

## Class of 1915

## Alumnus Recalls

The following letter was received by the Alumni Office in early November. Usually letters are not posted, but Jay Briody, director of institutional relations, decided to share this letter with the College. The letter was placed on the bulletin board in the Administration Building.

Briody, pleased with his decision, commented, "It was such an emotional thing; I wanted others to benefit from it. Many students read it and came in to ask questions or comment about it. Several asked for Mr. Ginther's address so they could write to him."

Because of the student response, Ginther was consulted, and he agreed to have the letter published in CROSSROADS.

He also sent several pictures of his classmates. One picture was of Brother Maurice, who was the dining room waiter. Apparently those were the "good ole days." The only time the Abbey has waiters now is when the fraternities have pledges.

If you live near Pottstown, Pa. or are ever traveling in the area, stop in and see Mr. Ginther -- I know he would be glad to see you. His address is Harry J. Ginther, Box 799, Manatawny Manor, Pottstown, Pa. 19464.

November 1, 1977

Dear Members of the Alumni of Belmont Abbey College:

I have just finished reading the latest copy of "Crossroads." It speaks of the new sign and the business that was carried on at the "Homecoming" the last part of Oct. The paper while small is one I always enjoy reading. However, being an alumnus of 1915, there is plenty quite unfamiliar to me.

Naturally the days of yesteryear are the most interesting to me, but "Crossroads" brings back the memories of the then St. Mary's College. Four years of academic work, along with other education after World War I, have led me all through my life. I am now 82, am living in a nursing home, have all my faculties, and with my education, am able to present myself satisfactorily through group meetings and in other ways to help those less fortunate than I. My dear wife, Bertha, was called out of this world on Feb. 25, 1971.

Since we had no children, my 54 years of a very happy life with my partner ended. Left alone, this was the only way out. With all my troubles caused by a shell wound from World War I to the present day, I am well and happy and am able to handle myself.

I would say that I came up the hard way. Sickness and health and financial problems were my lot. But I have had a happy life.

I wish some of the alumni could see how we received our education. What made us the men that we are were the teachers and the sharp discipline. The Brothers, God bless them, did all of the work and I do mean all.

Hikes, baseball, outdoor basketball and tennis were the principle athletics.

There is only one way that our years at Belmont could be explained and that would be a lecture or story of our time.

Before I became a widower, I made small donations from time to time. Now that my income cannot increase, I am unable to follow through that procedure any longer. There is however, a sum of money set aside for Belmont in my will. This will help you in your work for the Lord through St. Benedict.

With kindness and a wish that Belmont will succeed in all its efforts.

Sincerely,  
Harry J. Ginther

Please pray for me.

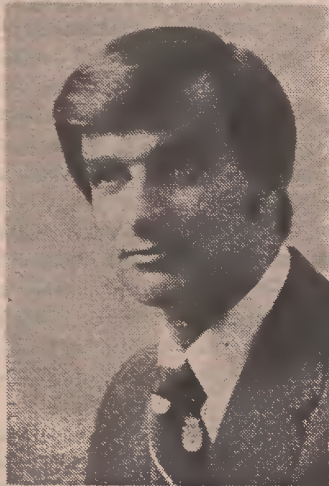


HARRY J. GINTHER is shown in this 1915 picture, second from right in the top row.

## King Addresses Students

James Roy King, a 1966 graduate of Belmont Abbey College, was recently invited by the Honors Committee of the College to speak on campus. He presented a lecture entitled "The Case for Capitalism Today" before an audience of students, faculty, and guests from the local community.

King, a member of the College's Board of Advisors, is currently a resident of Charlotte where he is actively involved in civic and community affairs. He and his wife Sally have three children.



ROY KING

Effective December 1, King assumed a new position as assistant to the president of Wrenn Brothers, Inc. in Charlotte. Wrenn Brothers is a distributor for Hyster lift trucks in the Carolinas, Georgia, and Tennessee. It is the largest Hyster distributor in the country and the third largest in the world. The president of the company, George L. Wrenn, is on the College's Board of Trustees.

In his new position, King will be responsible for developing an expanded marketing program for Wrenn's operations.

Prior to joining Wrenn Brothers, King was employed with Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. He joined the company in June 1966 as a management assistant upon graduation from the Abbey. He was named district manager in Lenoir in 1971 and became district manager in Charlotte in 1974.

## B.A.C. Affordable!

Many Abbey alumni often say they wish they could send their children to Belmont Abbey College, but believe they can't afford it. It's true costs at the Abbey, as in every other college in the nation, have sky-rocketed in recent years, but the total cost to a boarding student at the Abbey is far below the national average for a private four-year college.

Nationally, average costs for a private four-year college are about \$4,500. Total costs at the Abbey for a boarding student are \$3,273, more than \$1,200 less than the national average. If that sounds like a great deal of money, bear in mind that students that are residents of the state of North Carolina receive a credit of \$300 per year from the state, and students residing in the counties of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln and Mecklenburg also receive an automatic \$200 grant from Belmont Abbey College per year. That \$500 reduction lowers overall costs to \$2,773.

Local commuting students pay only \$711.50 per semester for all fees.

In addition, Belmont Abbey College last year gave 100 percent of its financial aid money to those who showed a need. The average reward to the freshman class was just under \$1,500!

Many parents also have the misconception that they may earn too great an income to qualify for financial aid. All parents should complete and file a Financial Aid Statement, obtainable at all high school guidance counselors' offices, to ascertain if they qualify for aid. You may be surprised at the reward for you. Each year thousands of dollars go unclaimed because many parents don't know how to qualify for aid packages or where to find aid.

Further information on financial aid at Belmont Abbey College can be obtained from Mrs. Kathy Drumm, Financial Aid Officer, Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N. C., or the Admissions Office, Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, N. C. 28012.

## 'Mr Belmont Abbey' Succumbs at 71

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Abbey, and Gaston County and Mecklenburg County Alumni.

Fr. Cuthbert was also honored by the alumni of the Richmond area in April 1975 in "A Night to Remember." Over 200 of his close friends gathered there to pay tribute to this truly outstanding man.

Father Cuthbert was born in Manchester, N. H., where he received his early education, and came to North Carolina in 1928 to become a Benedictine monk at Belmont Abbey. He made his theological studies at Belmont Abbey and was ordained a Catholic Priest in 1933 and served as pastor in Gastonia and Shelby, N. C., for two years.

He continued his graduate studies at the Catholic University of America, earning his Master's degree in history and sociology, and did advanced work at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received the LL.D. degree from St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa. in 1950.

He is survived by two brothers, John and Louis Allen; two sisters, Miss Mary Allen and Mrs. Frances Barry, all of Manchester, N. H.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at 4 p.m., Monday, Dec. 5 at the Belmont Abbey Cathedral.

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