

letes. Baseball has sent 16 players to professional teams. Basketball has named several All-Americans and one NAIA Player of the Year. Track and Cross-Country have listed All-Americans. All these teams have named NAIA Scholar Athletes. In 1991, the first full-time sports director was named.

Since its full accreditation as a senior college in 1959, Belmont has grown significantly in academics and innovative programs. In 1991, forty years after its founding, Belmont's catalogue offered 6 undergraduate and 3 master's degrees. Forty-nine majors were listed in six schools: Biblical Studies and Ministry, Business, Humanities and Education, Music, Nursing, and Sciences.

In 1973, a Bachelor of Business Administration degree was added with a special music business major. Belmont's School of Business has become the institution's largest with more than 1,000 majors. Modeled closely after the needs of the music publishing and recording industry, the music business program has brought students from all over the world. Internships served within the Nashville music industry, an on-campus state-of-the-art recording studio, and faculty members who work in the industry make the program extremely practical.

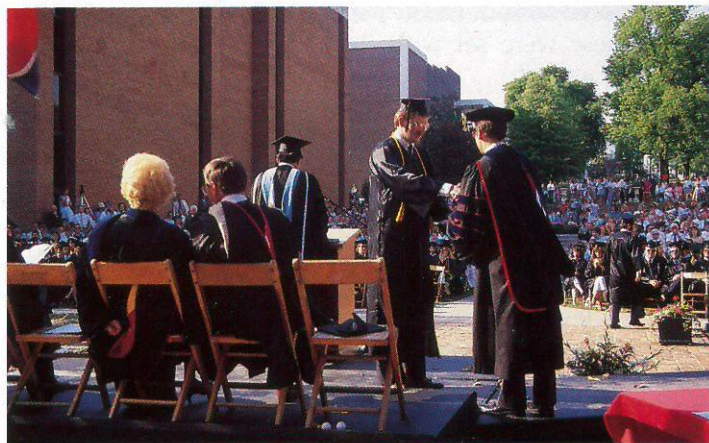
The School of Music holds the record of being the largest private undergraduate music school in Tennessee. With nearly 250 majors, the school offers bachelor's degrees in 8 major areas and the Master of Music Education. An innovative program in commercial music, thoroughly rooted in traditional music, teaches the rudiments of the contemporary recording studio and performance stage.

Recognized for its cutting-edge approach to training teachers, Belmont's Education Department was the first private college in Tennessee approved by the state Board of Education for post-baccalaureate teacher internships. A progressive program in master's study emphasizes student performance in the classroom. A new education major, added to both undergraduate and graduate curriculums, is Child Care Administration, taught in conjunction with the School of Business. At a time of national emphasis on quality child care, it was one of the earliest programs in the nation.

Like a young person growing rapidly, Belmont also has experienced growing pains. With student enrollment growing so phenomenally, buildings fast become inadequate. Spring of 1990 saw the completion of The Jack C. Massey Business Center and the promise of a new library building to be created from the old business facility. The School of Music, now housed in 7 different buildings, plans to incorporate the space of the existing library, adjacent to the Fine Arts Building.

Belmont enters its fifth decade with a bright future. Of its past, President William E. Troutt says proudly, "The story of Belmont College is a lesson in the importance of faith. It is testimony to the fact that all we are and hope to be is ultimately in God's hands, not ours."

Looking ahead, he continues, "The future is full of opportunities. We are just touching the hem of the garment in terms of what Belmont College can be. We've made tremendous progress, but the best is yet to be."



The Belmont College campus today. Left to right, Belmont Mansion, repainted its original color; May graduation in the Kitty West Amphitheater; the rose garden, a replica of Adelia's.