

# THE SOONER TUMOR

NEWSLETTER OF THE OKLAHOMA CHAPTER  
OF THE PIANO TECHNICIANS GUILD, INC.



APRIL FOOLS,  
1989

\*\*\* I Apologize for Any  
topographical arrows in this tissue.  
I was in a relentlessly intense hurry  
to deliver it.

Sincerest apologies,  
your etidor

### COMING EVENTS:

April 7,8,9 Central-Western Regional Seminar  
in Lincoln, Nebraska

April 15 Chapter Meeting

Sat 2:00-4:00 at OU Piano Shop in Norman,  
featuring Hary Bruce doing technical  
presentations on key easing, shank height  
measurement, and repetition spring cleaning  
and adjustment.

Keith McPresident reminds us that we will  
be selecting a nominating  
committee at this meeting to  
recommend the coming year's  
officers. Hope to see you!

May 18 Chapter Meeting

Thurs. 7:00-9:00, OU Piano  
Shop. The technicals will  
include two very different methods of leveling  
keys (David Bottom) and further consideration  
of shank height.

Thanks to Tim Fast (our Program Arranger) as  
usual, for setting up the technicals and buying  
cookies!



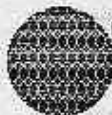
The flowers on the altar this morning  
are donated in honor of one of my  
apprentices for his initiative in the  
remodeling of the OU Piano Shop. You were a  
God-send!

THANKEVIN!

Our regular feature, PRESIDENT'S PEAS, is  
being replaced this month by a new column,  
ASK AL NANDERS. Our thanks to Toss  
Raywick.

Dear Al:

I'm a bit confused about how to list my  
expenses of being an active PTG member on my



(Microscopic view  
of laboratory culture.)

IRS forms. Is this work expense or income or  
capital gain?

Thanks for clarifying  
Relatively new member

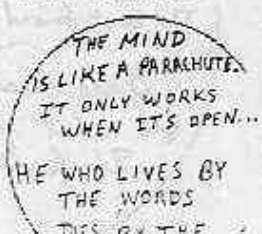
Dear Relative:

I believe that the best way to determine this  
is to compare what knowledge you have received  
from attending these meetings to any  
significant increases in your income and/or  
increased enjoyment in your profession. This  
would be investment and income, but you won't  
owe capital gains tax on it. If there is no  
correlation, why bother? Your dues and mileage  
are deductible as expenses. Consider carefully  
your actual attendance at recent meetings. For  
more clarification read the Parable of the  
Talents (Matt 25: 14-30)

### REFERRALS:



Do you think participation in our  
group is expensive in terms of  
dues, time, etc? I didn't know a  
single one of you before the  
regional seminar here two years  
ago this month. I've just done a  
little arithmetic and  
found that I  
have referred over \$7,000 in  
piano jobs to you guys, and  
you have done good work  
which looks good for me and



expands my business. By sharing our knowledge, time and resources we all can benefit, joining in the larger task of Promoting harmony in a world of tension (my tuning philosophy).

Thanks for all the contributions this month!



David Bottom

TECHNICAL and other TIPS:

Norman Candrip sends us the following tech tip: When using paints, lacquers, etc. from a can, avoid the build-up under the lid which can eventually keep it from sealing by poking several holes in the trough around the can. Excess liquid can drip back into the can, still allowing the lid to seal.

THANKS!

Norman also suggested we make a donation to an agency such as OETA to get our local PTG name before the public in the name of cultural pursuits.

Amos Headreck made a suggestion for a group fund-raiser. How about the Chapter buying commonly used products directly from the manufacturer (such as plastic keytops, bridle straps, etc.) at much reduced rates and making them available to each of us at the normal price we would expect to pay? We gain a local supply and the Chapter pockets the profit.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Amos, it's great to have you back with us!

The best preacher  
is the heart.  
The best teacher  
is time.  
The best book is the world.  
The best friend is God. -The Talmud

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Grace means we don't  
get what we deserve.  
Thank God!  
D.E.

CONFESSION:



It is with the deepest regret and shame that I must report the following. Several of you were aware of what was believed to be several "wine coolers" which were shared at the fellowship supper prior to last month's Chapter meeting. A small amount of wine left in the shop refrigerator from a music school party was stretched thin to flavor some Diet 7Up and to be festive. (Somehow I also imagined that with a fish & leaves fellowship the hint of wine would be appropriate. I know now that although it was good enough for the Master, as Tim said: You better not put new wine into old skins) No one ingested enough alcohol to feel any effect, but one of our members did have a violent reaction.

We hope he recovers completely. No trickery, misrepresentation or ill will was in evidence, so why my regret and shame? Well, I've come to find out that the "wine" wasn't wine at all. Seeing that bottle in the fridge for so

Silence  
like a  
cancer  
grows...

I was  
born not to  
pass judgment  
but to  
love

Be thinking  
about our activities  
for the coming year.  
Consider that none of our  
current officers has ever  
missed a leadership  
meeting. The national  
president and  
the pope also.

Keith requested I mention that he likes hearing your views on Chapter matters. I like hearing from you about anything.

long undisturbed, one of my apprentices deemed it appropriate for housing her biology experiment and she forgot to tell me. She apologized and went on to assure me of its harmlessness.

Any new spirit evidenced at the last meeting was not related to alcohol! David

P.S. Currently the only known effects on the human body are stimulated blood flows to the funny bones. This can be disturbing or annoying. Time will tell how permanent the effects are.

If I blow this orbit before the next edition... It sure has some great knowledge, jokes, songs and more!