, Barcelona, Nice, Florence, Pisa, Assisi, and Rome.

'56 - Thank you for your lovely letter, Lola and Bill Peel. It was great to see you and the boys, Paul and Gilbert, when you visited this summer, and we look forward to two "Abbeymen" before too many more years. Had a good visit with Dario Taquechel when he brought his nephew to enroll at the Abbey. Dario has his own business in Atlanta, North Side Management and Development Co., and still flies for Delta. He also has his own plane and "buzzed" the Abbey as he came over.

'58 - Congratulations to Charlie Bridges, who was named division vice president-consumer products sales-west in Scott Paper Company's packaged products division in October. He had been director of sales - west since April 1972. He lives in Palos Verdes, California. Enjoyed talking with Ted Nulden by phone from Fort Lauderdale, where he raises thoroughbred horses part-time and goes to school full-time at Broward Community College. He will attend Florida Atlantic University. Gene Kincaid is full-time pastor of Rosewood Lane Baptist Church in Gastonia, and chief military chaplain in the state of North Carolina in the Civil Air Patrol.

'59 - David Foley has been appointed by President Davidson to the University of Georgia Staff Grievance Committee. His wife Anne is president of the Athens - Clarke County Chapter of the American Cancer Society. George Wyatt stopped by the Abbey recently. He owns several clothing stores in the area, particularly the S & W Clothing Store in Cramerton. Enjoyed the note from John Munzenrider, which Father Cuthbert let me read. John is still at Tufts-New England Medical Center in Boston and is acting chairman of the Department of Therapeutic Radiology. He and Elizabeth have three children, John, Karen, and Ellen. John told us that Joe Munzenrider ('61) is in Boston, at a Raytheon operated library of the Department of Transportation in Cambridge, and also that he visited Mike Bishop ('57) and his wife Ellen and their two children, Mike, six, and Mary, two, in California. Mike has a TV sales and service shop in San Pablo.

'60 - Major Marcus Brewer is stationed with the USAF at Castle AFB, California, where he is instructor Radar Navigator in B-52 aircraft for new students in the Strategic Aid Command.

'61 - It was good to see Steve Hodulik when he visited the Abbey in December.

'62 - Eric Lundquist visited with Father Cuthbert the day after Christmas. "Rick" is with Merrill, Lynch in Cleveland, Ohio. Thank you for your newsy letter, Tom Ferguson. Tom, Mary and the boys, Tom junior, twelve, Chris, eleven, and William, six, are living in San Diego where Tom is Aide and Flag Lieutenant to

the Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Vice Admiral E.H. Tidd, and will be there for two years. Kathleen Black is principal of the Gaston Children's Center. She is in the six-year program at Appalachian State University to earn the advanced principal's certificate. Joseph Romeo is Chief Revenue Officer, Fairfax (Va.) County Public Schools, the fifteenth largest school system in the county. Pete Leonard is sales representative for North Florida in the commercial automotive and motorcycle industry. He is married and has three children and they live in Jacksonville, Florida. Lawrence Fuccella is owner-operator of Urbanna Inn, Restaurant-Motel, in Urbana, Virginia.

'64 - Congratulations to Bob Montgomery, who was promoted to Executive Vice President of Johnston Mills. He and Kay and their six children live in Gastonia. Bob is also president of the Belmont Abbey Athletic Association. Thanks, Bob, for all the work you did during the WBTV Carolina Basketball Classic on our campus.

'65 - Lamar Robinson is employed by Whitesides and Robinson, attorneys in Gastonia. He and Kay have two sons, Tre, three, and Ty, one. Pete Taquechel is administrator with the Singer Company for the southeastern district and lives in Atlanta. Congratulations to Paul Beattie, who has been named account salesman for the Charlotte Service Center of Joseph T. Ryerson & Son, Inc., the nation's largest metals service center organization. He has been with Ryerson since 1967 and lives in Gastonia. Ted Collins is manager of Belk-Matthews Department Store in Belmont. Congratulations also to Reginald Wright, who has been promoted to Senior Regional Analyst with Internal Revenue Service. He and Janice and their two sons, Robbie, eight, and Mark, five, will live in Atlanta, the Regional office of I.R.S.

'66 - Had a nice conversation with Roy King recently. He and Sally and their three children, ages eight, six, and two, live in Charlotte, where Roy is Charlotte District Manager with Southern Bell. Frank Ruzala has been with United Gilsonite Laboratories since 1972, covering the Syracuse, N.Y. sales area. He and his wife, Susan, are both active in the Catholic Charismatic movement, M.E., and related church work. They live in Liverpool, New York, and plan to visit the Abbey and Florida in the near future. We'll look forward to their visit. Gary Loftin is chief accountant on the J.A. Jones Construction Co. project for the Ministry of Defense, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. David Cunningham has just begun a new job with the U.S. Court System as management analyst, and lives in Annapolis, Maryland.

'67 - Dennis Vollmer is school psychologist with the Gaston County Schools and he and Dolores and their five children live in Gastonia. Gene Dixon received the MBA from Notre Dame in 1969 and is now financial manager with Graybar Electric in Detroit. He and his wife Chris and four-year-old daughter, Michele, live in Huntington Woods, Michigan. Michael Costigan is sales representative for Sears & Roebuck, Inc., in Providence, Rhode Island.

'68 - Ed Toblason stopped by when he came to the Abbey to see his brother Albert, who is a student here. Ed is with the National Economic Development Association as a senior financial analyst in Newark, New Jersey. Thanks for your news, Sammy Diminich. He is in the restaurant business in Myrtle Beach, S.C., and he and Adele (Marks, SHC'71) have two daughters, Lisa, five, and Stephanie, two. Frank Dubowski is in the real estate business in Jamaica Estates, New York, dealing in residential, commercial, and investment property. Julio Nolla is working for San Juan Legal Services, Inc., which is a member of the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association. He is a member of the Puerto Rico Bar Association admitted to and certified to appear before the Puerto Rico Supreme Court, the Federal District Court of Puerto Rico, and the Court of Appeals in Boston, as attorney and counselor. John LaRocca is a financial analyst for the Federal Home Loan Bank in Washington, D.C., and he and Paulette (they were married this past June) live in Springfield, Va. Capt. Pat Sakole is working with the United Nations Observer Group Sinai in the Middle East and expects to return to the States in April. Ken Wilburn received his Master's in History at

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Brother Timothy, O.S.B.

## Bro. Timothy Returns

Brother Timothy Fairwell, O.S.B., has recently been promoted to the position of Belmont Abbey Admissions Counselor for North Carolina. When asked, the Philadelphia-born native replied that he enjoyed working in people-orientated jobs, and that because people are the key factor in admissions, his new job would be especially gratifying.

Concentrating his recruiting efforts throughout North Carolina, Brother Timothy hopes to place a particular emphasis on the high schools within Gaston and Mecklenburg counties. He feels, "The most important aspect of my job will be in acting as a liaison between local high schools, colleges and Belmont Abbey, and more-over to represent the institution at various functions."

The motive behind this special emphasis on North Carolina, and the Abbey's immediately surrounding area, is the fact that within the past few years this area's enrollment representation figures have tripled and as Brother Timothy explained, "We'd like to see this trend continue." This, of course, has necessitated wider, more intense, local recruiting.

Several factors have caused this situation to arise. Primarily, there has been a recent nationwide trend for the college bound to attend institutions closer to their homes, (usually within a 500 mile radius.) Contributing to this is the fact that state aid programs have provided a greater incentive than ever for local, eligible students. Particular to our own situation is the increasing community awareness between Belmont Abbey and the surrounding area.