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President



Student Affiliate Chairman
ELIZABETH MORRIS

YOU ALL COME TO AUSTIN AND HEAR OUR STUDENTS PERFORM.

SUSAN HAMMAN ALLEN

On to Austin! On to Austin! Excitement comes to me from over the state on attending Student Affiliates first convention. "The Eyes of Texas are Upon Us," even the Southwestern Division, and National. It behooves each Texas Association to have their Student Affiliate Chairman present, or, a delegate. Success of this meeting depends entirely upon YOUR presence, and your encouragement to students in attending.

Surprises are in the making—Mrs. J. H. Schlueter, convention Chairman, and her committees have worked diligently in making this a most profitable conference.

You will be enriched professionally, and personally by attending. Student membership has increased since last year, in fact we are 4,083 STRONG.

It has been a privilege serving you, my sincerest and personal best wishes to all of you.

Elizabeth Morris, Chairman

CORRECTION

MULTIPLE listing at the Villa Capri Hotel should read (3-4 people-2 dbl. beds) . . . each \$3.50 instead of (2-4 people-2 dbl. beds). Please correct this in your last issue of the magazine.

Ensemble Rehearsal Schedule

Dr. J. Wilgus Eberly, chairman of ensembles for the Student Affiliate convention of the Texas Music Teachers' Association to be held at the Villa Capri Motel in Austin June 13 to 15 has announced the rehearsal schedule.

Ensemble groups will rehearse in the Riviera Room, Sunday, June 13.

The time-table is as follows:

- 12:30 p.m. Austin senior ensemble
- 12:50 p.m. Austin junior ensemble
- 1:10 p.m. Corsicana
- 1:30 p.m. San Antonio
- 1:50 p.m. Dallas
- 2:10 p.m. Midland
- 2:30 p.m. Corpus Christi
- 2:50 p.m. Waco
- 3:10 p.m. Rio Grande Valley
- 3:30 p.m. South Plains
- 3:50 p.m. Brazosport
- 4:10 p.m. Waco
- 4:30 p.m. "Star Spangled Banner"

Dr. Eberly states that there are three more groups than last year. He urges that each group be ready ahead of its allotted time, so that there will be no lost time. Each group will be stopped on the dot.

Susan Hamman Allen, State President, will conduct "The Star Spangled Banner." Information regarding the special duet arrangement of the National Anthem can be secured from the Student Affiliate chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Morris, 3504 S. Polk, Amarillo, 79110.

A HINT TO THE HEP!

Can your "quiz" students spell all the musical terms in the Keyboard magazine they are studying? There are quite a few!

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What Student Affiliate Did For Midland

By Dorothy Matthews

It was becoming the expected thing to drop piano when one entered high school, because scouting, Little League, Little Theater, the many extra-curricular activities at school and church, and the always crowded social whirl were clamoring for the time and the loyalties of our music students.

We needed an activity which would challenge our talented students and be attractive enough to cause the average student to desire to continue his study of music.

Those of us who had attended Student Affiliate Day sessions at the State TMTA conventions felt that a Student Affiliate organization would be that desired activity.

Our local association program was already full, and many members were reluctant to add yet another activity. Yet we enrolled over 150 students from studios of about half our association membership.

Our first year we had three general

meetings, at which we conducted Keyboard Quizzes and recital programs. We entered all activities mentioned in the Handbook, except the concerto contest. Fourteen students and a group of teachers attended the convention in San Antonio, and were so impressed that we had an even more enthusiastic group the next year. We added theory review to our general meeting programs. Though Brownsville was far away, we had an enthusiastic group of students, teachers and parents attending that convention.

This is our third year of Student Affiliate work, and we now have people stopping us in the grocery store to ask, "What is this Student Affiliate we are hearing so much about recently?" This year we are having six general meetings. A board of directors composed of one student from each studio plans much of our activity, including playing programs, arranging study rooms and seeing that each pupil is in the right place.

We start our general meetings in five age-level groups, where we conduct a short theory review. The teachers rotate in leading these groups. After the theory review we divide into two age-groups for the Keyboard Quizzes. Each teacher is responsible for the questions on one certain article in the magazine. At the end of the quiz we all meet together for a short recital program.

The students assist in writing articles for our Newsletter, which is distributed the week before our general meetings. This includes an article on the Composer of the Month and mention of any honors, musical or otherwise, won by student affiliates. Students register at each

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News From Here and There

IRVING: The Texas Composer Competition was held January 30 with Mrs. Raymond R. Britain acting as adjudicator. In the younger division, Sue Patrick was chosen to play "Chinese Song" by Inez Howell at the June Student Affiliate Convention in Austin. Named in second place were Chandra Savoy and Brenda Davis. The first two place winners are students of Mrs. LaVerne Patrick, the third place winner is the student of Mrs. Jewel Young.

In the older group the first place went to Betty Miliara, student of Mrs. Leo Lively, second and third to Debra Childers and Peggy Metoff, respectively, pupils of LaVerne Patrick.

Winners on the local level of the Student Affiliate original composition competition have been named by Mrs. Joan Kuhn, judge for the Irving contest.

In the 9 to 12 age group Kathy Hargadine's composition was first, and will be sent to the state contest. In the 6 to 8 age group first and second places went to Marsha Trietsch and Laura Dickey. No third place was named. All are pupils of LaVerne Patrick.

March will be a busy month with both the Whitlock Theory and Ensemble Program planned.

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ODESSA: The third annual Young Artist Competition held here and sponsored by the Midland-Odesa Symphony Orchestra was thus described by Dr. Charles Webb, assistant dean of music at Indiana University: "We have heard talent worthy of any contest in the United States today, and we were thrilled by the enormous talent."

Six winners were selected to perform with the orchestra on April 5 and 6 and to share equally in the \$1,500.00 Raiford H. Burton Memorial awards. Three winners each in college and secondary schools were chosen.

College winners were: James Burleson, Texas Tech freshman who plays oboe in the orchestra; Eddy Eikner, Baylor University sophomore, in piano, and Mrs. Diane Denson Tobola, University of Texas senior, in voice.

Secondary school winners were Joan Matthews of Midland in piano, David Johnson of El Paso in voice, and Carolyn Yonley of Dallas in cello.

No winners were chosen in secondary woodwind or brass divisions or college brass or strings.

QUIZ ASSISTANTS

The following teachers have graciously accepted an invitation to "get up early" Monday morning, June 14, and serve as monitors, graders and quizmasters: Mrs. Evelyn Bell, Mrs. T. J. Stephens, Mrs. L. C. Kuhn, Mrs. Douglas Throop, Mr. Homer Meek and Mrs. B. C. Burba of Austin; Mrs. Melvin Goforth, Mrs. O. A. Boyer, Mrs. Jack B. Davis and Mrs. Blaise Montandon of Corpus Christi; Mrs. Colleen Davis Brashear of Dallas; Mary Elizabeth Challes and Kathryn Arvin of Harlingen; Mr. William A. Murphy, Lubbock and Nina Callaway, Raymondville.

Judges were Dr. Webb; John Marlowe Nielson, professor of voice at University of Utah; Walter Moeck, conductor of the Alabama Pope Orchestra; Dr. Leo Scheer, conductor of the Abilene Symphony; Leopold LaFosse, concert violinist from San Antonio, and Miss Moreland Kortkamp, artist in residence at the University of Houston.

Midland . . .

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meeting, and an attendance prize, based on the percentage of enrollees from each studio, will be given to the studio having the best average. We plan an Awards Banquet in the spring, when individual honors won by students in contests and theory awards will be given.

The students have planned several money-making projects, to help charter a bus for the Student Affiliate Convention at Austin in June.

The fourth of the six scheduled meetings of Student Affiliates was held January 23 at St. Mark's Methodist Church. There were five theory study sessions, covering Grades 1 through 12.

Through a bake sale and a car wash we have saved up \$150.00 for the bus trip to the Austin Convention.

Early in February we selected the students who will be going to Austin to perform in the ensemble number. Our number is the Clementi "Sonata No. 1."

At our next meeting finalists will be heard in the Texas Composer contest. Winners in both the grade divisions will go to Austin. The number for Grades 4, 5 and 6 is "The Happy Pirate" by Dorothy Brin Crocker, and for Grades 6, 7 and 8 "At the Fountain" by Inez Howell.

Vanette Wing, pupil of Mrs. Arnold Leonard was first place winner in the vocal solo contest in Dallas in December, and will represent Midland Student Affiliates at the convention in June. She is also entering the Midland Symphony Young Artist Contest.

The Student Affiliate program for Midland is just three years old, but we have had a state contest winner for the three years. The first year David Lowe won the concerto contest; last year Joan Matthews won the solo contest for 9th and 10th grades, and this year we have Vanette Wing.

All this has meant extra work for both teachers and students, but the rewards have been many, and many a good student has been saved from the "drop out" infection. We salute Student Affiliate as a better way of motivation.

QUIZ DIVISIONS

Students are eligible for the Keyboard Quizzes as follows:

Young Keyboard Jr.—School Grades 4-7
Keyboard Jr.—School Grades 8-12

Kirshbaum Honored

The Tyler Music Teachers were proud to name Professor Joseph Kirshbaum as "Music Teacher of the Year." Mr. Kirshbaum is director of the East Texas Symphony Orchestra and Dean of Texas Eastern School of Music at Tyler Junior College.

Selection of Mr. Kirshbaum for this honor was made by the Tyler Association in "recognition of his fine musical inspiration and help to this local group, as well as to the State and National Association." It was the unanimous opinion of the Association that his vast contribution to the musical scene and to his colleagues made him deserving of this honor.

Of interest is the fact that Mr. Kirshbaum, as president of the Texas Music Teachers' Association, initiated the Teacher of the Year program, and now the honor comes to him.

TO THE MEMBER:

Pay your dues early so that you will not miss any issue of the Texas Music Teacher.

Refer to Article V, Section 8 of the State By-Laws and be sure your dues are paid before December 1 of each year.

TO THE TREASURER:

It is important for you to submit, on a monthly basis, the names and addresses of your local members who have paid their dues to the State Secretary-

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For Teachers of Keyboard Junior Contestants

Can your students recognize (name composition and composer of) works studied in the magazine by listening to excerpts from the Keyboard Jr. recordings?

Treasurer.

Be sure names are spelled correctly, the address is current and WE MUST HAVE ZIP CODES.

TO ALL ASSOCIATIONS:

Article VIII of the By-Laws states that all local associations shall send a copy of their year books to the President and to the Secretary-Treasurer of the State Association at the beginning of each year. If you do not have a year book, you should report your slate of officers to the State Association.

Be sure to send a list of your officers to the President, Secretary-Treasurer, Editor and to the Student Affiliate Chairman.

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