A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

The Chapter's Fourth Annual Meeting is in the planning stage and it promises to be an excellent experience. The meeting will be held in Aspen, Colorado, May 21-22. Because our geographic region is so large and there are so few of us, we tend to become isolated. Our meetings give us opportunities to talk to others with like concerns and it is comforting to realize that we share the same problems. I urge you to attend the meeting in order to recharge the Chapter's weak batteries. Aspen is an experience in itself and, as you can see from the information about the meeting, which appears later in this issue, the costs are manageable. SEE YOU IN ASPEN!

Jim Wright
Chairperson
ALLOW US TO INTRODUCE OURSELVES

The newly elected Chapter Board has appointed Arne Arneson and Pam Massey to edit Conventional Title, the newsletter of the Mountain-Plains Chapter.

Arne is the Acting Personnel/Business Librarian at the University of Colorado at Boulder. Pam is the Acting Music Librarian at UCB.

To ensure that the Chapter newsletter works effectively as a means for drawing our membership closer together, we encourage you to make suggestions regarding the format and content and to send us articles and other items of interest to the Chapter.

One final exhortation: Dues for 1981 are payable any time now. Please fill out the form at the back of the newsletter and send your check to Laurie Eagleson. We can't overemphasize the importance of your support.

- The Editors -
The 1981 Chapter meeting will be held on May 21 and 22 in Aspen, Colorado. Pitkin County Library will be our hosts.

The meeting promises to be stimulating and rewarding. We anticipate sessions on folk music, bibliographic instruction, and current issues in music librarianship. Local musicians will provide entertainment. The Program Committee is still accepting suggestions for session topics. If you wish to read a paper or volunteer your services, please contact Jim Wright at 521 Spruce S.E., Apt. 316, Albuquerque, NM 87106; (505) 842-8508.

Arrangements for lodging have been made with the Limelight Hotel (228 E. Cooper Ave., Aspen, CO 81611, Attn.: Dale). Rates are as follows:

- $17.00 per person for a double
- $13.00 per person for a triple
- $30.00 for a single

The hotel recommends that you write for reservations by May 1.

So, make your reservations early and plan to join us in beautiful Aspen for our most exciting meeting yet.

MLA 1984 ANNUAL MEETING IN BOULDER

At the MLA meeting in New Haven in February, the Board of Directors officially announced that the 1984 annual meeting will be held in Boulder, Colorado. The Mountain-Plains Chapter will host.

We all know how much hard work and creative thinking it takes to get a good meeting off the ground. Arne Arneson, Kurtz Myers, and Pam Massey have already been appointed to the program and local arrangements committees, but we need more willing hands. A lengthy discussion of this project will be held during the business meeting in Aspen. Contact Arne, Kurtz, or Pam at any time if you are interested in contributing your ideas and energy to this worthwhile undertaking. We must begin working on this now!

OPEN FORUM

Since our region is so vast and our numbers are so few, effective communication seems to be the key to holding us all together. We want the newsletter to provide the kind of information and inspiration that will keep the spirit of the Chapter alive between meetings. This column, in particular, is intended to accomplish that. Please send us mini-articles telling us about the new and exciting things that are taking place in your library. Or share news about yourself or your colleagues.
Or, tell us about the problems and questions you have in regard to the profession. (No, we can't help you with your mother-in-law, but we're pretty good at cataloging rules!) Anything that you can contribute to this column will only further the sense of comradeship we've tried to establish in the first few difficult years of the Chapter's life.

**Introducing Dorman Smith**

A newcomer to the Mountain-Plains Chapter is Dorman Smith, recently appointed as Head of the Music Collection at the University of Arizona at Tuscon.

Dorman's previous experience includes positions as Head of Technical Services and Collection Development Officer at the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Head of the Music Library at SUNY-Stony Brook, Head of Technical Services and Assistant University Librarian at Lawrence University, and Curator of Paddock Music Library at Dartmouth College. He also interned in the Division of Musical Instruments at the Smithsonian Institution.

Dorman received his master's degree in library science from Simmons College, and his master's degree in musicology and his bachelor's degree in music both from Berkeley.

Bibliographic instruction is one of Dorman's particular interests. He is in the process of writing a manual on bibliographic instruction in the music library. He is active in the field of early music and has sung in a number of small ensembles. He is married and has two children.

Dorman plans to attend the Aspen meeting, so we hope you will join us there to welcome him to the Mountain-Plains Chapter.

**REPORT ON THE CHAPTER'S 1980 ANNUAL MEETING**

The Mountain-Plains Chapter of the Music Library Association held its third Annual Meeting in Wichita, Kansas, on May 15 and 16, 1980. Program Chairperson Arlene Root (Wichita Public Library) planned a variety of interesting sessions. Speakers included Dr. Douglas A. Lee (Wichita State University) on Thematic index compilation, Norman Beauchamp on the Studies in American Music Collection at the University of Missouri at Kansas City, and Dr. William Koch (Kansas State University) on Folk songs of the Mountain-Plains Region. Pamela Massey (University of Colorado, Boulder), Ellen Johnson (University of Kansas), and David Austin (Wichita State University) gave reports on the AACR2 workshop in San Antonio.

At the Chapter's Business Meeting, new officers were announced: James Wright (University of New Mexico), Chairperson, Arlene Root (Wichita Public Library), Vice-Chairperson Elect, Laurie Eagleson (Eastern New Mexico University), Secretary/Treasurer, and Marc Faw (University of Oklahoma), Member-at-Large.

The sessions were interspersed with recitals by local musicians and a banquet at the Mid-America All-Indian Center.
DUCKLES PROJECT

Part I of the Union Catalog of Reference Holdings in Music Libraries of the Mountain-Plains Region: Duckles Holdings, will be available at the Aspen Meeting. Ten libraries responded to the original call for inclusion, and are represented in the 63-page catalog:

Arizona State University
Brigham Young University
Denver Public Library
Northern Arizona University
University of Arizona
University of Colorado, Boulder
University of Kansas
University of New Mexico
University of Northern Colorado
Wichita State University

The work indicates materials held from citations in Vincent Duckles' Music Reference and Research Materials: An Annotated Bibliography (3rd Ed. N.Y.: The Free Press, 1974). The manuscript is currently being reviewed by the Chapter Board and the MLA Publications Committee. The price per copy has not been set at this date.
MOUNTAIN-PLAINS CHAPTER, MUSIC LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

1980

In early June, 1980 the balance of the Chapter's checking account ($337.63) was transferred to me from former Secretary/Treasurer Pamela Massey. On June 13, a new checking account in the Chapter's name was opened at Portales National Bank. Cash receipts of $345.50 and expenditures of $554.25 have resulted in a present balance of $128.88.

This year the Chapter has 30 members. This is three more than last year. Although the Chapter is growing, it is unfortunate that fourteen of our 1979 members did not renew their memberships in 1980. It is important that we make an effort to retain our old members as well as to recruit new members.

On May 15-16, 1980 the Chapter held its third annual Conference in Wichita, Kansas. There were ten registrants. Had an additional 8-10 people attended the conference, the Chapter might have broken even on expenses.

It is hoped that in the future the cost of the Chapter's Newsletter will be fully or at least partially absorbed elsewhere, thus relieving the drain on the Chapter's cash resources.

Financial Statement

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Enclosed please find my check for $5.00 for membership in the Mountain-Plains Chapter of the Music Library Association.

NAME: ____________________________________________________________

ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________________________

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/___ I am a member of the Music Library Association

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The membership year is from January 1 to December 31.

Please notify us of a change of address.