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GREETINGS from College Heights!

Claude Rose, Editor

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 mail box. 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 Abbot, now band director at Vine Grove, Ky.
 David Armisted, now choral director at Marion H.S., Virginia
 Jean Branum, 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, Co.
 Bill Lyle, choral director and assistant in instruments at Glasgow, Ky.
 Mary J. Maddox, elementary music at Muhlenberg Central
 Bill Warren, band and choral director at Beaver Dam, Ky.
 Ronnie McCown, 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 Cookeville, 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. Nick 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 presented 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 Bale 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 Morehead to KMTA 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 KMEA, 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 corral 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, '48, 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 Humphrios, '56, is teaching music in a Long Island elementary school system

Cesar Ricci, '55, is still in Hatfield, Pa., finishing his Masters at Temple U.

Charles Ball, '54, is voice teacher and choral director at Austin Peay St. College

Sandra Cocksey, '61, is now Mrs. Kuerzi and teaching music in a Maryland school.

Helen Stinnett, '61, is now Mrs. Larry McReynolds, 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 Papa.

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" Nick'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 ! !