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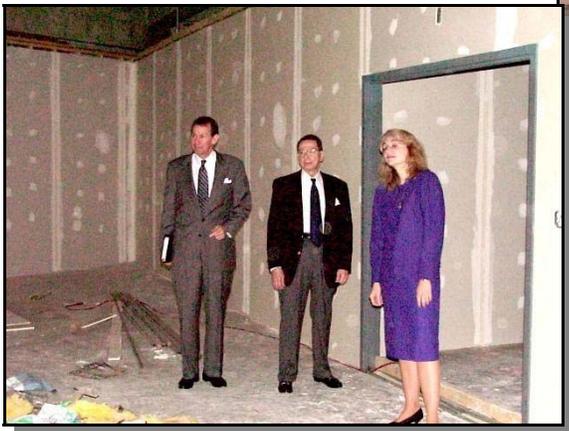
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Music Building Construction Begins

When the Alumni Music Building was built in 1972, the upper floor was never completed. Just over two years ago the decision was made to honor Professor W. Darr Wise upon his retirement for 42 years of service. With contributions from over 300 alumni, students and friends, The *W. Darr Wise Rehearsal Hall* has become a reality. This new hall will provide rehearsal space for the Newberry College Singers and various ensembles.



*Professor Darr Wise and Dr. John Wagner stand just inside the entrance door to the **W. Darr Wise Rehearsal Hall** admiring the newest rehearsal space on campus.*



Dr. Mitchell Zais, President of Newberry College with Prof. Darr Wise and Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs, Chair of the Music Department. This hall will support various types of ensemble rehearsal employing special rehearsal chairs in a large open space. The Newberry College Singers will rehearse in this hall which is located next to the Conductors Suite, the new home of the Choral Department.

It is most fitting to say Thank You for the generous contributions that not only made this hall possible, but also enabled further expansion to include the *Conductors Suite* that adjoins the Rehearsal Hall housing the office, studios, robes and music library for the Choral Department and Newberry College Singers. This suite honors the founder and conductors of the Singers since their inception in early 1900. Historical plaques will be located in the music building conveying to visitors and students our heritage and our strong commitment to the future of Lutheran music and musicians.

MUSIC FACULTY NEWS



Dr. Sally Cherrington Beggs joined the Newberry College music faculty this fall as an Assistant Professor of Music, the College Organist, and the new Chair of the Music Department.

Dr. Cherrington earned her Doctor of Musical arts degree in organ from Yale University in 1994, with an additional certification from the

Yale Institute of Music, Worship, and the Arts. She also earned her Master of Musical Arts and Master of Music degrees at Yale. She completed a double Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education and Church Music from Susquehanna University, a Lutheran college in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Cherrington comes here from the Chicago area, where she was an Assistant Professor of Music and College Organist at Elmhurst College in addition to being the full-time Director of Music at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Park Ridge IL. Dr. Cherrington is also an experienced and active workshop clinician and organ recitalist; she has given workshops as well as solo and ensemble concerts both nationally and internationally. Her articles on keyboard and church music subjects have appeared in a wide variety of publications. She is married to Dr. Mike Beggs, an Assistant Professor of Religion at Livingstone College. They have two children: Zachary, age 5, and Nathan, age 2.

Before attending graduate school, Dr. Cherrington was the Staff Organist and Teacher at the International Headquarters of the Allen Organ Company in Pennsylvania. One of her projects there was to produce and appear in a series of educational videos for church organists which are distributed across the nation.

In addition to her College Organist and administrative duties at Newberry, Dr. Cherrington is teaching courses in music theory, music literature and appreciation, keyboard, and church music. She is grateful for the warm welcome she has received as a newcomer, and welcomes suggestions from alumni about prospective students or future directions for the department.



A Very Special December Graduate

Nancy Warren, secretary to the Music Department, will earn her Bachelor's Degree at mid-year Commencement this December. Miss Nancy has been our secretary for 13 years, and has

been steadfastly working on her degree for 10 of those years. She will earn a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in English and a minor in History. We are very proud that she was also recently named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She has set a great example for our students. Congratulations Miss Nancy!



Pamela Rhode Lister is a 1977 Newberry College graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Performance, working on her Master's degree at the University of South Carolina. She directs the Newberry College Singers. Since attending Newberry College she has been an active performer around the state as soloist for various choral groups doing oratorio works. Pam

has been a member of the "South Carolina Opera Company", the state's only professional opera company since its inception in 1998. She has been a part of many performances such as "The Mikado", "Die Fledermaus", and "The Merry Widow".

As a performer, she has been active with the Newberry Community Players for many years in dramas and musical productions. She most recently directed and performed in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" in May of 2000.

Pam was Director of Church Music at First Baptist Church in Newberry from 1981-1986 and 1991-1998 where she directed the Adult, Youth, Senior Adult and Handbell choirs. She also coordinated several children's choirs.

Pam has taught voice lessons in her home and in an adjunct capacity at Newberry College as needed since 1979. In her "spare" time, she coaches the Newberry YMCA Swim team which has been Blue Ridge Cluster Champions for five years and has several individual state-ranked swimmers. She is married to Hugh C. Lister, a graduate of The Citadel, and owner of Cannon Associates, a general contracting firm. They have three children, Jennifer, a sophomore at Wofford College, Kathryn, a junior at Newberry High School, and Michael an eighth grader at Newberry Middle School.

Professor Student Teacher

Mr. Roy Stenstrom became a Newberry student upon recommendation from a former student of Professor Darr Wise. Roy majored in Piano, complet-

ing his undergraduate degree at Newberry. Studying with Elizabeth and Eugene Pridinoff at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Roy earned his Master's degree. He has completed most of the course work toward his Doctor of Music degree. Roy is currently **Visiting Instructor of Music** at Newberry and fills the position vacated by the retirement of Professor Wise. Roy is a native of Charleston, South Carolina.



OUR BAND

The Newberry College Marching Band has finished its 2000 season which featured a show that seems to have really pleased the Newberry College audience. The college band has 63 marchers on the field and this is one of the biggest bands in a number of years.

Bill Long is Director of Bands at Newberry and feels that this has been the most successful band he has fielded. As all Newberry alumni knows, the marching band staff is one – the director. The alumni also know that our college is famous for having an innovative and co-operative student body. For example, the music for the show has been completely written and arranged by Avery Cooper, a 1998 graduate of Newberry. All of the percussion music has been written by Adam Blackstock, a junior music major; Adam has also acted as percussion instructor. The marching drill has been written and taught by Kevin Brown and Travis Kelly, both senior music majors. The color guard drill has been written by sophomores Shenita Boyd and Precious Polite-Caldwell. The field manager this year has been the drum major, Artis Bufford, a sophomore music major.

The band gives input each fall and lets Mr. Long know what kind of a show they would like to march the next year. This year's show was selected by the students and as in the past their instincts were excellent. The show is called "The South" and includes music from all over. The tunes are: "Let It Be Me", "God's Trying to Tell You Something", "Tara's Theme" from Gone With the Wind, "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" which features the low brass section, "Higher, Higher" and the show stopper "Georgia On My Mind" with the trombone duet of Jason Andrews and Travis Kelly.

The disadvantages of a one-man staff are obvious but there are also advantages, the most telling being the sense of "specialness" that all the students input and student management give to us. Newberry College can be proud of this these musicians. The college has also started a tradition of inviting high school bands to perform ahead of us at halftime shows. This year we hosted Newberry High School on September 14th and East Clarendon High School on October 28. East Clarendon is directed by Scott Bullard, a 2000 graduate of Newberry. The college also hosted Benedict College's band on October 7.

Jazz Band News

The Newberry College Jazz Band is off and running. LaVonne Bazemore's trumpet studio has a new bunch of "screamers" that really make the band sound "hot". Aleta Marini is again the band's vocalist and is working on some standards and also some Gladys Knight selections. The band performed at a fund raiser with Rich Little at the Newberry Opera House on December 2 followed by the home concert on campus Tuesday evening in Wiles Chapel. Bill Long directs the group. Watch for more information on the Jazz Band Tour, February 11-14, 2001!



Professor Julie McLeod Retires

Julie Hamiter McLeod retired in spring of 2000 after 39 years of outstanding, enthusiastic service to the music department. A 1959 alumna of Newberry College who earned the Kaufmann Music Medal at graduation, Mrs. McLeod continued her education at Columbia University in New York. She earned a Master of Arts degree with additional graduate hours, but left grad school at the invitation of President A. G. D. Wiles to become an Assistant Professor of Music at her alma mater.

Mrs. McLeod has been a member in and leader of a variety of honorary societies, including Delta Omicron Music Fraternity, Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society, and Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society. She served Newberry College in many capacities in addition to teaching, as faculty secretary for eleven years and as a member and co-chair of numerous faculty committees. She is a long-time member of the Board of the Newberry College Women's League.

Mrs. McLeod's husband, Walton J. McLeod III, is a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives. Her son, Tad, is a senior at Tulane University. Her own civic involvement includes serving as president of the Newberry County Historical Society.

Newberry College named Mrs. McLeod a Professor of Music Emeritus in May thanks to her reputation of being an excellent, demanding, enthusiastic teacher as well as a dependable, hardworking, and outspoken committee member. Music students, faculty, and staff miss her presence. Plans are underway to dedicate her former studio in her honor.



The *Newberrian* Photo
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A Gift that makes Music for New Musicians

The Newberry College Music Department has received a gift from Walter P. Rawl & Sons, Inc., of Gilbert, South Carolina. The announcement was made by Mary "Sue" R. Wingard on behalf of the company. The new *MUSIC TECHNOLOGY CENTER* will be dedicated to computer music training. The classroom will house 12 computer workstations, music publishing software, theory training software, MIDI compatible keyboards and a networked teaching station. This facility exemplifies 'State-of-the-Art' music with complete video teleconferencing and satellite connections. More Details Later!



Dr. Zais, Mrs. Mary "Sue" R. Wingard and Staff



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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Dr. John Wagner, Professor of Music, decided last spring to step down from his position as Chair of the Music Department in preparation for his retirement in two years. Dr. John has been on the Newberry College music faculty for 35 years, and has served as Department Chair for the last 12 years. His many contributions have included overseeing the design phase of the new music technology classroom and rehearsal suite. Making the change now has allowed Dr. John to help us make the transition to a new department chair while we still have him around as a "resident expert." He has also graciously agreed to continue to oversee the visit by the National Association of Schools of Music this spring for the reaccreditation of the Music Department, an extremely important project. We thank him for his many years of dedicated service to our department, and are glad we will be able to hear his haunting clarinet around the building for a few more years!

Do You Know a Future Newberrian?

You can help us in our efforts to recruit qualified and enthusiastic future music majors for Newberry College! Our audition dates for admission in the 2001-2002 school year are February 10, March 17, and April 7, 2001. In particular, we are hoping to recruit students in the following majors for next year: clarinet; saxophone; double reeds; French horn; piano; organ; percussion; and singers of any voice part, but particularly men. If you are as excited about the direction of our music department as we are, we hope you will help by encouraging talented young musicians in your area to apply to Newberry College and by providing us with their names and addresses so that we can contact them as well. Don't forget to remind students that scholarship money is available!