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By H. KATHERINE SMITH

DANIEL R. STEPHENS, assistant professor of music at Buffalo State College and conductor of the Bethel AME Church choir, directs bands and choirs without seeing.

"Despite his handicap, Mr. Stephens has been gainfully employed since he was 17. At that age, he became organist of a church in Detroit, the city where he was born and lived until he came to Buffalo last September. For 10 years, he taught music to blind pupils in Detroit schools.

Mr. Stephens plays the piano, organ and cello, and has studied every instrument included in an orchestra. He has a degree in special education from Wayne University, a degree in music education from the University of Michigan, and a master's degree in music education from Michigan State University.

He is writing a book intended for sighted teachers of blind students. Its purpose is to give teachers an idea of what is expected of blind students.

Mr. Stephens directs an apartment in Milwaukee with Mrs. Stephens, a friend from high school who was sorry to leave him. Both women said they couldn't imagine life without each other and would never separate.

INTERESTED IN all kinds of music, Mr. Stephens tires of "rock" after a short time. Stevie Wonder, one of his former pupils in Detroit, has become a "rock" recording artist.

Bowling is a former recreation of Mr. Stephens. He plays cards and enjoys watching TV and movies. Mr. Stephens is a member of the Buffalo State College faculty.