

Kicks off Centennial Music Events

Claire Coci Recital Given on March 5



Belmont Abbey College recently experienced the first in a series of outstanding musical events which will be held here during this our Centennial year.

Miss Claire Coci, internationally renowned organist, performed a recital of Bach, Franck, Copland, and several others on Friday evening, March 5 at the Belmont Abbey Cathedral.

Coci, who was educated in New Orleans and Paris with the French master Marcel Dupre, has combined a rewarding teaching career in several U.S. colleges (including Oberlin and

Westminster College) with a successful performing vocation which has allowed her to travel, not only in the U.S. but has taken her to Europe several times. In the past she has been the official organist for the New York Philharmonic Orchestra. Coci, who now resides in Tenafly, New Jersey, supervises the Administration of the American Academy of Music.

Known as "the first lady of the organ," Miss Coci holds the coveted "Medale D'Argent" from the French Academy of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Material Handling Class Hears Series Of Lectures

A series of lectures was recently presented to students in the Material Handling class of the Distribution Management program. There were three lectures presented over a two month period.

Mr. Gene Noble, Regional Sales Manager of Versa Ferguson Conveyor Corporation, Mt. Sterling, Ohio, spoke on "Conveyor Applications in Industry." His talk outlined the four different types of conveyors and their physical design. Then, he pointed out the proper situation for each type to be used.

The second lecture was given by R.Q. Haight. His topic was the "Role of Computers in Modern Distribution." Mr.

Haight explained how the company he works for uses computers in production scheduling and inventory control.

The series was completed by Mr. Edward Mills, Vice-President and General Manager, H.M.C. Attachment Division, Missouri Research Laboratories, Inc., St. Charles, Mo. His talk concerned the different attachments available for a fork-lift in doing different jobs. He brought into account the fact that using the proper attachments can save time, reduce damages, and ultimately save money.

Dr. Bill M. Kirk, chairman of the Distribution Manage-

ment program, explained that these lectures round out classroom discussions by bringing in people who work in various fields.

Ralph Tileston, junior Distribution Management major, said "On the average the lecture series was very informative and well organized."

This was the second year that the series was given to the Material Handling class.

French Mass Celebrated on 'Feast of St. Joseph'

Aimez-vous le francais? If you do, then perhaps you would have been interested in the special Mass celebrated in french at the Belmont Abbey Cathedral.

The Mass, which has become somewhat of a tradition here at 'the Abbey,' is sponsored each year by the French

Language Department in honor of la fete de Saint Joseph, the Patron Saint of Belgium, and was delivered on March 19, at 6:15 p.m.

Fr. Kenneth Geyer, O.S.B., was the principal celebrant, and a group of approximately 80 people were in attendance.

Sister Margaret Joins Sociology Dept.

Margaret M. Calnan, R.S.M., has recently been hired as an instructor by the Sociology Department at Belmont Abbey College. She replaces Terry Tomazic who has returned to N.C. State University for completion of graduate work to obtain his Ph.D. in Sociology.

Sister Calnan now lives in the Sacred Heart Convent, Belmont. Most recently she worked at Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, before coming to North Carolina.

Sister Margaret holds a B.A. degree in a double major of Philosophy - Theology from Mount Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (her hometown), with a minor in Education. She has been awarded a Masters in Social Work (M.S.U.) in Administration-Planning with a minor in Psychiatric Casework. Has also done graduate work in Theology at Catholic University, and in Astronomy and Geology at Arizona State. She has been im-

pressed with the seriousness and friendliness of the students at Belmont Abbey College. "By and large the students are serious about their work. I have given a few exams and the results have been

very impressive," said Sister Margaret. "They are a friendly bunch of young men and women. They go out of their way to make things as easy as possible for me because I came here in the middle of the year."



Sister Margaret Calnan, RSM

Unsolicited Testimonial

Hello Mr. H.

Before I went to bed tonight I reached over to my bookcase and pulled out my copy of the 1972 Spire. After paging through it, my conclusion is that there is no place like home (the Abbey!).

I was doing a lot of thinking tonight trying to come up with an example which would best describe my Abbey experience. I think I have found one!

There was many an evening when I would be at my desk in 213B O'Connell wondering when and how was I going to catch up on a particular assignment. I'd be sitting there with forehead in hands when I would hear the familiar laugh of Ed Cartoski. I would yell out: "Cartoski, you so and so!!". An equally vigorous reply

would be shouted back! As soon as he walked in the room we'd both burst out laughing. That was the Abbey. Not only could you recognize people by sight but by their voice, their laughter, and even how they walked. When I think about those three years at the Abbey I wish I could do them over again with all the same people. There were some trials and tribulations in those three years, but not enough to keep me from doing it again.

You are probably wondering at this point what caused this sentimental outburst!? Well, I got tired of just thinking and thought I would share some of my thoughts with a good friend. Thanks for lending an ear! My best to all.

Bob