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THE WESTERN NEWSICIAN

CHRISTMAS 1962

GREETINGS from College Heights!

How time flies! Here it is again time to get out another Christmas issue of the Western School of Music NEWSICIAN and to send warmest SEASON GREETINGS TO ALL of you loyal alumni and friends. Having just survived a record cold snap for December and now with balmy Florida breezes blowing again, it is difficult to get into the Christmas Spirit.

ACTIVITIES OF 1961-62

The usual activities of winter and spring have passed since the last issue of the NEWSICIAN found its way to your mailbox. The choir, wind ensemble and brass ensemble took short tours, the usual Music Festivals were held, several faculty members attend the Chicago meeting of M.E.N.C., and a number have done the usual adjudicating assignments, and thus the activities continued with the usual spring concerts, Music Ed. Luncheon, founders day festivities for both Delta Omicron and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. The following seniors paraded across the football field in June or August to receive their sheepskins from the hands of President Thompson:

- Edgar Abbott, now band director at Vine Grove, Ky.
- David Armisted, now choral director at Marion H.S., Virginia
- Jean Bramen, Jr. High music teacher in one of the Louisville schools
- Mary Charles Hibbs, vocal music at Washington Court House, Ohio
- Pam Ingram, instrumental director at one of the new high schools in Hardin, Ky.
- Bill Lyle, choral director and assistant in instruments at Glasgow, Ky.
- Mary J. Reddix, elementary music at Muhlenberg Central
- Bill Warren, band and choral director at Beaver Dam, Ky.
- Ronnie McCom, band director at Centertown, Ky.
- David Williams, graduate student at U. of Wichita
- Earl Gray, graduate studies in sacred music at So. Baptist in Louisville.

FALL 1962-63

The Fall term opened with a BANG with more than 5300 students registering on the Hilltop including 90 majors (up from last year's total of 73). Music majors have come from near and far including Buffalo, N.Y., North Carolina, Alabama, Ohio, etc. Ed Knob and his Marching Ninety put on some great shows and made some fine big sounds in the stadium resplendent in their sharp new uniforms. They treked to Cockeville, Tennessee, winning at half time while the football team lost to Tech. Band Day was colorful as per usual with 200 cheerleaders adding more color. Field was soggy but not the spirits!! The Homecoming festivities were TOPS including the good turn out at the Music Dept. breakfast. Mick Koenigstein brought his Eastern band over and combined with Western's band in the usual maneuvers.

The first number of the Community Concert Series was most successful this year with standees in a packed auditorium to hear a 85 voiced men's chorus from Portugal. A standing ovation was given the colorful group at the conclusion. Two weeks later the Hilltop was treated to two grand concerts by the U.S. Marine Band sponsored by Kiwanis Club and B. G. High. Two days later was a brass
clinic with Dr. William Kramer from Florida State as clinician. He made a
great impression! Yesterday was the annual Christmas Concert given by the
new 190 voiced College-Community Chorus with John Griffy as conductor. The
Brass Ensemble under Mr. Beach and the Western Choir under Mr. Pauli also pre-
sented groups of numbers. The program was well received. That brings us up
to the present with student recitals and other activities included as always.

FACULTY NEWS:

The faculty is the same as last year. Music Appreciation now is in two sections
with 150 in one section and 130 in another. That gives you some idea of how
things have grown here. Miss Gertrude Hale had an exciting summer of eight
weeks travelling in Europe. She has turned into quite a travelogue speaker with
some nice slides to show, too. Five of us went to Norchend to KMEA meeting, and
Dr. Stone was a very popular person at the recent meeting of the NASM accrediting
group. The reason: he revealed tentative local plans for a new idea in
music curriculum development, i.e., a special curriculum in elementary music
with a double major in music and elementary education. Many schools are watching
the developments of this curriculum with much enthusiasm for its potential. You
will hear more of it at a later time. Ye Editor attended the Southern Division
planning conference of MENC, as President Elect of MENC, held in Atlanta the last
week end in September.

NEW PIANO AND CHAIRS: Believe it or not we have a new Steinway 7 foot grand in
the Choral room. It is a beauty in looks and sound!! The band room and choral
room also are sporting new coral colored plastic upright chairs which are very
comfortable.

WHO'S WHERE AND WHY

Floyd Farmer, '57, has moved to Elizabethtown H.S. as band director.
Ida Weidemann, '68, has moved to the Bowling Green, Ohio, area as Jr. High
band director.
William Miller, '54, is performing in Germany with much success.
Frankie Wilson, Ex '60, is back in school after his hitch in the service and
expects to finish his degree this next summer.
Geraldine Humphries, '56, is teaching music in a Long Island elementary
school system
Cesareo Ricci, '55, is still in Hatfield, Pa., finishing his Masters at Temple U.
Charles Bell, '54, is voice teacher and choral director at Austin Peay St. College
Sandra Cockey, '61, is now Mrs. Kuerzi and teaching music in a Maryland school.
Helen Stulnatt, '61, is now Mrs. Larry McEachind, has Masters from Peabody
and is teaching in Jefferson Co. while hubby studies Dentistry at
U. of L.
David Williams, '62, is doing graduate work in voice at Wichita U., is to be
married to a Western Sophomore, Kathy Slater, next week, and will
sing opera at Santa Fe, New Mexico come next summer. He was in the
Foster Story at Bardstown last summer.
Bob Stevens, '61, has moved to Haleyville, Alabama as band director and is a
new Pope.
Larry Long, '60, has moved to Myrtle Beach, S. Carolina as band and choral
director.
Don Trivette, '58, is doing graduate work at U. of K. and teaching at Lafayette
High in Lexington.
Betty Ingram, '61, has moved from Lebanon to Jefferson County.
Eugene Steinquist, '58, is marching band director at Tenn. Tech. and was here
for Homecoming "Scouting" Mick's Eastern band for their appearance
at Richmond the next week. Haven't heard the results.
B. G. Long, '58, is in Nashville and appears on WSM occasionally and does
Charles Sanders, Ex '58, with the WSM dance band.

CODA:

All of you alumni in Kentucky be sure to attend the KMEA State Convention to
be held in Louisville, January 10-12. Bob Griffith has lined up a stellar
program. Also try to make it to the Southern Conference convention in March
at Charlestown, W. Va. Not Far!!

Don't forget that we are interested in your activities both personal and
professional. Drop us a line, and also drop in and see us. Bring some good
prospective students to the campus! We would like to have 10 more music majors
for next Fall's group. Help us achieve that goal!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!