

## Golf Season Around the Corner

Spring is just around the corner. But when it comes, it will bring with it warm, breezy days, bright blue skies and beautiful green fairways. As a result, the golfers of the area will come out from their winter hibernation and dress in their traditional golf attire, carrying with them a well rested set of clubs. And so it will be at Belmont Abbey College with head golf coach Father Martin Hayes, O.S.B., and his 1979 squad of linksmen.

After completing last season with a record of 4-10, the Crusaders are now preparing for their upcoming season. The team currently has seven members, Clyde Arrowood, Charlie Hoffman, Chad Smith,

Steve Naso, Ken Pepler, Tim Green, and Dennis Strokes.

The squad's opening game will come in a three-way meet with Limestone and Newberry Colleges. Arrowood is expected to be the top man this season among the six regular match-playing men. Hoffman, Smith and Pepler look to be favorites and also a promising freshman, Dennis Strokes, may work into the Crusader match plan.

Father Martin has not yet specified his match team but maintains, "any one of these players can come through on a random day. I'm just hoping to coach them to see the connection between practice and match performance."

## Industries Sponsor Basketball Games

In conjunction with a new program at Belmont Abbey College, three local industries have sponsored basketball games in Wheeler Center during the 1978-79 season.

American and Efird Mills, Inc. sponsored the B.A.C. - UNC-Asheville game on Jan. 17; Pharr Yarns, Inc. sponsored the B.A.C. - Elon game on Jan. 29, and Ti-Caro, Inc., the B.A.C. - Lenoir-Rhyne game on Feb. 8. The games were a time of recognition for the employees of the particular sponsoring industry, and approximately one hundred employees were in attendance at each game.

During half time of the games, Father Neil W. Tobin, president of B.A.C., and Mr. Warren Clark, vice president for institutional advancement, welcomed the guests and presented their personnel directors a picture of the

Crusader basketball team and a copy of *The First Hundred Years*, a history of Belmont Abbey College by Father John Bradley, provost. Mr. Robert Neff accepted for American and Efird Mills, Inc., Mr. James R. Harris for Pharr Yarns, Inc., and Mr. Leonel Brunnermer for Ti-Caro, Inc.

Following the games, the employees and their families were honored at receptions. The adults received Belmont Abbey College coffee mugs and their children T-shirts as gifts from the College. They also had a chance to meet Coach Bobby Hussey and his basketball team.

Belmont Abbey College was thrilled to have so many visitors from the local Community at the basketball games, and hopes to have even more industry sponsored games next year.

## Old Timer's Game

The Abbey's "Red-White" game is an intersquad exhibition basketball game played prior to the opening of the basketball season. This game symbolizes the end of a rigorous pre-season training program, and it allows the players to show their talents under regular game conditions.

Another "Red-White" game was played this past Saturday night as former varsity basketball players returned to participate in the first "Old Timer's Game" played at Wheeler Center.

In a very entertaining game the White Team won in overtime 83-78. Bill Fletcher, who played at the Abbey in the Mid-fifties, coached the White Team. Frank Zinke ('69) led the winners with 30 points, but was denied game scoring honors as the youngest "Old

Coaches Bennie Cunningham (left) and Bill Fletcher (right) discuss strategies before the Old Timer's Game.

Timer," Bobby Moran ('78), scored 30 for the Red Team.

The Red Team coach, Bennie Cunningham, who played with the prep school in the forties, had his team running during the contest. Julian Miller ('75) and John Hill ('76) tried to wear down their opponents by using the fast break, but clutch shooting by Craig Wink ('77) and Chuck Sullivan ('66) kept the White team in front. Chuck Sullivan, who was a team

## 1979 GOLF SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
March 12	Limestone & Newberry	Gaffney	1 p.m.
March 19	Lenoir-Rhyne & Catawba	Gallagher Trails	1 p.m.
March 21	Catawba	Salisbury	1 p.m.
March 26-27	Ping Tournament	Misenhiemer	9 a.m.
March 30	Wingate	Monroe	1 p.m.
April 2	Wingate & Limestone	Gallagher Trails	1 p.m.
April 10	Lenoir Rhyne	Newton	1 p.m.
April 22-23-24	NAIA Dist. 26 Playoff Tournament	Durham	9 a.m.

### GASTON GETS REVENGE

## County Alumni Game

Phil Robinson ('72) scored 17 of his game-high 28 points in the second half as the Gaston County alumni defeated the Charlotte - Mecklenburg alumni 70-64 in the second annual county game. The Gaston victory ties the series at one win each. Charlotte - Mecklenburg won last year's contest 64-63. Also in double figures for Gaston was "Cookie" Stewart with 10 points.

Craig Wink ('77) led the Charlotte - Mecklenburg team with 17 points. Bobby Moran ('78) added 12 points and John Monaco ('75) had 11.

With the game tied at 43 in the third period, Joe Graham ('71) hit a short jump shot, and Phil Baucom ('75) had a tap-in to put Gaston ahead by four. Gaston increased its lead to 12 early in the fourth quarter. However, Charlotte - Mecklenburg came within two with 1:56 left in the game, but couldn't pull it out.

The game drew many area alumni and a good crowd to Wheeler Center. The group remained for the Crusader game against Augusta College from Augusta, Ga. The Abbey defeated Augusta 97-72 in their best performance of the season.

Following the Crusader game, Frank Zinke ('69) and his wife Barbara hosted a party for area alumni.

CHARLOTTE - MECKLENBURG - 70	GASTON - 64	
T. Amann ('74)	4	P. Baucom ('75) 6
K. Fann	5	F. Elmore ('71) 3
R. Guicheteau ('72)	—	J. Graham ('71) 5
J. Healy ('70)	—	L. Hartsell ('70) 2
R. Healy ('68)	2	T. Keigher ('74) 2
J. Mitchell ('71)	—	C. Martin ('70) —
J. Monaco ('75)	11	R. Robinson —
R. Moran ('78)	12	P. Robinson ('72) 28
A. Prud'Homme ('74)	5	G. Short ('75) —
R. Schellenberg ('73)	2	F. Stann ('71) 3
R. Vitolo ('70)	6	C. Stewart ('68) 10
C. Wink ('77)	17	F. Zinke ('69) 4



Both teams had just enough energy to pose for this picture following the Gaston - Mecklenburg game.

## Matt Kennedy Goes Pro

This past season's addition of the Belmont Abbey College soccer team has upheld the team's reputation as being a small college soccer power. Under the sound direction of head coach George Kennedy, who is in his second year at Belmont Abbey College, the Crusaders amassed an admirable record of 17-6 and claimed the NAIA District 26 regular season championship.

Much of the soccer team's success this past season can be credited to Coach Kennedy's younger brother, Matt Kennedy, who served as goalie with a consistency and style which earned him a first-round choice by the Philadelphia Fury soccer team of the North American Soccer League.

In order for the Philadelphia Furies to obtain Kennedy's services, the team was forced to forfeit its first round draft choices for 1980 and 1981. Kennedy is the first player in Belmont Abbey College soccer history to be drafted by a team

in the North American Soccer League.

In Kennedy's past season at the Belmont Abbey College, he allowed less than one goal per game to be scored on the Crusaders. He also directed the Crusader defense from his position as goalkeeper, while his ever present leadership spurred the team on offensively.

Kennedy's best game of his Abbey career came against NCAA soccer powerhouse, Clemson University. Despite a 1-0 defeat, Kennedy denied the Tigers the goal until, with two minutes remaining in the game, Clemson converted a free kick to score the only point of the game.

Coach George Kennedy said of his brother's good fortune, "Matt is a well-rounded player, he can catch and hold the ball well, and that is a trait the pros look for. I am very happy for him. He had set his goals, and now he has reached one of them."