

Abbey Cagers Hold Sixth Annual Camp

Belmont Abbey College Head Basketball Coach and Athletic Director Bobby Hussey has announced the dates for the Sixth Annual Boys Basketball Camp.

The camp will be held in two sessions. The first session will run from June 19-24. The second session will run from June 26 - July 1.

"The purpose of these camps is to teach and develop basketball skills," said Hussey, who also serves as Camp Director. "The daily program

will consist of fundamental skill sessions, lecture sessions, team practice, films and league games."

"We will have area coaches here with us," continued Hussey. "They will come from both the high school and college ranks. We will also have players and former players here to provide expert instruction in each area. Some of our past counselors include Larry Miller, Mitch Kupchak, Monte Towe, Artis Gilmore, and Tony Byers, just to name a few."

'Festival Of Choirs' - May 2

The Belmont Abbey College Community Chorus will host a Festival of Choirs May 2 in the Abbey Church featuring a joint program with four area churches.

Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" and "Hear My Prayer" will be featured at the 8 p.m. performance.

Participating churches will be First Presbyterian Church of Gastonia, John Hebblethwaite, director; First Methodist Church of Gastonia, Edith Kersh, director; First Baptist Church of Mt. Holly, Kay Wiggs, director; and First United Methodist Church of

Belmont whose director, Eve Dysart, is also the accompanist for the Abbey Chorus.

J.V. Laderoute, director of the Belmont Abbey College Community Chorus, will conduct the program, and will also perform a solo number. Sopranos Theresa Clark and Mary Hebblethwaite are the other featured soloists.

"We hope the Festival of Choirs will become a tradition, that is, giving a spring concert in conjunction with the Abbey Chorus each year," commented Mr. Laderoute. The concert, open to the public, is free of charge.



NEWLY ELECTED officers of the Student Association are from left to right; President Jeff Sallsted, secretary Margy Healy, vice-president Debbie Prince, and treasurer Greg Dillolan. See page four for story.

FAA Course To Get Credit

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experience as valuable to a degree without transferral or credit. Also, Belmont Abbey College accepts the KLEP and Challenge examinations for students who have the necessary knowledge to exempt certain courses.

It was emphasized that these programs do not "give away" credits. They are instead, "very tightly and carefully controlled," according to Fr. James who feels that without surveillance, the

value of the programs would be undermined. Furthermore, these programs in no way weaken the degree. It has been seen in the past that the students involved are generally highly motivated, and are often more serious than regular students who come directly from high school.

The FAA program will include both night and day courses, although it is up to the individual to form his or her own schedule.

Parents Pledge \$7,845 in Phon-a-thon

Parents of Belmont Abbey College students pledged \$7,845 in contributions during a Phon-A-Thon held April 2-3.

The pledges and sisters of the Golden Hearts of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity made the calls, under the direction of the College's Development Office,

from telephones at the offices of Good Will Publishers, Inc. in Gastonia.

The funds will be added to the college's general operating budget. Payment can be made over the next nine months.

The students contacted about 250 parents during the Phon-A-

Thon, operated about two and a half hours per day.

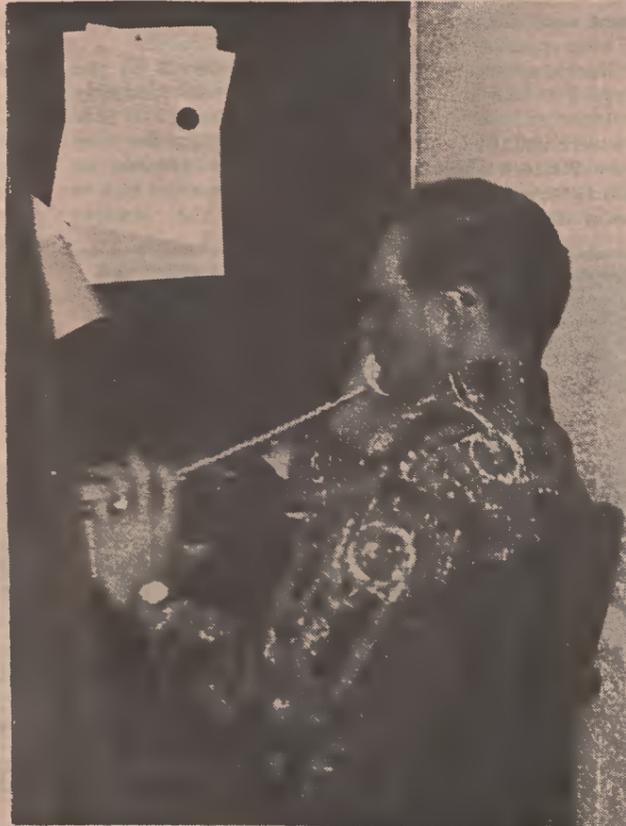
Letters will be sent to 184 parents not contacted soliciting contributions.

Students participating in the Phon-A-Thon were Tricia McIlmail, Beth Bunker, Joy Hartman, Fran Ambrose,

Robin Flanigan, Cathy McIlmail, Kathy Miele, Kathy Loughlin, Debbie Lamke, Lisa Dorman, Mary Cheaney, Joan Touhy, Rosemarie Netta, Shelly Green, Mary Brooks, Celi Koncel, Lynn Fisher, Michelle Beebee, Donna Maloni, Shannon Kuck, and Patti Pate.



Lynn Fisher (left) and Mr. Warren Clark (right) were two of the callers in this month's Phon-a-thon to parents of present Abbey students. Lynn is a



sophomore and member of the Golden Hearts of Sigma Phi Epsilon who assisted in the calling.

Incentive Grants Offered

To encourage local students to enroll at Belmont Abbey College, the school is offering an incentive grant of an automatic \$100 reduction in tuition to all qualified students from Lincoln and Cleveland counties.

The tuition reduction program had been restricted to only Gaston and Mecklenburg counties. Because of an increase in the number of students from Shelby, Lincoln and other towns, the regulations on this grant were amended.

A "qualified student" is any present resident of Gaston, Mecklenburg, Cleveland and Lincoln counties who also graduated from a high school in those counties. Once the student is accepted for admission to Belmont Abbey College, he or she automatically receives the tuition reduction.

"These scholarships serve as an increment to induce them (local students) to come to Belmont Abbey College. These awards can be viewed as incentive grants," explained Fr. Raymond Geyer, O.S.B., director of admissions.

Fr. Raymond also said that these awards are designed for either resident or commuting students.

Currently, there are 190 commuting students at Belmont Abbey College who may qualify for this grant. Figures are not available on the number of resident students who also meet the requirements.