

Newman Bach Performance Marks Harpsichord Revival

Dr. Anthony Newman will present a Bach concert on the pedal harpsichord and organ in the Chapel November 3 at 8:30 p.m. The pedal harpsichord Dr. Newman will use is one of ten in the United States. This type of harpsichord was used by Bach for both practicing and performing. The organs of his time had bellows which had to be worked by two men, making use for anything other than actual performance impossible. Bach's music, written for the harpsichord and organ, has regained much of its popularity in the twentieth century. As a result, demand for harpsichords has so increased that a leading Cambridge manufacturer has difficulty filling orders. Dr. Newman has degrees with honors from the Ecole Normale in Paris and Mannes in New York, a Master's degree from Harvard University and a D.M.A. from Boston University. The harpsichord concert will be presented by the Janet Stuart Guild to benefit the Newton College Building Fund. Besides this special concert, there will be a regular series of organ recitals in the Chapel by Dr. Newman, Joseph Payne and Martha Folts. They will be held October 24, November 28, January 9, Feb. 13 and May 7.