

"I Am Not Old!" -Just Grown Up

When I was younger I loved all growing things,
 Trees, flowers in the cycle of each year.
 But now I look upon them with dislike...they'll last.
 The little maple will grow on and on and give its shade
 To people I will never see.
 The roots I've nourished in my flower bed
 Will go on living when I lie dead
 And I begrudge them life.
 Next year I think I'll only plant
 The fragile annuals.

ALUMNI NEWS

By Mrs. Mary Cook

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'19 -- Thank you for your note, **Joseph Lyons**, wishing us luck in the Centennial campaign and telling us that it has been 58 years since you were at the Abbey and that your son was here in 1950. Come for a visit soon.

'49 -- Congratulations to **Bill Pharr**, who was elevated to Reverend Monsignor in the Diocese of Charlotte.

'52 -- **Charlie Klenast** is Safety and Traffic Manager for Barros Construction Company in Kinston, N.C. He and Lavinia have two sons and a daughter. Charlie was in the Marine Corps for twenty years and is happy to be settled in Kinston. Dr. **George Stuart**, Staff Archaeologist for the National Geographic Society, lecturer in Anthropology at George Washington and Catholic Universities, and author of numerous books and articles on the Maya of Middle America, spoke here at the College on December 8. He and his wife and children live in Chapel Hill and he commutes each week to Washington. George is a graduate of Belmont Abbey Prep and his father was Director of Public Relations.

'58 -- It was good to see **Dolores and Luke Lenahan** and five of their six boys when they visited the Abbey recently -- Shawn, Kevin, Larry, Joseph, and Timothy. They also have one daughter. Luke is a driver education specialist in the Old Bridge (New Jersey) school system, teaching the handicapped.

'61 -- **Kenneth Quick** is broadcasting instructor at Gaston College.

'69 -- **Allan Ehrich** is senior systems planner with Westinghouse in West Orange, New Jersey, where he and Win live. He received the MBA in Finance from Fairleigh Dickinson University this past December.

'70 -- It was good to see **Julia and Don Krafnick** when they stopped by the Abbey on their way to his home in McLean, Va. They have two sons, Teddy four and Timmy one, and a daughter, Terry, who is five. Don is Department Manager of Inspection with Milliken Textile Co. in Barnwell, S.C.

'71 -- **John Warner** is a First Lieutenant in the Air Force stationed at Tinker AFB, Okla. A weapons controller with a unit of the Tactical Air Command, he previously served at Wallace Air Station, Philippines. Thank you for your letter, **Greg Edmonds** giving me news of yourself and your classmates. Greg will graduate in December with a Master of Engineering degree from the University of Florida, and will join the staff of Sverdrup and Associates, Consulting Engineers, in Jacksonville as a structural and foundation design engineer. He and Vickie are expecting their first child in April. Congratulations! **Janice and Bill Robichaud** are living in Atlantic Beach, Florida, and Bill is on the faculty of Bishop Kenny High School in Jacksonville.

'73 -- **Kevin Kirk** stopped by to say hello when he was in Charlotte on business the middle of November. He is Group Pension representative with Hartford Insurance Co. and was recently transferred from Connecticut to Atlanta, where he and Deirdre live.

'76 -- It was good to see **Greg Hollingshead** when he and June were here in November. Greg is assistant manager of Ben Franklin Store in Lehigh Acres, Fla.,

'75 A letter to Fr. Oscar from Don Smythe, Jr., 955 Leigh Avenue, Orlando, Florida, 32804, follows in part:

"As Thanksgiving and the other holidays are just around the corner I find myself thinking more and more of what one has and what he or she should be thankful for having. I am grateful for my family and what I have attained through them but I am also aware of what I gained from having attended Belmont Abbey College, and your Campus Ministry program indeed.

I feel that it was through working with you and Campus Ministry that I not only benefited socially but also spiritually. I became more aware of the world and its surroundings and their relation to people. I also think I became more cognizant of the fact that we all have a lot to be grateful for with most of us having our health and sound minds. And it was through your Campus Ministry that I feel is largely responsible for making me more of a full person in being able to see it all. Due to this, you will find a check for \$25 to help keep what I feel is a most worthy organization on the Abbey Campus. I also hope that in a small way it will show my thanks for such an experience and being able to share it at the Abbey.



I think I have grown up.
 And others think so, too.
 They see me walk along the street
 A little stooped, my grey hair blowing in the wind,
 And steps uncertain.
 And yet I know that if a yellow leaf
 Comes skittering in my path and acorns fall
 I still will step on acorns to hear them crack
 And chase that leaf to catch and hold
 A little of the year's end gold...
 I am not old!

Poet-In-Residence Charms Abbey

Mrs. Marion Cannon visited the Abbey campus early in the month of November. Arriving on Monday morning, she was a poet-in-residence for three days. Mrs. Cannon met with students informally to read, discuss, and criticize their poetry. She suggested ideas to students and told them what she liked and what she disliked.

In addition to having private and group meetings with students, Mrs. Cannon attended formal classes and lectures. She visited among others: Mrs. Moore's Creative Writing; Fr. Matthew's American Literature; and Fr. John's English Literature classes.

On Monday evening Mrs. Cannon attended a lecture given by Dr. Louis Dupre, a Yale Professor, on "Marxism and Christianity."

Mrs. Cannon sat in the spotlight on Tuesday evening as she entertained a large group of

students with a reading of her poetry in the library auditorium. She answered questions by students and faculty about herself, her poetry, and her life experiences.

Many of her poems were taken from the collection, "Another Light." (The poems printed here, with her permission, are also from that work.) Also, Mrs. Cannon read some of her more recent work.

She commented on this work (as quoted from *The Lance*, October 23, 1975): "When my book came out (Another Light), I was immediately labelled 'The Poet of Old Age and Death'. One reviewer in Chapel Hill even used that as his headline: all the way across the top -- THE POET OF OLD AGE AND DEATH."

Critic Fred Chappell described the volume as "a book which has been won from life," full of "Truthfulness, observation, lyricism."

KEEP WRITING!

One needs so little to create
 If bridges, planes and towers
 Are not the goal:
 A scrap of linen, strands of wool, a needle;
 A pot of dirt, a seed, a bulb
 Or just a pencil and a piece of paper.