

Driesell Speaks At Banquet



Coach Bob Hussey, "Lefty" Driesell, Fr. Bradley and Coach Reidy discuss the Abbey's sports program.

Lefty Driesell, head Basketball Coach of the University of Maryland, was guest speaker at the Second Annual Abbey Athletic Foundation Tip-Off Dinner.

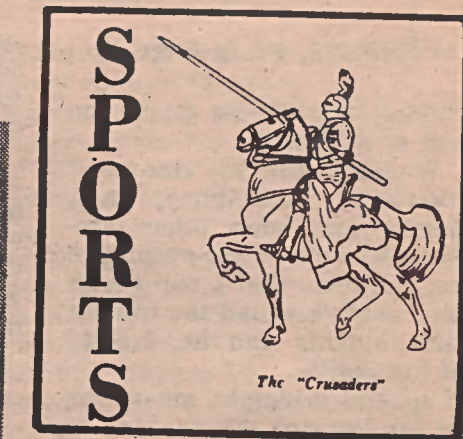
Jim Thacker, sportscaster for WBTV, introduced Driesell as having done a monumental coaching job while at Davidson College. He noted that, in his seven years at Davidson, his team had won six Southern Conference Championships.

Driesell, well known for his colorful remarks, centered his address around the importance of having a positive approach to life. He said a book, MOVE AHEAD WITH POSSIBILITY THINKING, expressed his feeling about this approach. He recommended the book to the audience.

He reminded the dinner guests that some people never fail because they have no goals. Driesell said not reaching a goal

is not a sin and one should not be afraid of embarrassment for not having reached a particular goal. Having a goal and trying to reach it is the important thing in life.

He said he is often asked about his relationship with the Washington Press who have been critical of his coaching job at Maryland. Driesell said he answers by saying, "Lovely, just lovely. It's when they don't write about me that I worry."

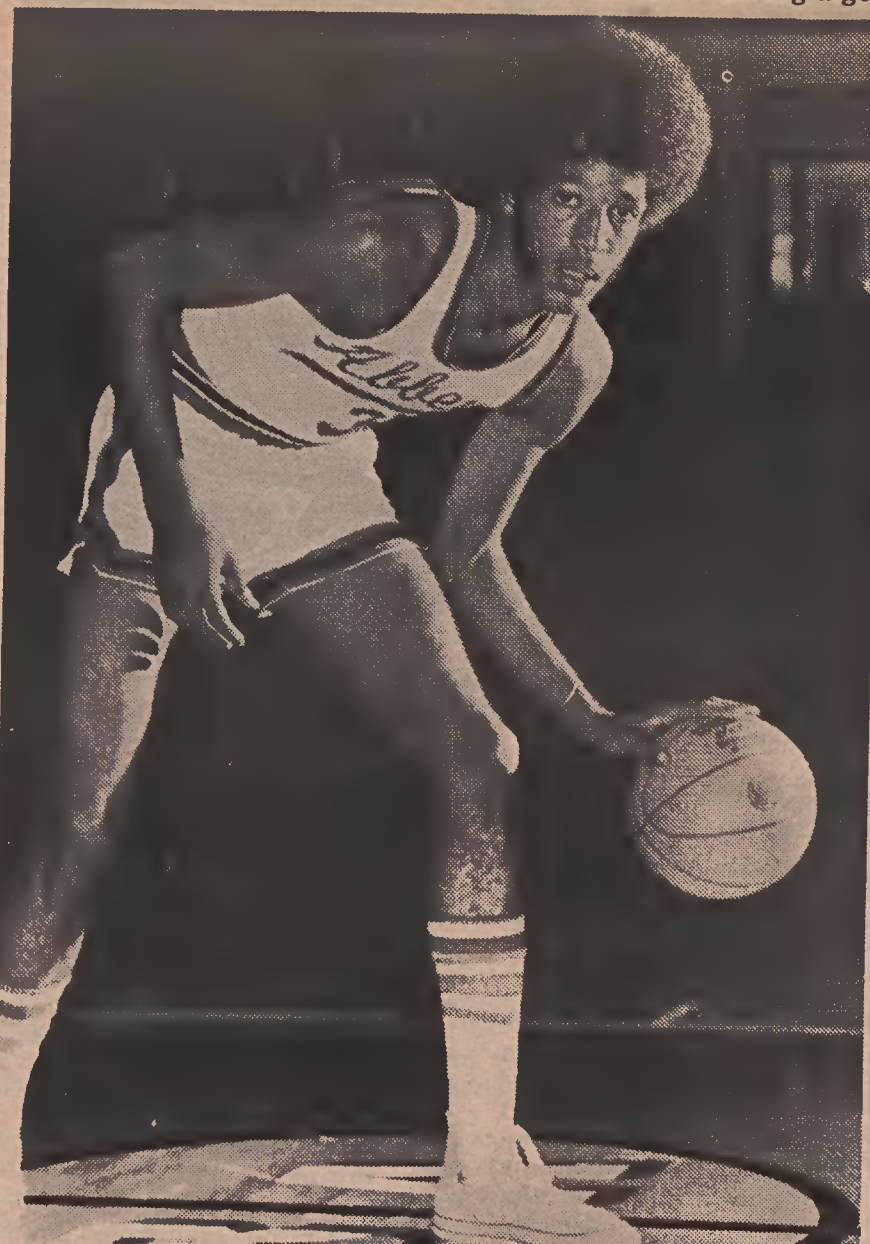


He said his critics should remember Maryland had only won eight games the year before he came there, and in the last two years they (Maryland) have won fifty games. Driesell expressed his continued confidence in his team by predicting that UCLA ON DECEMBER 1 (They almost did).

In completing his talk to the 200 people present, he said he lives by the Biblical teaching that "all things are possible...not my will, but Thy will be done."

In the business session which followed, Driesell interrupted Jim Thompson, Foundation president, when he stated the Foundation's goal to raise \$16,000.

Driesell said, turning to Coach Bob Hussey, "Coach, you got to have more money. I spend that much on films alone." He then suggested the goal be "jacked up" to \$20,000. To emphasize his point, Driesell donated \$100 to the Foundation.



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Crusader Basketball

This will be a season in which Coach Bob Hussey will be relying on both the new recruits and veterans to maintain a winning tradition at Belmont Abbey College. The returning veterans are: Junior Carl Bell, a 6-5 jumping jack who was named to the all-District team last year and was listed as a Honorable Mention NAIA All American; Junior Mike Randall, a 5-7 pointman who has led the Crusaders for two seasons; and Gary Silver, a 6-2 wing man who probably will give up his former role as "super sub" to become a starter this season. Along with these juniors the Crusaders have returning Sophomores Curtis Carter, a 6-6 post man who was a full time starter last season; Craig Leach, a 6-1 wing man and Steve Delaney, a 6-0 point man. The new recruits include Ricky McClure, Craig Wink, Mike Bona, Carl Kennedy, Stanley Kennedy, Clint Bryant, James Monroe, Mike Thombs, and Forrest Sims.

The Crusader's season opened November 23, 24 in a Thanksgiving Tournament at Elon College in Burlington, North Carolina. Hussey said, "Our practices overall have been good, and our men have displayed a desire to play an aggressive defense and are

coming closer together each day. We feel that our players must gain mutual respect for each other and think not of themselves, but of the team, in order to achieve our goals."

The basic strength of the team will be its quickness, Coach Hussey said; "for the first time in the three years I have been here we could select eight to ten people and everyone would be exceptionally quick. Now we must develop that quickness in a team defense and cause our opponents problems through our defense."

For the first time the Crusaders will play a J.V. schedule. The team will mainly be made up from freshmen; however, there might be some sophomores on the team.

Coach Hussey stated that the team was organized to give these freshmen coming to Belmont Abbey College an opportunity to play basketball on an intercollegiate level and gain experience for the varsity.

When asked to comment on the schedule for this season Coach Hussey says, "It is probably the toughest in Belmont Abbey history and will continue to get tougher. We play only the best teams in NAIA District 26, and our non-district games include major colleges and universities."