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**Crossroads** is intended to serve as a forum for the several constituencies of Belmont Abbey College. It will also attempt to provide significant information about the many issues which affect higher education generally, and this college in particular. The editors welcome diversity of opinion; editorial standards aimed at will be those of Christian ethics, good taste, and journalistic quality.

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## Our Thoughts

### Editorial

Tradition, it would appear, has relegated Belmont Abbey College to the role of educating men only in the arts and sciences. Therefore, the idea of coeducation at the Abbey is somehow incongruous to some and blatantly objectionable to others. Although the College has accepted women students in their junior and senior years, it seems that their acceptance was merely accommodating and incidental to the purpose of the institution, a purpose believed by many to be the education of men only. This belief steeped in a ninety-six year history, however, is more imaginary than real, for Article 3 of the Articles of Incorporation of Belmont Abbey College reads as follows:

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(a) To educate men and women in the arts and sciences;

(b) To grant and confer degrees in the arts and sciences to its students, or to others, when by their proficiency in learning, professional eminence, or other meritorious distinction such persons shall

be adjudged entitled thereto, as the Institution may see proper or as are granted by other colleges and universities of the State of North Carolina, and to grant to its graduates a diploma or certificate as is usual in colleges and universities.

The Articles of Incorporation were signed on June 15, 1960, by Walter Coggin, O.S.B., Joseph T. Tobin, O.S.B., and Alcuin H. Baudermann, O.S.B. The Articles were filed and duly recorded in "Record of Incorporation," book 13, Page 261, on June 30, amended.

It is obvious, then, that although Belmont Abbey College is de facto, by tradition and current policy, a college for men, it is de jure a coeducational institution. At this critical time in higher education when good students are vigorously sought after, Belmont Abbey College has intentionally discriminated against a significant portion of the public. How much longer can the Abbey in conscience willfully continue to reject because of sex alone qualified female applicants who are part of the general public which the Abbey is chartered in law to serve?

## Alumni Chapters

Records of the Belmont Abbey College Alumni Association reveal the following organized alumni chapters and their officers. However as we go to press the New York Alumni are organizing and have scheduled a meeting on October 24, 1971.

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Seal of the Belmont Abbey College Alumni Association

Dear Friends,

Today one of the main criticisms by the young is that often society, a group or an institution, will advocate one set of principles but in reality live quite differently. Quite often this evaluation is valid, and there exists a foundation for complaint. Everyone recognizes a fraud.

In viewing educational institutions, one can also make this criticism. If an institution proclaims itself as Christian and accepts students under this banner, when in reality it is a purely secular institution, it is indeed dishonest. Likewise, students who enter a private institution that advocates a certain philosophy and rightfully establishes a milieu under the aegis of that philosophy, cannot legally or morally expect or demand something contradictory. They are free agents and can matriculate elsewhere.

Unfortunately today too many private institutions, and Catholic colleges in particular, have ceased to be Catholic or Christian. If the Catholic campus is to communicate and be meaningful, then it must be authentically Catholic. It must offer something that the secular campus does not; otherwise it has no reason for existence.

Belmont Abbey College is a Christian, Catholic, and Benedictine college. We fully intend to be what this implies, because we are for the student. If we were otherwise, or were to become otherwise, while proclaiming ourselves such, we could not honestly communicate, and youth would rightly say, "You are a fraud."

Because we are Christian, Catholic, and Benedictine, and because we are for the student, we totally reject the permissiveness, obscenity, and ungentelemanly conduct which are so prevalent today. It is our desire to foster wisdom and knowledge and to help individuals become truly mature and good. We reject the neo-rugged individualism that is so rampant today, and we loudly proclaim the need for a return to a true concept of the common good. For these reasons we have strongly rejected such concepts as "open dorms" and we will continue to do so.

Belmont Abbey and Belmont Abbey College are now preparing to celebrate the Centenary of their Founding in 1976. For almost a hundred years the Benedictine monks have labored here in Belmont, carrying on a varied apostolate with meager resources and little support from the outside.

Belmont is the only Catholic center of higher education in an area extending from Washington, D.C. to upper Alabama and from Tennessee to central Florida. It is a tribute to those who have gone before us that so much has been accomplished during these one hundred years. Yet the work has just begun, and much still remains to be accomplished.

Like all private institutions, and especially Catholic institutions, the Abbey is experiencing very difficult times. One major problem is a drop in college enrollment. We intend to reverse this trend with your help, as we believe we have something exciting to offer that the secular institutions cannot offer--a Christian-Benedictine milieu. We look into the future with hope as we have confidence that our administration, faculty, students, alumni and friends join us in loudly proclaiming the values of Jesus Christ.

For one hundred years the Benedictines of Belmont have used their meager resources for the good of the community and mankind, irrespective of color, creed, or status. Belmont has been a beacon beaming the values of Jesus Christ to the entire Eastern Seaboard. We hope that you will join with us in helping us to shine even brighter during these next hundred years. Your moral and material support cannot be better placed than in our young, as they are the future leaders and mainstay of this great Nation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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