

## Campus Mourns Death of Dean Irwin

Dean Alan Irwin, head of the Ward-Belmont Conservatory of Music since 1940, died December 1 in Vanderbilt Hospital following an operation. He had been ill ten days.

He had presented many duo-piano recitals with his wife, the former Florence Steel, who is an alumna of Ward-Belmont of the class of 1923 and a member of the conservatory faculty.

The author of many articles for religious publications and professional music journals, Dean Irwin was recognized as an authority on church music, the teaching of piano, and choir training.

He was a member of the American Guild of Organists, which he was serving as dean at the time of his death; Phi Mu Alpha, national music fraternity; Phi Gamma Delta; and the National Association of Music Teachers.

In paying tribute to Dean Irwin, the Reverend John L. Ferguson, minister of the Belmont Methodist Church, said in part, "Because Alan Irwin came to us and touched our lives, we are a more reverent and worshipful people. Because of his quiet gentleness, his genuine sympathy and his radiant personality, we have been led close to the throne of God and have longed to become better and more useful Christians."

Besides his wife, Dean Irwin is survived by his father, F. W. Irwin of Oakley, Kansas; a brother, O. W. Irwin of California; and three daughters, Donna, Annette, and Alance Irwin, who are students at Ward-Belmont.

In addition to his work as head of the conservatory and instructor of piano, Dean Irwin sponsored the Music Club and directed the annual operetta given by the Ward-Belmont Conservatory and Castle Heights Military Academy.

Since September, 1941, Dean Irwin had held the position of minister of music at the Belmont Methodist Church, where he also served as choirmaster and organist.

Dean Irwin came to Nashville from Wichita, Kansas, where he had been dean of music at Friends University and choir-master and organist of the First Presbyterian Church.

He was educated at the Bush Conservatory of Music, Chicago, and Northwestern University. Dean Irwin also did graduate work at Juilliard School of Music, New York, and held an M.A. degree from Columbia University.

Dean Irwin received his choral training at the University of Chicago and in the Apollo and Marshall Field Choral Societies. He studied organ at the Chicago Methodist Temple and under Raymond Robinson, organist at King's Chapel in Boston.

## Alumna Joins Missionaries in Pakistan

Last October Nancy Kellogg, '46, left New York for Pakistan where she is one of fifty Methodist college graduates beginning three-year terms as missionaries in Pakistan and India. Her particular position is teaching English and physical education to Moslem college women.

After leaving Ward-Belmont, Nancy attended the University of Cincinnati where she received a B.A. degree in 1948. Until recently she was a visiting caseworker for the County Relief Agency in Cincinnati, Ohio.

While in Pakistan, Nancy is staying at the Kinnaird College for Women in Lahore.

## Alumna Gives Recital in New York

Sylvia Stahlman, a day student at Ward-Belmont in 1947-48, was presented in a song recital December 11 at the Carl Fischer Concert Hall in New York.

After being auditioned by Boris Goldovsky last summer, Sylvia was accepted as a student at Tanglewood where she appeared in Gluck's "Iphigenie en Tauride" and sang the soprano solo in Mozart's "Litany." Previously, she had appeared in the Broadway musical show, "Love Life."



Standing behind one of two signs presented to Ward-Belmont by the Class of 1949 are, from left to right, Anne Boyd, Clare Martin, Jean Bloom, Betty Buckner, Bonnie Sharp, Mary Thompson, Jean Benton, and Nancy Dee Hearne.

## Alumnae Spend Thanksgiving on Campus

Twelve alumnae came from several states to spend the Thanksgiving holiday at Ward-Belmont.

Those representing the class of 1948 were Betty Buckner from the University of Alabama and Nancy Dee Hearne from the University of Kentucky.

Members of last year's class who returned for the holiday were Anne Boyd and Bonnie Sharp, University of Kentucky; Frances Elkins, University of Tennessee; Clare Martin, Northern Illinois State Teachers College; Mary Thompson, Southern Methodist University; Jean Benton and Lida King, University of Alabama; Jean Bloom, University of North Carolina; and Nancy Waddell, University of Indiana.

Betty Yundt, who was a senior-mid last year, also visited the campus Thanksgiving.

## New Faculty Includes Three Alumnae

Eleven members have been added to the faculty in the college and preparatory school this year. Among this group are three alumnae of Ward-Belmont.

Chairman of the chemistry department is Mr. George A. Winstead, who received a B.S. degree from Western Kentucky State College and an M.A. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers.

Carrolyn Kelton, a Ward-Belmont graduate in the class of 1946, has joined the college speech department. Carrolyn received a B.A. degree from Southern Methodist University and an M.A. from Northwestern.

Replacing Mrs. Camilla Newerf as riding instructor is Alice Mary Drew, a Ward-

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