

# Fraternity honors service to music

Journalist and author Richard Newman will be honored by a professional music fraternity at Western for distinguished service to music in the community and the country.

Delta Iota Chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon will present the award to Newman, retired music critic of *The London Free Press*, at a special Fridays at Noon concert on Friday, November 27 in von Kuster Hall, Faculty of Music Building. Admission is free.

Jennifer J. Howard, President

of Delta Iota will present the award. Dean of Music Jeffrey L. Stokes will deliver introductory remarks at the program which will feature an illustrated lecture by Newman entitled "In a Father's Music Stand: Alma Rosé".

The program also includes musical selections featuring Mary Ellen Gustafson, soprano; Robert Skelton, violin, and Peter Smith, piano.

Newman is the author of *Don't Forget Me: The Biography of Alma Rosé*, daughter of celebrated

violinist Arnold Rosé and a niece of composer Gustav Mahler.

After his early retirement from the *Free Press* in 1983, Newman worked on the original organization of the voluminous deposit in the Mahler-Rosé Room with Madam Maria Rosé, widow of Alfred Rosé and donor of the precious items. They represent the most important single collection of early Mahler memorabilia and are housed in the Mahler-Rosé Room, Faculty of Music.

Newman spent 35 years at *The*

*London Free Press* and was the recipient of three Western Ontario Newspaper Awards in his career. When he succeeded the late music critic Lenore Crawford at the paper, the city was in a time of significant growth in musical interest: the Gerald Fagan Singers, London Pro Musica, the Fanshawe Orchestra and the various musical groups emerging from Western's Faculty of Music.

His human interest features on London's promising young performers and developing artists were especially noticed in the community.

As travel editor of the paper for a time, Newman also covered the international music scene, including accompanying Orches-

tra London on its only trip abroad. In Italy, Newman covered the Festival of Architecture and Music for the *Free Press* and for Associated Press wire service.

Delta Iota, the first Canadian chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, this year won awards as the Most Outstanding Chapter in the Great Lakes Region and the Collegiate Chapter Service Award for the entire international fraternity.

Mu Phi Epsilon is a 60,000-member organization dedicated to the interests of professional musicians and music students. Through its Memorial Foundation, it supports scholarships and study grants, international study exchanges, and volunteer music activities for the blind and those requiring music therapy.