



Late November 1999

Downbeat Times

some of our picnics and parties. **John Small** (trumpet) takes care of our banking. No individual, player or director, in the band has ever or will ever receive money for service.

reading, jogging, and cross country skiing. **Sandy Nowak** (French horn) worked on recruiting her while they rode the same bus to work at Pitt.

Dean's column

Dean Streator

We arrange for CBS performances through people we know -- from referrals, music teachers, clubs, and churches. Usually the word gets passed around that we do concerts and are available. We have relied on several call-backs that we do every year Like the Concert-on-the-Hill at John McMillan Church (free) and the holiday program at Parkway Center Mall in Greentree (\$200). But by and large we do not solicit jobs.

Since one of our purposes as an organization is to serve the communities from which we draw our membership, we will often perform gratis as a benefit. If an organization HAS an entertainment budget, then we ask for something. The range has been from \$50 to \$550. Jim and I buy new music although we also borrow from both Upper St. Clair and Bethel Park. We have purchased percussion instruments and equipment, reimbursed people for the few mailings and purchases, and we have paid for

We welcome invitations and suggestions for places to play. If you know of a place that would enjoy our kind of program, have someone call me, and we will negotiate.

Barbara Folb

Welcome to Barbara Folb (French horn) who recently joined CBS. She lives in Mt. Lebanon, majored in music at Youngstown State University and Carnegie Mellon, and earned her Masters in Library Science at Pitt. She enjoys

Back to USC November 29

The parking lot is now ready at Upper St. Clair High School. Rehearsals will be at USC starting November 29.

No rehearsal December 22 or 29

No rehearsals in December after our Galleria concert. Rehearsals resume Monday, January 3 to prepare for our January 20th program at St. Valentines.

Concert schedule

(downbeat time)

Monday, December 13, Seasonal Music program at the Parkway Center Mall in Greentree at 7:30.

Wednesday, December 15, same program at the Galleria at 7:30.

Thursday, January 20 we play for the Christian Mothers at St. Valentines Church in Bethel Park at 7:45.



Sounds of Brass

Dave Simpson's "Sounds of Brass" quintet took our place in the program for Bethel Park Gold Card Club November 11. Dave is in the CBS trumpet section. Two other CBS players in the quintet are our first horn, **John Seifarth**, and trombonist, **Marv Parmelee**. And for about eight months, **John Small** filled in for their regular trumpet player. They have a large repertoire of 100 pieces from baroque to Dixieland. Most of the gigs are for senior groups and nursing homes.

Bagpiper Bill Fife



William C. Fife, Jr. has appeared with CBS several times this year as solo bagpiper. Besides giving solo performances, demonstrations, and

clinics, he gives private instruction and has worked with the pipe corps at Baldwin and Carrick High Schools. Bill was a member of the Syria Shrine Highlanders and produced several editions of instruction books on playing the bagpipes.

While attending the University of Pittsburgh he played bass horn and tenor saxophone in the Varsity Marching Band. He was lead tenor sax in the Bill Martin Big Band, the South Hills Community Band, The Syria Temple Brass Band, the United States Coast Guard Band, and the Ringgold Band.

He's retired from Duquesne Light Company where he worked in

management information systems. He and his wife Janice live in Upper St. Clair. You might enjoy visiting his web site: <http://home.adelphia.net/~imapiper/>

Definition of an optimist

A bagpiper with a beeper.

John Elgin

Dean received the following note from retiring band member, John Elgin (French horn):

"Many thanks for the newsletter for CBS. I can't adequately convey how much pleasure may association with the band has meant to me. I have said many times that for me the two best evenings in the week were Monday and Thursday (church choir).

I am especially grateful to you and Jim for helping me to be more appreciative of the "good" versus the not-so-good. My health appears to have stabilized at a level where I can do many of the things I

enjoy, but there is no reasonable possibility that I can get back to the level of playing that would be acceptable.

I'm going to miss you folks. With best wishes and warm feelings, John"

Shirts

Dean will be taking orders for CBS golf shirts (\$21) and sweatshirts (\$24) until December 7. (Add \$2 for XXL)

Unofficial photographer

Jim Strang (euphonium) has agreed to photograph people and events for this newsletter. This is an unofficial position in that we welcome photos from anyone. If you have a photo or are willing to take one of the band or individuals in the band, we'll be happy to consider it for publication. Closeups work best.

Send Janis Ramey a digital file, if you can. (ramey@telerama.com) Otherwise, give the print to John Small for scanning.

Dean's e-mail address

Dean's address was wrong in the last newsletter. The correct address is deanstreator@worldnet.att.net

If you'd like to receive Dean's e-mail updates, be sure to give him your e-mail address.



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