



William "Bill" Long

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Bill Long was an Associate Professor of Music and served as Director of Bands from 1992 until his retirement in 2013. His life-long service to the musical community spans some 48 years. He taught public school music in South Dakota and Montana before coming to Newberry College, where he taught instrumental music education courses, was the low brass instructor and director of the Marching, Big Jazz Band, and Symphonic bands. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education from Black Hills State University and a Master of Arts in Music Education from the University of Northern Colorado, with additional graduate work at the University of Montana.

Mr. Long began teaching in 1965 as DIRECTOR OF BANDS, Spearfish Junior High School, Spearfish, South Dakota. 1968-1992 he became the BAND DIRECTOR at Bozeman Jr. High, Bozeman, Montana. While in Bozeman, Mr. Long built the program to about 350 or so students. There were 6 full sized bands (60-85 members in each band, essentially). The top Junior High School band was INCREDIBLE and known throughout the North and Mid-west. He also served as PRINCIPAL BRASS INSTRUCTOR and BRASS CAPTION HEAD of the Casper Troopers Drum & Bugle Corps, Casper, Wyoming; ORCHESTRA DIRECTOR, Bozeman Senior High School, DIRECTOR OF BANDS, Bozeman Senior High School and the BAND DIRECTOR for the Bozeman Municipal Band, Bozeman, Montana.

When he arrived Newberry in 1992, the very small band had less than 30 players. Bill taught Saxophone players to play trombone just so he could have a low brass section! He retired in 2013 with a band of 90 strong and the only marching band to be found in a Lutheran College in the US. Recruiting was his forte. His personality and musical skills combined with solo concerts and guest conducting appearances (in over 20 clinic settings) through the US brought hundreds of students to Newberry College and not just in the music arena. As a faculty member he served on the Student Life Committee, Tenure & Promotion Committee, Teacher Education Committee, Conduct Review Board, Fine Arts & Lectures Committee, Vocal Position Search Committee, Faculty Advisor Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia and a Faculty Advisor of Student Music Educators National Conference.

Bill Long is highly respected as an arranger and Solo Tubist. As Tibist and coordinator of *Tuba Christmas* in Newberry (as well as Montana), thousands enjoy the spirit of the season and exposure to a rare form of quality music. He continues to play with the Newberry Brass, the Palmetto Brass Quintet and is Tubist and Organizer of Oktoberfest German Band providing the 'spirits of October' for the midlands of South Carolina in Newberry.



Mr. Long was twice chosen 'Professor of the Year' at Newberry College, and in 2011 was selected by the South Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities, Inc., for its 'Excellence in Teaching' award.

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