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Abbey College and the institution was reorganized as a junior college fifteen years later. It remained a junior college until September of 1952, when it opened its doors as a senior college and attracted more than 200 students for the first time in the school's history.

Since that time enrollment has grown along with the Abbey's physical plant.

As plans are finalized for Belmont Abbey's centennial year, **Crossroads** will be keeping alumni and other friends of the College up to date.

## ...Insight

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measured in terms of its stated goals and purposes and also in terms of the conscientious efforts it makes to fulfill these goals and purposes.

How does Belmont Abbey College strive to implement its philosophy of education to fulfill its goals and purposes? It must be made clear at once that we are discussing an institution of higher education and so the means used to achieve its goals must be appropriate for such an institution. Consequently, Belmont Abbey College promotes the study of individual branches of knowledge according to their own principles and methods and with due academic freedom, for the pursuit of truth is of the very nature of a college or university. In this pursuit, however, the nature or identity, the goals and purposes of the college must never be neglected. And so the pursuit of truth at Belmont Abbey College must always include the effort to reach a deeper understanding of how faith and reason give harmonious witness to the unity of all truth. Furthermore, as an institution of higher learning, Belmont Abbey College rejects any narrow sectarianism, any form of prejudice, and has always been proud of and has benefited greatly from the presence of people of different faiths and of different racial backgrounds on its faculty and in its student body. Indeed, Belmont Abbey College might easily adopt as its motto the famous line of the Roman poet Terence: "Homo sum: humani nihil alienum a me puto" -- "Man that I am, I exclude from my purview nothing of all that pertains to man."

In pursuing its goals and purposes, Belmont Abbey College places emphasis on the importance of liberal arts as the core of its curriculum. Liberal arts have been described in many ways, but briefly, if inadequately, it can be said that the study of the liberal arts through the proper cultivation of the mind aims at helping a person to become a good and enlightened human being. It is a liberating study, liberating us from the confinement that ignorance, prejudice, parochialism impose on a human being. Cardinal Newman, in his *Idea of a University*, tells us that the cultivation of the mind which is sought through the study of the liberal arts is a first step in rescuing human beings "from that fearful subjection to sense that is man's ordinary state." Understanding the liberal arts in this way, it is not difficult to see why Belmont Abbey College fosters such study as it pursues its stated goals and purposes.

## ...Alumni News

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'73 -- Melissa and Paul Milano visited the Abbey on February 15. Paul is with Virginia Electric Power Co. and he and Melissa live in Virginia Beach. Adrienne and Kevin Murphy visited the Abbey the first weekend in March. He is now out of the service and working for the Veterans Administration in Washington, D.C. Frank Schlano is attending medical school in Taluca, Mexico.

'74 -- Mike Kostyshyn has been transferred from Charlotte to the ITT office in Lincoln Park, New Jersey. Ed Finn is living in Blacksburg, Virginia, and is planning to enter the Alexian Brothers or the Order of St. Camillus and dedicate his life to the sick. David MacPhail is living in Asheville, N.C. and working as a loan officer in a finance company.

'75 -- Will Oldfield is a salesman with the G.C. Murphy Company in Virginia Beach. He will receive the associate degree in Business Management from Tidewater Community College in June.



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Participants in a weekend retreat of the Ecumenical Institute Board, formed between Belmont Abbey College and Wake Forest University are (left to right) Dr. Claude Broach, director of the Ecumenical Institute; Father Jerome Dollard of Belmont Abbey College; Dr. J.W. Angell of Wake Forest University; and Father John Bradley, president of Belmont Abbey College.

## Ecumenical Institute Board Attends Weekend Retreat

The Board of Fellows of The Ecumenical Institute, jointly sponsored by Belmont Abbey College and Wake Forest University, along with members of the Institutes' Charlotte area advisory committee, attended a weekend retreat April 11-13 in Belmont. This was the first working session for the board, whose initial meeting was a luncheon in Winston-Salem.

"A Faith For Today" was the theme of the retreat, which included talks, small group discussions, fellowship, and worship. Featured speakers included Dr.

Claude Broach, director of the Institute; Dr. J.W. Angell, of the religion faculty at Wake Forest University; and Father Jerome Dollard, of the Belmont Abbey College faculty.

Dr. Broach's topics were "What It Means To Be Religious In The Modern World," and "What It Means To Be Christian In The Modern World." Dr. Angell spoke on the history of the ecumenical movement and "What It Means To Be Protestant In The Modern World."

"What It Means To Be Catholic In The Modern

World" was the subject of Father Jerome's talk. The discussion groups were led by Father John P. Bradley, president of Belmont Abbey College.

"The Institute hopes to sponsor a series of programs entitled 'Layman's Dialogue With Religions,' and we are using this retreat as a pilot," Dr. Broach commented. The retreatants, which included representatives of the Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Episcopalian denominations, capped the weekend with a Sunday morning breakfast.



Notre Dame alumni throughout the Carolinas participated in the annual Universal Notre Dame Night celebration recently at Belmont Abbey College. Father Jerome Wilson (left), Vice-President of Financial Affairs for the University of Notre Dame, was the featured speaker for the annual dinner. Local area alumni shown with Father Wilson are (from left) Bob Crowe, President of the Notre Dame Club of the Carolinas; John Thomas, Vice-President of Development and Public Relations at Belmont Abbey; and Father Arthur Pendleton, Abbey Associate Professor of Chemistry.