

With off-year elections behind us, and the first snow of the season falling as this is written, we return to the task of providing news and other items of interest from the corner of Oak and Walnut Streets...



Hauptwerk 8' Trompeta Real
Martin Luther College – New Ulm, Minnesota

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER INSTALLATION & FINISHING SCHEDULE

- (N) 9th – Las Vegas, Nevada installation begins
(N) 30th – Las Vegas, Nevada finishing begins
(D) 7th – New Ulm, Minnesota installation begins



ZEPHYR AT THE AIO

The American Institute of Organbuilders held their annual convention in Columbus, Ohio this past month. Zephyr Electric Organ Blower Co. was an exhibitor at the conference, and was represented by Vic Schantz and Darlene Lacy. Nearly 200 attendees had opportunity to touch, see, and hear (*or not hear!*) a demonstration blower, meet the faces on the other end of the phone/e-mail, and learn about Zephyr's expanded offerings.

NOTED ÆOLIAN-SKINNER TO BE RESTORED



Positiv & Bombarde – Æolian-Skinner, Opus 1174

First Baptist Church of Longview, Texas is home to Opus 1174 (1951) of the famed Æolian-Skinner firm. Installed by the legendary Roy Perry, and featuring a signed console by G. Donald Harrison, this IV/85 suffered significant damage when the plaster-on-lathe chamber ceiling fell onto the Positiv, Bombarde, Great, & Pedal portion of the organ. Those sections of the organ have been removed to Orrville for cleaning, restoration, and in some cases replication (*as in the case of Positiv and Bombarde pipes*). An early 2010 return to Longview is planned.



First Baptist Church – Longview, Texas

CURRENTLY IN THE SHOP

Working their way through various departments in the shop are the following projects:

- New Ulm, Minnesota [2292] III/57
Okla. City, Oklahoma [2301] II/21
Battle Creek, Michigan [2304] II/21

NEXT GENERATION OF ORGANBUILDERS



Working with Voicer Jeff Herr

This past summer, we were pleased to host the very first POE-Tech here in Orrville. P(ipe) O(rgan) E(ncounter)s are the highly successful educational arm of the American Guild of Organists – bringing the pipe organ to a new generation of players. POE-Tech seeks to do the same with persons interested in the technical side of the instrument. Through the careful coordination of Tim Mann, the cooperation of the Orrville staff, the Canton (Ohio) chapter of the AGO, and our colleagues at Kegg Organ Company, and A. R. Schopp's Sons, Inc., eleven students were exposed to a variety of pipe organ craft skills, a number of local instruments, and four days of camaraderie and vocational exploration. We have glimpsed the future...and it is quite engaging and encouraging.



The Tonal Director Gestures

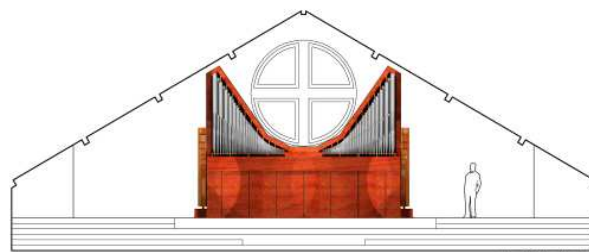
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH – BRADFORD

While not the Cathedral of Learning (nor Heinz Chapel) located on the main campus, the University of Pittsburgh's Bradford campus has commissioned a striking new chapel, currently under construction. We are pleased to announce the signing of a contract for a modified series organ (II/17) for this intimate new space.



TWO-TWENTY-ONE TO OK & MI

Not an indication of a departing train schedule (*despite Mr. Buffett's purchase of the BNSF!*), but rather the number of manuals and ranks going to both Oklahoma City and Battle Creek. We are pleased to announce contracts for Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Oklahoma City, and Saint Joseph's Catholic Church in Battle Creek. Both of these projects have taken advantage of openings in our production schedule, and will be installed in the early weeks of 2010.

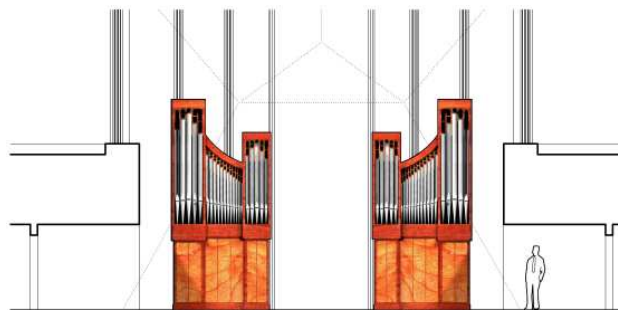


Saint Joseph's Catholic Church – Battle Creek, Michigan

AT ROCKEFELLER CHAPEL

Recently, an entire broadcast of American Public Media's program *Pipedreams* was devoted to Skinner Organ Company's Opus 634 at Rockefeller Memorial Chapel on the campus of the University of Chicago. A variety of musical highlights of the past year, interspersed with commentary by host Michael Barone and Jeffrey Dexter rounded out the program. You can listen to the archived program (#0937) at www.pipedreams.org

Also at Rockefeller – organist Diane Bish will present a concert as part of a new series being offered annually at the school. Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 5:00 PM – the concert is part of the series *Arts Rock*.



University of Pittsburgh/Bradford – Bradford, Pennsylvania