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### Mrs. Hart Dies

*Former Chairman Of The B&E Dept.*



Mrs. Hart is seen addressing one of her classes. Her students remember her as a "good teacher."

Mrs. Isabelle Ellis Hart, former Chairman of the Business and Economic Department at Belmont Abbey College, died September 15. A memorial service was held September 17 in the Hankins and

Whittington Funeral Chapel, with The Reverend John Bradley, President of Belmont Abbey College, officiating. Abbot Walter A. Coggin, O.S.B., read Psalm 23, Mrs. Jean S. Moore read from Robert

Browning's "Prospice," and Dr. Gilbert J. Farley, Chairman of the Business and Economics Department, delivered the Eulogy. He began by saying, "She was a good teacher. This is what her students say, and what greater tribute could be paid a teacher?"

Interment followed in Mt. Hebron Cemetery in upper Montclair, New Jersey.

An alumna of both Vassar College and Duke University, Mrs. Hart came to Charlotte in 1940 from Roslyn, Long Island. She worked for the Navy Department for fourteen years, and her **History of Forty-Millimeter Ammunition During World War II** is on file in the National Archives. In Charlotte she performed her war work and gave numerous lectures to various groups on civil defense plans. Also busy in the recruitment of employees, she said: "We had to get people hopped up to win the war, you know."

She joined the faculty of Belmont Abbey College in 1961, having taught at Belmont High School and Sacred Heart.

Mrs. Hart served as Chairman of the Council of Women's Civic Organizations in Charlotte, was twice president of the Charlotte Business and Professional Women's Club, and served on the Governor's Commission on the

Status of Women in North Carolina during Terry Sanford's administration.

She has also served as first vice president of the Charlotte chapter of The American Association of University Women, and was an officer of the Charlotte Altrusa Club for Women Executives.

In addition to these activities, she served on the board of the Mecklenburg Unit of the American Cancer Society, was speaker for the Mecklenburg Civil Defense Unit and wrote newspaper publicity for the Mint Museum of Art.

She was a licensed parliamentarian out of the University of North Carolina and taught several courses in the Charlotte area.

A member of Kappa Delta Pi and Pi Gamma Mu honor societies, she has been listed in "Who's Who in American Women" since 1967. In 1971 a scholarship was given to the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in Mrs. Hart's name. She was also chosen to appear in **Outstanding Educators of America For 1971**. Her citation stated: "in recognition for contributing to the advancement of higher education and service to the community."

Mrs. Hart is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Jouis G. Johnson,

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### Abbey Enrollment Increases

*First Resident Girls*

The Abbey enrolled 622 students for the current 1973-74 academic year. Of that number, 225 are freshmen, causing this to be one of the largest freshman classes in the history of Belmont Abbey College.

Girls, living on campus for the first time in the ninety-six year history of the Abbey, comprise 104 of the total number. (About sixty are resident students). O'Connell Dormitory has been

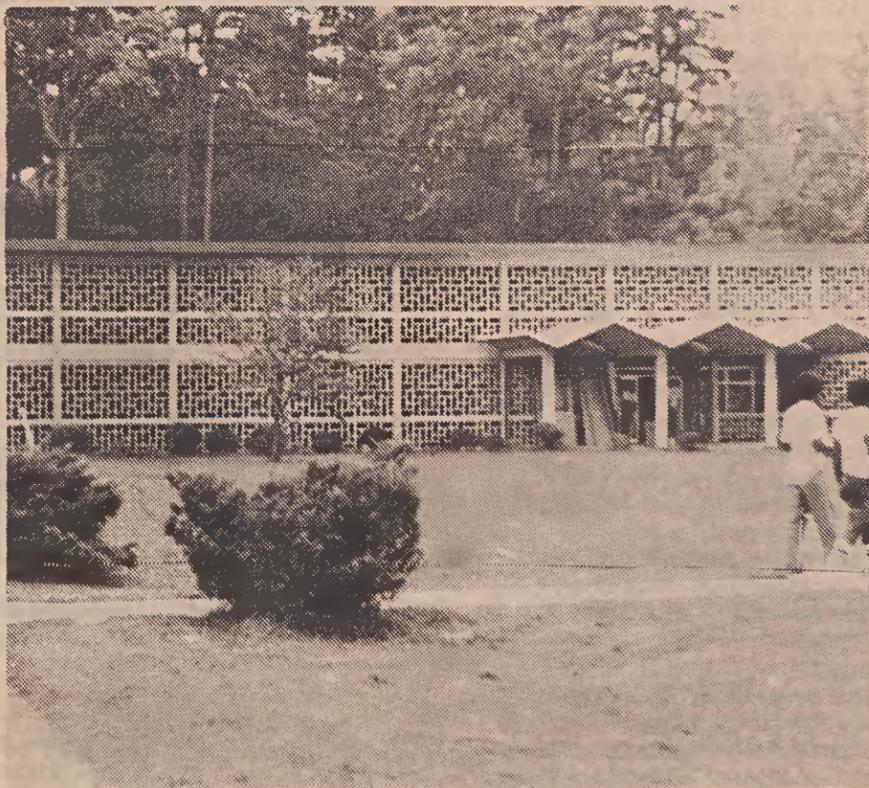
partially renovated for use by the girls. A new screen-type wall has been constructed on the front of the dormitory and a communications system was installed in the lounge. Changes were also made in the rooms, such as new beds with storage drawers and extra lighting.

Twenty three foreign students, representing fifteen countries, are also enrolled as students this year. Included in that number can be found relatives of royalty and political dignitaries in the various countries.

The largest enrollment is from the state of North Carolina, with 217 students; following second is New Jersey with 114 students, and running a close third is Virginia with 103 students.

Of the 622 enrolled, 422 are Catholic students and 200 Non-Catholic students representing nineteen states from California to Massachusetts.

Note: We're late and have no color. We might be small, but the paper shortage has also caught up with us. With luck the situation will be changed by the next issue.



O'Connell Dormitory, for girls, has a new look. Interior modifications have also been made.