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### BAND CAMP INFORMATION or What To Do Until Dinner

Here we go again, another Marching Band season. Freshmen should come to campus on Monday, Sept. 7 and check into their dormitories as the first thing. Dorms open at 1:00 PM. Then once you are settled we ask that you come to Old Chapel to sign in with the Band, between 2:00 and 5:00 PM. This also goes for any upperclassmen who have never been in band before. Old Chapel is the gray stone building by the campus pond (with parking space near by). Members of the Personnel Committee will be on hand to greet you and see that you are issued an instrument and locker space. You'll be starting right in to campus life and may have a lot of questions; if so, see anyone of the Personnel Committee members.

After you eat supper, in your own dining commons, we will have a 6:30 PM playing rehearsal in Old Chapel. But this and everything else will be explained when you get here. Carefully read the following pages for more, important information.

Upperclassmen don't have to come to Chapel until between 1:00 and 4:00 PM on Tuesday, Sept. 8, when you need to sign in. Veterans, Mon. and Tues. morning are for the Freshmen only, to get them used to the Band. However, we won't send you away if you want to come down and make friends with your new colleagues. You get in on the action 6:30 PM Tues. night when the full band has its first playing rehearsal. So be sure that you've signed in and checked out your instrument by 4:00 PM Tuesday.

25 TRUMPETS —

— 10 TUBAS

10 TROMBONES —

blare out the opening fanfare from Camelot AND THE BEAT GOES ON (what the first show is all about). This, with music such as the theme from Airport, The Impossible Dream, The Man With the Golden Arm and marching as only the UMass Marching Band can do and you've got some pretty impressive entertainment.

And it doesn't stop there. All this season's shows will have the crowd on their feet. The new "Triangle step" will enable us to do fancier formations and drills. Mr. Weed also intends using varied entrances from both the sidelines and the end zones. We're even going to try circular and oblique marching. And the music to go with it!! We'll do things like On A Clear Day You Can See Forever, Going Out of My Head, People, What The World Needs Now, and even an anti-phonical brass choir by Gabrielli. The shows will be based on themes such as an all Jazz show, a love show, and even a clown show that promises to be hilarious. And each show will feature different sections of the Band. Sounds great, huh? There's more to come.

Even pregame has been redone this year to start the game on a spirited note. The traditional "M" will be back but with swinging variations. One such "M" will (cont'd p. 2)



## PROPS CREW

Yes, gang, we still exist although our function will be slightly different this year. The props used will be smaller and more to the point. This means no more midnight parties on Friday night. Also, there is a chance that some of us may make up a flag rank during the "propless" shows.

But, no matter what, there'll be lots to do as usual so fill out the accompanying form and let us know that you'll be with us. Our first formal meeting will be Tues. Sept. 8 at 6:30 PM in Old Chapel so come register that afternoon.

## D.I.'S AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

All D.I.'s and Personnel Committee members should plan to come to campus by noon on Saturday, Sept. 5th. A meeting time will be announced later. Pack a weekend suitcase to live out of till Monday.

## EQUIPMENT

A large number of instruments is maintained by the Band Equipment Crew for loan during the year. Accessories such as reeds, valve and slide oil, etc. are also kept in stock and may be purchased at cost.

Upon registering at Old Chapel, please go downstairs (beware of trolls) to the Equipment Room where our fantastic equipment crew will issue you the necessary instruments and locker space. Instruments will be loaned to those Band members who do not own instruments or whose instruments are not suitable for the marching field (we also have instruments for use in the Symphony and Concert Bands). These will be loaned without cost!! In order to insure that we have an instrument and accessories for you, please fill out the equipment section of the attached information form and mail it immediately.

As for lockers, they are available to everyone as they arrive. However, you must supply your own lock (any padlock will do). Band instruments will not be loaned unless you have a lock and anyone with his own instrument will surely want a lock. Be sure you have two keys in case one gets lost.

Certain classes of instruments such as percussion and sousaphones are stored in cages upstairs and are kept locked so that persons playing these instruments need not bring a lock.

## UNIFORMS

The official University of Massachusetts Marching Band Uniform will be provided to all marchers. This will consist of a coat, trousers, overlay, hat, plume, protective bag, gloves, spats, and (cont'd. page 3)

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move around itself in a shimmery pattern and one will split into two halves facing the two sidelines. To top all this we may even write the Precisionettes, the cheerleaders, and the Flying Redmen into a show for a change of pace.

There'll even be two away games this year. Dartmouth and Holy Cross. The season lines up like: Sept. 19 - Maine, Sept. 26 - Dartmouth, Oct. 10 - B.U., Oct. 24 - UConn, Nov. 7 - Holy Cross, Nov. 14 - N.H., and Nov. 21. - B.C.

At any rate, this is a year that musn't be missed by anyone. The shows and sound will really let the people know we're the Best Band in the East.

## THE TIMES ARE A CHANGIN'

This year we've got:

- New size; over 100 Freshmen registered!
- New sound, brass that wouldn't be believed!
- New shows; Jazz, Love, Rhythm!
- New style; the triangle step, snappier formations, groovy patterns and drills!!

A BIT O' FLUFF  
TO BREAK  
THE MONOTONY

## TBS - KKY

Tau Beta Sigma (TBS) and Kappa Kappa Psi (KKY) are service sororities (oops, sorry about that guys - KKY is a fraternity. Oh well, we're all in the same family). Our purpose is to serve the bands and the University at large. Although we are not a typical fraternity or sorority, our group has 37% more fun!!

In the past, we have done many things to develop greater spirit in the bands. Last year during Band Camp we held a splash party to cool off after a rehearsal. It certainly made a big splash! When the Delaware Band arrived to play at the Delaware game, TBS and KKY sponsored a dance on Friday night for the members of the two bands. This was received so well, that the Delaware Band went back and wrote a march and dedicated it to us!!

The groups have done various joint service projects during the past year, many of which will hopefully become annual events. These include (cont'd. p.3) -



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raincoat. Black shoes and socks worn at all Marching Band appearances must be provided by the individual Bandsmen.

KKY has a selection of black military shoes, perfect for marching, for sale at about \$3.00 a pair. Also, black socks may be purchased at cost from the friendly uniform crew.

To aid in making sure you get the correct size uniform please fill in the uniform size section of the information form accurately.

## REGISTRATION

In order to facilitate matters it has been arranged that all members of the Marching Band will register together during the first registration session on Wed. Sept. 9th. All members of the Marching Band will also experience the ordeal of course changes together on Thurs., Sept. 10th, at 8:00 AM.

Don't forget -- if you are not pre-registered for any band in which you would like to participate, you must do it on course change day or you will not be eligible for credit. If there are any questions, please see a member of the personnel committee for assistance.

## STAFF

This year's Band Staff consists of the following positions: Manager, Asst. Manager, Secretary-Treasurer, Librarian, Publicity Manager, Equipment Manager, and Uniform Manager. Appointments were made by Mr. Weed following extensive nomination and recommendation by last year's Band Staff and the Band-at-large. The following people were chosen to fill the above positions for the coming year.

This year's Manager of the University Bands is Tom Baillieul, a senior majoring in Geology. His hometown is Southwick, Mass (Where's that???) He plays trombone in the Concert Band and works with the props crew during the Marching season. He is a charter member and Secretary of Kappa Kappa Psi and is former Uniform Manager of the Bands. This will be Tab's (psuedonym) 1st year as manager, taking the reins of office from the great Clifden Banner.

Anne Casey will be this year's Asst. Manager. She is a sophomore, nursing major from Hanover, Mass. Anne plays the flute in both the Marching and Concert Bands. She is Treasurer of Tau Beta Sigma. She's also a mean softball player!!

The position of Secretary-Treasurer, combined this year, will be amply filled by the diminutive Marsha Lock- (cont'd p. 4)

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grinder lunches on Saturdays during football season, setting up risers and ushering for concerts, as well as having both pledge classes pitch in and help in the band library as their projects.

In the way of recreation, the brothers of KKY challenged the sisters of TBS to a softball game this past spring. Although the guys beat the girls, it was by a narrow margin and both groups hope to make it a yearly happening. As an outcome of this game, there should be a challenge forthcoming from our brother and sister chapters at UConn.

This spring we sent representatives of both groups to the district convention. It was a very profitable weekend and KKY's new chapter president, Bob Boisselle, was elected member-at-large for the district.

In case you have any questions about either group or the bands in general, feel free to asky any member. The officers of the two groups are:

### TBS

Pres.-Lyn Ryan

V.P.-Joanne Peterson

Sec'y.-Patti Holland

Treas.-Anne Casey

### KKY

Pres.-Bob Boisselle

V.P.-Tom Parker

Sec'y.-Tom Baillieul

Treas.-Jerry Bellows

So keep us in mind, because we'll be thinking about you! Remember, Big Brother, or Sister, is watching over you!

## INSTRUMENTATION cont'd.

Once again, be reminded that with a band this size we will need to have the information sheet filled out completely and mailed pronto! If you have not made any decision as yet to join us in the fall, please do, and be sure you do not miss being part of the GREATEST BAND IN THE EAST IN ITS GREATEST!

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wood. Marsha is a Junior, Psychology major from Worcester, Mass. Marsha plays flute in both the Marching and Concert Bands. She is a member of Tau Beta Sigma and served as Secretary-Treasurer of her pledge class.

Publicity Manager will be Denise Rogers, a Senior, Instrumental Music Education major from the grand town of Chicopee, Mass. Denise plays saxophone in the Marching Band and Buffoon in the Symphony Band. She, too, is a member of Tau Beta Sigma. Besides all this, she's a VERY funny person.

Patti Holland, our Librarian, is a Sophomore Instrumental Music Education major from Northampton, Mass. She plays flute in all three Bands and is Secretary of Tau Beta Sigma. She's always looking for help in running the Band Library--so BEWARE!!!

New to the position of Equipment Manager is our old friend Dick Bartolomeo. Dick is a Senior, Education major from Concord, Mass. (by the rude bridge). Dick was last year's Asst. Drum Major and was a member of the Equipment Crew. He plays soprano, alto, and tenor saxophone and participates in all three Bands. He is also a charter member of Kappa Kappa Psi.

The beautiful Ricki Buckman (Ricki is a girl's name too!) is this year's Uniform Manager. Ricki is a Sophomore Instrumental Music Education major from Scituate, Mass. She was formerly Asst. Uniform Manager and as such contributed to the Gray Ugly campaign (another story). Ricki plays alto horn in the Marching Band and French horn in the Symphony and Concert Bands.



#### DIRECTORS

Mr. Weed is an Asst. Professor of music in the Music Department. He holds a Bachelor of Music degree from Oklahoma City University and a Master of Music in music education from the Eastman School of Music. Mr. Weed is low brass instructor at the University, his major instrument being trombone. He has been assistant director of Bands at the University since 1966 and will take over the position (cont'd p. 5)

Let it be known from this time forth, by all, that the best section in the Marching Band has increased its size and talent again this year. Let it also be known that the TUBA section challenges any and all sections to compete with it for the position of best rank. As in the past, we plan, in our own quiet little way to beat the heck out of any one or group of persons thereof who may attempt to acquire the aforementioned title. Let it further be known that the members of the TUBA section have already begun work on new exciting, and original ideas for the coming season. Remember those great things that they have arrived at in the past (ZAYRE turns, Tuba Swing, Bell Buster, Mess, Stripping, etc.) and you have an idea of what is to come. We respect the right of anyone or any group of persons thereof to challenge our development, but remember one thing, when all else fails (originality, stunts, gimmicks, etc.) one thing remains---WE'RE BIGGER THAN YOU....

The preceding was a paid political announcement

#### ARTICLES TO REMEMBER

Each year people always seem to forget those little items that make life just a little easier. First, there's going to be lots of sun during Band camp, right? So pack short-sleeved shirts, shorts, comfortable shoes, sunglasses and a hat (something wild preferably). Also, if you burn easily bring sun tan lotion. Girls, no skirts on the marching field (that goes for the guys too). A sweatshirt or jacket might come in handy for those cool, enchanting evenings. Then, for those rainy weekends (?) you might want a raincoat and rubbers.

There is a chance for a splash party so that a bathing suit will come in handy. Also, don't forget your alarm clock and black shoes and socks.

#### SOCIAL EVENTS

There's a lot more to our Band than marching drills and rehearsals. We want to make sure that our freshmen get plenty of time to meet all the upperclassmen and vice-versa (ooh, la la). In spite of our shortage of time for Band Camp this year, Mr. Weed has arranged the drills so that our evenings will be free. KKY and TBS will readily take advantage of this situation to present a full-fledged, number-one, rip-snortin', knee-slapin', UMass Band Party (an experience one doesn't soon forget). As an added treat there will be a showing of a documentary film about the Marching Band made by a for- (cont'd p. 5)



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of Director from Mr. John A. Jenkins who is on sabbatical.

## ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF BANDS

The new assistant director of Bands is Dennis Behm who is working on a Ph.D. at Iowa University. This year he will be teaching horn lessons, horn technique, assisting with the Marching Band and Concert Band and help with student teaching. He will arrive mysteriously sometime around the first of September. He has not seen us yet or vice-versa so it should prove to be interesting.

## INSTRUMENTATION

Our band recruiting is just about over and WOW! You just wouldn't believe the instrumentation. To sum it all up, one can say unqualifyingly that this fall we will have the largest Marching Band in the history of the University. A quick look at the instrumentation roster shows the following: 17 flutes, 34 clarinets, 12 saxophones, 4 Eb horns, 25 trumpets, 5 baritone, 10 TROMBONES, 10 TUBAS, 15 cushy, 4 lovely majorettes, and more. As you can see, some of the sections are a little weaker in numbers than we would like, so if you clarinet or flute players also play baritone, saxophone or Eb horn maybe you would like to switch sections? At any rate WOW! UConn look out!! (cont'd. on p. 3)

## TWIRLERS AND D.M.

Back again this year to grace the marching field are our three twirlers "Andy" Fahey, Darragh Mullarkey, and Carolyn Nightingale. This ought to be a big year for them with more and longer features. They might even be joined by some incoming freshmen (women?) for a fantastic twirling squad.

In the area of drum majors we have three candidates: Jerry Bellows, Chuck Vandersteen and Dick Bartolomeo. They will try out during Band Camp.

## VITAL STATISTICS

Monday, September 7

- First thing, report to your dorm and sign in
- 2:00-5:00 Freshmen check in at Old Chapel and sign out instruments
- 6:30 First playing rehearsal (Frosh only)

Tuesday, September 8

- 1:00-4:00 Upperclassmen check in at Old Chapel and pick up instruments (make sure you've signed in at your dorm)
- 6:30 Props meeting (place to be announced)

## SOCIAL EVENTS cont'd

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mer band member.

And on the weekend we will hold our annual picnic at a local park with real grass and trees and everything. Freshmen are hereby challenged to the annual Frosh-Upper-class Volleyball and Softball games. Even though you out number the upperclassmen two to one, be prepared to get royally trounced.

Also, be prepared for anything else that may happen!

## A BIRD'S EYE VIEW

My goodness! I don't know what this world is coming to. Things just have been happening so fast this summer. But, I'm ahead of myself. For those of you who don't know me, let me tell you about myself. I am the Band mascot. I was hatched three years ago in the fall of 1967. Let's see....that makes me a Senior now, hmmm...But I daydream. I'm sure you will recognize me when you see me at Band Camp. I'm five feet tall, long and blonde and I've got an orange beak. I'm even sooo good looking that the Band let's me ride in the Homecoming Parade on a special VW (a special VW?????) That's really a gas, Homecoming that is, Why, I can remember my Freshman year when they did an entire halftime show with me as a finale. Wow, was that breathtaking to march for 20,000 people. It's a good thing I don't get stage fright. My Sophomore year I really got around. I guess I was really a bit of a snob because I wouldn't go out with just anyone! What kind of a chick do ya think I am? I even had a date with the Head of the Music Department and a couple of handsome professors. They were so mad for me, I had them climbing the roof!!!! Then, last year I spent the night with this guy with gorgeous blue eyes, but his wife found out, and she took him to Michigan. Dear me! But, I would rather think about this next fall with all those haannd-soommmme freshmen guys. This little birdee even told me that 'cause its my Senior year the Band is going to do another show featuring me instead of those good-looking twirlers. If September doesn't come pretty soon, I'm gonna go just plain cuckoo!!!!!!





## SYMPHONY BAND

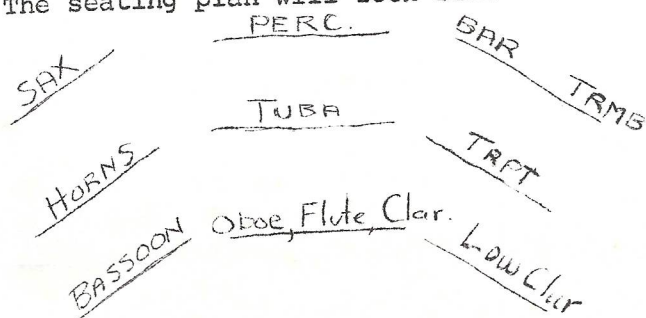
The 1970-71 Symphony Band will be slightly smaller with a drastic change in seating arrangement. Following is the goal for instrumentation:

6 flutes	1 tenor saxophone
1 Eb Clarinet	1 bar. saxophone
9 clarinets	5 horns
2-3 oboes	6 trumpets
2-3 bassoons	4 trombones
1 alto clarinet	2 euphoniums
1 bass clarinet	2-3 tubas
1 contra bass clarinet	5-6 percussion
2 alto saxophones	1 string bass

The literature for this group will come from such works as:

William Byrd Suite - Jacob  
 Town Piper Music - Mohaupt  
 Symphonic Suite - Williams  
 Concerto for Percussion - Mayozumi  
 Theme and Variations - Schoenberg  
 Shawl Dance - Skinner  
 Serenade 12 - Mozart  
 Serenade - Dvorak  
 Symphony for Winds - Stravinsky  
 Deserts - Varese  
 Original Suite - Jacob  
 Symphonic Requiem - Nelhybel  
 Red Pony Suite - Copland  
 Fanfare - Strauss  
 Bassoon Concerto - Andriessen  
 with Wind Ensemble

The seating plan will look like this:



Spring tour will again be during the Easter break, and we'll be going to Springfield, Worcester, Boston, Lowell(!), and Providence, Rhode Island. This is still tentative, though.

For those planning to join Symphony Band there will be auditions all day Friday, Sept. 11th. There will be a sign up sheet for you to choose the most convenient time to audition. Preference will be given to Marching Band personnel in final selections. Rehearsal schedule will be: Tues. at 7-8:15 PM. During Marching season and Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 4:40 PM after Marching season is over. Note, there is no Friday 3:30 rehearsal!!

## CONCERT BAND

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The Concert Band at the University is open to all interested students without audition and gives two performances each spring. Members choose their own seats and play the parts they feel they can handle. This year's Concert Band will basically be the Marching Band moved indoors. To receive credit for Concert Band the first semester a person must also play in the Marching Band. Likewise, to receive credit for Marching Band a student must play in the Concert Band the few weeks remaining at the end of the football season. Concert Band will not meet until Marching Band is over and then it will go to its regular schedule of Tuesday and Thursday at 4:40. Setup for the spring semester will be as in the past, two times a week for one credit.

This year's directors will be Mr. Larry Weed, Mr. Dennis Behm, and various student conductors. Mr. Weed has chosen some fabulous and varied scores for the Band to perform. The repertoire will include:

Pines of the Appian Way - Respighi  
 Symphony for Band - Gould  
 Spartacus - Khachatturian  
 Ceremonial Music - Nelhybel  
 Ritual Fire Dance - Falla  
 Rhapsody in Blue - Gershwin  
 March Militaire Francaise - Saint Saens

As you can see, this varied repertoire will be exciting for, and present a challenge to, any musician. And, as always, none of the Concert Band's music is impossible to play for anyone. So we hope that every Marching Band member signs up to play in the Concert Band for a very exciting year.

## PEP BAND

The Pep Band, the formerly student organized band for basketball games, will take on a different character in 1970-71. For many years a need has been felt to provide senior Music Education majors with more conducting opportunities. The Pep Band presents an ideal solution. In 1970-71 the Pep Band will be co-run by Mr. Weed and the senior Music Education majors.

As always, the group will be voluntary, but a tentative instrumentation will be maintained. Hopefully, there will be enough alternates so that the game schedule will not be too demanding. Interested students should see Mr. Weed early in the Marching Band season. Pep Band will begin at the end of the football season and membership will be restricted to Concert, Symphony, and Marching Band memberships.