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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR-

You'll notice that this issue carries the title **CROSSROADS** in bigger type. The US Postal Service became disturbed and directed us to change the name of the publication to a "style and size of type that will make it clearly distinguishable from the name of the publisher or other items on the front." We hope our change satisfies them. J.G.

Bold Cuts

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for the College to combat the present critical financial situation. In this we must succeed. For, unlike other comparable colleges, we at Belmont have excellent prospects of substantial funds that can be provided by development programs that are now under way. Since these programs are longer range in their prospects, however, we must take every step necessary now so that the future can be ours.

Father Bradley,
President.

College Press Release

Reverend John P. Bradley, President of Belmont Abbey College, announced on November 3, 1971 a cutback in a

number of college programs to go into effect in August, 1972. Decreasing student interest in Pre -Engineering and Philosophy was a significant factor contributing to the decision to phase out Pre -Engineering and discontinue the major in Philosophy. Intercollegiate baseball, golf, tennis, and track will be dropped. At the same time, other programs that are experiencing greater student demand will be strengthened.

"The realities of our times," Father Bradley stated, "demand that private colleges be run as economically as possible. While doing this, we must preserve a healthy educational program that gives a greater response to other areas that are experiencing growing student demand." In the case of Belmont Abbey College, these areas are Sociology, Political Science, and Business and Economics.

President Bradley said that it was his sincere conviction that, if Belmont Abbey College instituted proper measures at this time to cope with the much publicized financial crisis that afflicts all private colleges throughout the nation, the College would be in a good position to benefit from the longer range development programs which are now underway.

Press Reaction

ABBEY IN MAJOR REVISION

BY JOHN YORK

Gastonia Gazette Reporter
Nov. 5, 1971

Belmont Abbey College is revising several college programs, dropping the major in philosophy and phasing out intercollegiate baseball, golf, tennis, and track. Pre -engineering is also being dropped.

At the same time, the college is strengthening programs that have created greater student demand. They include sociology, political science, and business and economics.

The cutback in the pre -engineering and philosophy programs will be effective in August of 1972.

The Rev. John P. Bradley, president of the college, says realities of the times demand that private colleges be run as economically as possible.

"While doing this we must preserve a healthy educational program that gives a greater response to other areas that are experiencing growing student demand," he said.

Father Bradley said it is his

sincere conviction that if the college institutes proper measures at this time to cope with the financial crises smaller colleges are undergoing, they will be in a good position to benefit from the longer range development programs now underway.

Smaller colleges around the nation have found themselves in more and more of a financial squeeze in the last few years. They are unable to offer tuition rates as attractive as those of larger, state - supported institutions.

SEARCH FOR FUNDS

Increasingly, they have been turning to foundations and to other sources from whom they seek grants to ease the strain of paying competitive salaries for faculty in the courses students now demand.

In line with the shifting of emphasis on some of the courses, the college said it is already taking steps to increase the faculty in departments which are being given more emphasis. "There will, of course, be some decrease in other departments," Jim Giermanski, director of public relations, said Friday.

The Abbey had about 57 students enrolled in the sports which are being dropped.

In the pre - engineering program there were only nine students this year. In philosophy there was only one senior major.

The college has a total budget of about \$2 million. It is cutting about \$117,000 out of its budget with the de - emphasizing and dropping of these programs, but is putting about \$57,000, or 48 per cent of the savings, back into upgrading and strengthening the other programs.

"We're putting the money where it is needed," Giermanski said.

About 98 per cent of the monetary support for the college athletic program came from operating income, which cut deeply into money which could be used in other areas.

Giermanski said the college began taking a close look at the cost of its athletic programs after a state school association made this recommendation to all small colleges recently.

The Abbey has about 710 students enrolled this year.

TOO BIG

"There has been a really significant increase in the number of students in some of the other courses, and especially in sociology," he said. "When Father Hsu opened his first class

this year there were something like 100 plus students in it. That was too big of course, so the class was divided up," Giermanski said.

"You would have to attribute a lot of this to being a sign of the times," Giermanski said. "Young people nowadays are more interested in social problems and things of this nature than they used to be," he said.

He said that "all three" of the courses on which more emphasis is being placed - sociology, political science and business and administration, have shown great increases in student popularity.

The Abbey has for several years had a working arrangement with several other colleges and universities, including N. C. State University, in which students could take pre - engineering at the Abbey and then transfer to the larger school to complete the course.

Giermanski said he wanted to emphasize that "in no way" will any Abbey students be hurt by the changes. "We are going to take care of the individual students so no one will be hurt by these changes," he said.

Alumnus Shares Expertise

Stanley J. Dudko, Assistant Professor at Belmont Abbey College, recently arranged a series of lectures in money and banking and in investments. He said that "the lectures will help the students understand our system, principles, and problems of commercial banking and investments from a practical point of view."

Donald Brown, Registered Representative of Bache & Co. Inc., started the lectures on Thursday, December 2nd. His topic was "Some Fundamentals of Direct Investments."

A graduate of Belmont Abbey College, Brown was associated with the Bank of Belmont for five years, spent two year with an insurance company in Charlotte, and after receiving his Diploma from the New York Institute of Finance, joined the R. S. Dickson brokerage firm, where he worked as an account executive for three years. In 1970 he became a registered representative for Bache & Co. Inc. of Charlotte. He is married to the former Linda Lyon of New Jersey. They live on Heritage Circle with their two children.

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