

Ivey & Co. Donates Book

J.B. Ivey & Company presented to Belmont Abbey College a limited edition Russian book offering the first complete collection of water-colors by Maria Sibylla Merian.

Miss Ivey Jackson, book buyer for the Ivey stores, presented the book, along with Ervin Jackson, Jr., senior vice president of Ivey's and Mrs. Alla Ostrovsky, a native Russian who is associated with Ivey's as a professional artist. In presenting the book, Miss Jackson explained, "Even before Father Bradley (provost of Belmont Abbey College) came to Belmont, he was well known in world publishing as a renowned editor. We are giving this special book in his honor for his contribution to publishing worldwide."

The collection consists of two parts. A cassette contains 50 facsimile of water-colors that, in their faithfulness to the originals, reveal the whole beauty of the originals. Twenty-two of them are of motifs that never appeared as engravings and are to all intents and pur-



Ervin Jackson Jr., Miss Ivey Jackson and Mrs. Alla Ostrovsky present book to Fr. Bradley.

poses unknown. Twelve are designs for engravings not normally ascribed to Maria Sibylla Meriam. They are supplemented by 16 watercolors which served as originals for engravings, 8 of European, and 8 of Surinam, plants and insects.

Published in Russia with an English text translation, the Ivey gift will hold interest for

students and scholars in both art history and natural history.

The world edition of this book was limited to 1800 copies, the Ivey gift being number 331. It is not known precisely how many copies of this limited work are located in the hands of libraries and collectors in the United States; but, it is believed to be less than 500.

Theological Seminar Held At BAC

The Ninth Annual Hallinan Theological Seminar was held June 12-15 at Belmont Abbey College.

"The Christian in Tension" was the theme of the seminar for those involved in pastoral and educational ministries.

Speakers at the seminar were Dr. Emily Binns, associate professor of theology at Villanova University, "The Christian in Tension" and "The Church in Tension"; Rev. James T. Burtchaell, C.S.C., professor of theology at the

University of Notre Dame, "Christian Vision of Human Sexuality" and "Prayer and Christian Sexuality"; Rev. Matthew Fox, O.P., chairperson of the religious studies department and associate professors of religion at Barot College, Lake Forest, Ill., "Stages of Consciousness - Stages of Prayer" and "Christian Prayer in American Culture"; Rev. Msgr. George G. Higgins, secretary for research for the U.S. Catholic Conference, "Foundations of

Prayer and Justice" and "Social Justice in the Local Church"; and Rev. Gerald S. Sloyan, professor of religion at Temple University, "Why Liturgy in a World Torn Apart" and "Liturgy and Justice as Basic Elements of the Church."

Approximately 120 persons attended the four-day seminar, headed by Father Jerome Dollard, O.S.B., chairman of the theology department of Belmont Abbey College.

Chamber Honors Fr. Bradley

Father John P. Bradley was honored at an Appreciation Dinner sponsored by the Civic Affairs Committee of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce on May 4.

The dinner, held at the Gaston Country Club in Gastonia, honored Father Bradley on the occasion of his resignation from the presidency of Belmont Abbey College, effective May 31, 1978. Father Bradley has served the College and the community in this capacity for the past eight years.

Speakers paying special tribute to Father Bradley at the dinner included Abbot Jude Cleary, O.S.B., chancellor of Belmont Abbey College; Dr. Bonnie Cone, vice chancellor emeritus of UNC-Charlotte; Paul J. Ford, vice president and trust officer of the Bank of Belmont; and James G. Babb, Jr., vice president of Jefferson-



Pilot Broadcasting Company. Ronald Smith, president of the Belmont Chamber of Commerce, presented Father Bradley a plaque in recognition of service he has rendered "to the College and the community as educator, administrator and civic leader."

Herndl Named Acting Dean

Dr. George Herndl, chairman of the English department at Belmont Abbey College, has been appointed interim academic dean of the College by Father Neil Tobin, college president.

Herndl replaces Father James Solari, O.S.B., who resigned from the position, effective May 31, 1978. Herndl

will hold that position through July 31, and will be responsible for all matters normally handled by the academic dean.

The College expects to have a permanent replacement for Fr. James by this date. Fr. James is leaving Belmont Abbey College to begin work on organizing a church in Clemmons, N.C.

Collins, Roberts Promoted



J.P. Collins



Robin Roberts

Two Belmont Abbey College recruiters have been named assistant directors of admissions.

J.P. Collins, an Abbey alumnus, has been a full-time recruiter for the College for the past six years, longer than anyone else in College history. He is responsible for the recruitment of students in the New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut areas.

As a Belmont Abbey College student, Collins was actively involved in extra-curricular activities. As a member and vice president of Phi Kappa Theta national social fraternity, he was named to the National Fraternity Hall of Fame. He was a member of the College intercollegiate baseball team and served as a sports announcer on the Abbey radio station.

Collins graduated from the College in the field of economics and business in 1972 and was listed in that year's edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

He and his wife Vicky currently live in Toms River, N.J.

Robin R. Roberts, also named assistant director of admissions, will begin his third year of recruiting for the College this fall. Roberts, a '76 alumnus of the Abbey, recruits

in the Florida, Virginia, D.C., Maryland and Tennessee areas.

He received his Abbey degree in political science and is currently enrolled part-time as a graduate student at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

As a student at the Abbey, Roberts was active in student government. He was president of the Student Association as a senior and treasurer of the organization during his junior year. He was also a member and treasurer of Phi Kappa Theta fraternity and business manager for the student newspaper and yearbook.

Roberts was listed in the 1975-76 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*. He was also selected for the Lyndon Baines Johnson legislative internship with Representative Charlie E. Bennett of his home district, the third congressional district of Florida.

The Belmont Abbey College admissions office is under the direction of Harry P. Creemers, a 1974 graduate of the College.

The office has one other recruiter, Jane Shannon, a '77 alumna, who is responsible for recruiting in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. She will begin her second year of recruiting this fall.

Fr. Francis Named Data Processing Director



Father Francis Forster, O.S.B., registrar at Belmont Abbey College since 1970, has resigned from that position to serve as director of data processing at the College.

Father Francis has been employed by the College since 1962 as an instructor in reading and German (1962-64), an instructor in philosophy (1965-68), and director of institutional research and instructor in

philosophy (1968-70).

A native of Willard, Ohio, Father Francis entered the Belmont Abbey Monastery in 1957 and made his solemn profession of vows as a monk of the Order of Saint Benedict one year later. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1964 in the Abbey Church.

A 1960 graduate of Belmont Abbey College in the field of philosophy, Father Francis also holds the S.T.B. degree in theology (1964) from Belmont Abbey Seminary.

As director of data processing, Father Francis will be responsible for maintaining and updating the approximately 100 data and program files Belmont Abbey College has in conjunction with Wrenn Brothers Carolina, Inc., Charlotte. In addition he will be writing new computer programs for the various College offices as the need arises.

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