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NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING

Wednesday, November 7, 1990
Park-4th Ward Chapel
101 W. 800 N., Provo
7:30 p.m.

Parley Belnap and Douglas Bush

will present

"Hymn Playing"

SPOTLIGHT

Sigrid Klein, our registrar this year, is a special lady who was born and raised in Germany. She finished high school there and became licenced as a pharmacist. She came to the United States in 1958 and worked at Sloan-Kettering Hospital as a cancer research assistant for one year. She then came to BYU and received her masters and PhD in microbiology and biochemistry. She is now the manager of quality assurance at Murdock Health Care, a pharmaceutical company.

When she was twelve years old, she took piano lessons for one year. She began taking violin lessons for four years when she was 21 years old. Later in her life, she studied piano and organ and for 4-5 years took organ lessons from Douglas Bush. She enjoys playing the organ and substitutes for Relief Society and Sacrament Meeting when asked to do so.

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN: THE ROBERT NOEHREN VISIT

Robert Noehren started his discussion at BYU by exploring the lifeworlds of two organ students. He asked them how much music they carefully listened to each day, whether after practice they played for their enjoyment, how they invested their leisure time, how much television they watched, whether they were eating well, and what music they were currently learning. He talked about Bach and told us that the scholarship in search of authentic performance had begun to get in the way of the music and that he had had to reassert his musicianship. He carefully developed the idea that the music we produce is the sum-total of our lives. This continued with variations afterward.

In the Tabernacle the performer was the least obvious and the music was transcendent. Noehren's music spoke soul to soul. We expect sacred music to have spiritual qualities, yet here was a teachable artist teaching us that the spiritual qualities of all fine music emanate from the moral life. Everyone I have spoken with since the concert seems to be undergoing redefinition and renewal.

LAST MONTH'S CHAPTER MEETING

We would like to thank Richard Elliott and Parley Belnap for their presentation at the last chapter meeting. They discussed BYU's Organ Certification Program, which emphasizes organ and piano technique, organ literature, hymn playing, music theory (ear-training, harmony, transposition), sight reading, and choir accompaniment. (Contact Independent Study at 378-2868 for information.) They also discussed the Group Organ Class--the objectives of which are "to develop basic organ playing skills necessary to function satisfactorily in a church service, and to experience (primarily through listening) a wide range of organ repertoire, with the principal goal of learning to distinguish between that which is appropriate for worship and that which is appropriate for concert use" (Music 115--also offered as an evening class).

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UPCOMING CALENDAR

Nov. 2,3 - Richard Elliott, with the Salt
Friday, Lake City Symphony--"The Organ
Saturday Symphony No. 3" by Saint-Saens,
7:30 p.m., Assembly Hall, Temple
Square, SLC

Nov. 4 - Claire Bush--Harpsichord Recital,
Sunday Provo Central Stake Concert
Series, 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 7 - CHAPTER MEETING - see other side
Wednesday

Nov. 15 - Richard Elliott and Parley
Thursday Belnap--The Major Organ Works of
Franck, 7:30 p.m., Provo
Tabernacle

Nov. 18 - Provo Central Stake Youth Concert,
Sunday 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 18 - Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service,
Sunday State Hospital, TBA at next
chapter meeting

Nov. 24 - Marietta DeArmond--Organ Recital,
Saturday 7:30 p.m., Capitol Hill Ward, 24
West 400 North, SLC

Nov. 27 - Carol Dean--Organ Recital, 7:30
Tuesday p.m., Madsen Recital Hall, BYU

Dec. 8 - Special Birthday Concert honoring
Saturday John Milton, with excerpts from
his writings and music of the 17th
century, 7:30 p.m., Provo Central
Stake Center (co-sponsored by BYU
Music and English Departments)

Dec. 9 - Provo Central Stake Christmas
Sunday Choral Concert, 8:00 p.m.

Dec. 12 - CHAPTER MEETING - "Considerations
Wednesday of Organ Tone as it Pertains to
the LDS Tradition," 7:30 p.m.,
Provo Central Stake Center

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Musical Service,
Monday 11:00 p.m., Provo Central Stake

QUOTE

In reference to someone who was bashful
about their organ-playing ability, Robert
Noehren humorously quoted Golda Meir:
"Don't be modest. You're not that good."

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