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Standing left to right - Ty Boyd, Warren Clark, and Coach Mike Reidy.

Over one-hundred and fifty alumni, administrators, faculty and friends helped Belmont Abbey celebrate her one-hundredth birthday as they attended the festivities of the Centennial Homecoming Weekend on October 1st and 2nd.

Kicking off the weekend was a cocktail party held in the Abbot Vincent Taylor Library, which was beautifully decorated by Bro. Kevin Canty, O.S.B. With student bartenders serving up the drinks, alumni began renewing old friendships with their classmates and teachers.

Alumni came to the weekend from all over the country, Michael Bishop, class of 1957, traveled the longest distance to attend, coming all the way from California.

A guest book was kept and all who attended were asked to sign the ledger. The book will be preserved in the Abbey's archives.

After the alumni and faculty were sufficiently intoxicated and the booze started to go dry, the scene shifted to the Maurus Dining Hall for a banquet dinner and welcoming speeches. Father Jerome Dollard, O.S.B., delivered the invocation.

Speeches began once the guests received their portions of a dinner which included ham, roast beef, various vegetables and appetizers, salad, strawberry shortcake for dessert and plenty of

coffee and iced-tea.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening was Mr. Jim Babb, class of 1959. Mr. Babb is the Executive Vice-President and General Manager of WBTV in Charlotte; he is also a member of the Board of Trustees for Belmont Abbey College. The principal speaker of the evening was local television personality, Ty Boyd. Fr. John Bradley, college president, and Abbot Jude Cleary, O.S.B., also gave brief speeches welcoming the alumni back.

Later that evening many alumni attended a party at the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity house.

Saturday morning saw an informal assembly held in the auditorium of the William Gaston Science Building. Fr. Bradley gave a "State of the College" address to the sparse crowd who woke up early enough. Academic Dean, Fr. James Solari, then spoke about the academic programs now offered, and then Mr. Warren Clark, Vice-President for Development, gave a slide presentation.

Following a Mass in the Cathedral and lunch in the dining hall, the alumni divided into four smaller groups to have discussions and to attempt to reorganize the Alumni Association.

The last high school class to graduate, Prep Class of 1956, held their twenty-year reunion during this weekend. They separated from the other groups and met

### Over One-Hundred And Fifty In Attendance

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## Celebrates 100th Birthday

upstairs in the Administration building.

All the graduates of the years from 1909-1959, dubbed the "Elder Statesmen," met in the Oak Room of the Administration Building. In their discussions, they decided to have class representatives as a way to strengthen an Alumni Association. Representatives at the Centennial Weekend in this group were: Joseph W. Bliley, 1928; Timothy Kears, Jr., 1935; Frontis J. Rodgers, 1937; George Fleming, Jr., 1943; John Moses, and Leo Wollstein, 1946; James F. Hillegass and Reon G. Hillegass, 1947; Philip J. Sullivan, 1955; Michael F. Bishop, T. W. Campbell, and David M. Foley, 1959. Anyone else who is interested in helping to revive the Alumni Association within this group range, and is willing to represent their class, please contact the Alumni Office.

The classes of the Sixties met in the Snack Bar, located in the Haid. They elected officers for an Alumni Association. The Officers are: Ted Hawley, President, 1968; Tom Bledsoe, Vice-President, 1968; Dick Bernard, Secretary-Treasurer, 1969; Felipe Villalon, Alumni Campaign Leader, 1968; and Joe Baxter, Reporter, 1968.

The "Young Crowd", graduates of the 1970's, met in the back of the Snack Bar. They also elected regional officers who are: Harry Creemers, President, 1974; James Marco, Vice-President, 1970; and Bro. Paul Shanley, O.S.B., Secretary, 1973.

Saturday afternoon was filled with activity. An Alumni-Faculty basketball game was staged in the Wheeler Center. Refereed by

members of this year's Crusader Basketball team, Clint Bryant and Bobby Moran, the faculty team came back from a half-time deficit to win. The final score, after a close battle in the last 30 seconds was, 55-54.

Also on Saturday, the Abbey girls played Sacred Heart in the annual Powder Puff Classic, which was won by the Vent girls, 12-6.

The Bookstore was opened in the afternoon for anyone who wanted to

browse or shop and the Alumni Office was open for anyone who needed

directions or general information. There were extra yearbooks available to alumni if they wanted to pick one up from back years.

The weekend drew to a close with a semi-formal dance "Anniversary Dance" in the Haid. The Chris Kelly Trio entertained alumni, faculty, and students.

## Symphony To Perform At Belmont Abbey



MONA GOLABECK; Soloist

The Charlotte Symphony will perform on the Belmont Abbey campus on Sunday, November 7th at 2:30 P.M.

The musical program will consist of the following: "Overture to Rusland and Ludmilla," by Glinka; "Piano Concerto No. 1 (Bb minor)," by Tchaikovsky; "Symphony No. 3," by Harris; and "Sorcerer's Apprentice," by Dukas.

Dr. Leo Driehuijs, a

guest conductor from Holland, will lead the symphony.

Mona Golabek, who has recently appeared with the Warsaw Philharmonic and the Seattle Symphony, will be the piano soloist for Tchaikovsky's, Piano Concerto.

The performance will be given in the Wheeler Center. Admission at the door will be \$4.00 for the general public, and \$2.00 for students.