

Three or Four Reams of Paper

Precision Band Drills Require Work

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It takes hours of hard work beginning in the summer and continuing until game time on a fall afternoon to put the University of Oregon marching band on the field with the intricate maneuvers that won praise at Stanford last Saturday.

Director Robert Wagner and his staff meet early in summer term to decide the themes of the afternoon performances and to select the music to be used.

Once selected, the music must be arranged to suit the proposed formations and the expected personnel. Students in the music school usually handle this phase of the preparation—this year John Hendrickson and Richard Ramsdell, graduate students in music, did the arrangements.

Miniature Field

The actual formations cannot be completed until the band forms in the fall because the exact number of members must be known before the final routines are worked out with models on the miniature football field in the music school.

Routines on Paper

The routines are then transferred to graph paper and then onto ditto paper. Each member has a number, is assigned a particular position on the field for each sequence and receives a copy of the sequence as well as mimeographed copies of all the music to be played. Three or four reams of mimeograph paper are used each game, according to Wagner.

Band members first march through the routines without music, then rehearse the music without marching and finally put the two together. "We try to have two weeks between performances because of the uncertainty of the weather," said Wagner. "With only three practices a week a rainstorm or two could leave us with almost no preparation," he added.

Joint Performance

For this reason, the band, which spent last weekend in California, will put on a joint performance with the Oregon State college band

at Portland Saturday. "The routine will of necessity be simple. We'll have only about half an hour to practice together," Wagner stated.

Synchronizing the field routines with the public address system is also a major problem facing the band. In Eugene, the UO band has its own announcer, Estely Schick, music instructor in the Eugene public schools, who takes over when the band takes the field.

The marching band avoids delicate instruments such as the oboe and concentrates on brass and percussion instruments.

Figures with moving parts are the hardest to work out, according to Wagner. A great deal of coordination is needed for band members to march, watch cues, and play difficult numbers at the same time, especially if they are constantly changing from one selection to another.

Two Routines

Wagner cited two routines used in the Oregon-Montana game as extremely difficult. One was the fan which opened and closed as the band played, the other was the large tuba formed by the band while 12 tuba players played and did a tuba step.

"Our main problem is lack of interest by non-music majors in joining the band," Wagner said. The average band member spends three hours a week rehearsing besides the game afternoon. Most of our work goes into planning so that the students' time won't be wasted, the director added.

He continued that a student wishing to join the band but having conflicting classes on one or even two of the rehearsal afternoons often can arrange to miss those rehearsals and still appear in the formations on Saturday.

Substitutes always watch and participate in the practices in case of the illness of a regular member.

90 Members

This year's marching band numbers approximately 90 according to Wagner. This includes the girls' band. About 75 percent of these members, as is the case every year, are new students.



TUBAS ON THE MARCH, as John Bigelow, squad leader, steps the Oregon band tuba section across the grass. The players, though hidden behind their horns are, from left to right, Phil Cass, Gary De Brokert, Lee Tucker, Francis Mayberry, Donald Thurber, Dwight Knight, Roy Childs and John Hanson.

"Oregon State depends on the entire student body for band members and we'd like to also," Wagner concluded. "As it is now we're entirely too dependent on the school of music."

The band will have made four trips this year—three to Portland and the California trip. Raoul Mad-

dox, junior in music, serves as student manager of the band on these trips. He is assisted by Ray Walden, in charge of instruments, and Charles Humphries, in charge of uniforms. Ira Lee, brass instructor, is assistant director and Richard Stewart, graduate student in music, is student leader.

Activities Slate

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nity council and the Interdormitory council.)

Mortar Board Cut Planned

The sub-committee recommended two other measures:

1. That the Mortar Board Ball and the Military Ball be eliminated and that all class dances, with the exception of the Junior Prom, be eliminated in favor of a single all-class dance.

2. That groups visiting the Oregon campus be housed as a unit in one or two fraternities or sororities instead of allotting a small number of persons to each house. (Living organizations would provide housing for a large number of persons at one time and would not then be called upon to furnish housing until, their turn came up again.)

The question of elimination of the Mortar Board Ball and the Military ball will be referred to Mortar Board, senior women's honorary, and Scabbard and Blade, military honorary, before a student affairs committee decision. The student housing suggestion will be referred to Heads of Houses, IFC and IDC.

Committee Members

Members of the sub-committee recommending the three measures were Sarah Turnbull, president of the Associated Women Students, chairman; Pat Dignan, ASUO president; Pat Ward, president of Heads of Houses; and Clyde Fahlman, chairman of the Student Union board.

Music Honorary Holds Annual Sale

Members of Mu Phi Epsilon, professional music honorary, are carrying on their annual magazine sales campaign, according to Lois Ann Schmidt, chairman.

Many nationally-known magazines are on the subscription lists, and several may be purchased at special Christmas rates, Miss Schmidt added.

Anyone wishing subscriptions may contact Lois Ann Schmidt at Ann Judson house or any Mu Phi member.

Proceeds from the sales, which are carried on by chapters all over the nation, go to the national Mu Phi headquarters to be used in financing such things as the McDowell colony, music summer camp.

Oregana Retakes Continue Monday

Makeup and retake pictures will continue Monday and Tuesday, Jody Greer, Oregana associate editor, has announced.

Dress for makeup pictures must be the same as previously worn by respective living organizations to maintain the unity of the page, Miss Greer said.

Living organizations having pictures taken on these days may have sittings at Kennell-Ellis from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the day scheduled.

No appointments have to be made before going down, Miss Greer stated.

Living organizations and the day scheduled for retakes or makeups are as follows:

Monday — Carson hall, Ann Judson house, Campbell club, Highland house, Philadelphia house and Rebec house.

Tuesday — Phi Delta Theta, University house, Alpha, Gamma, Sigma and Merrick halls.

'Salesman' Tryouts Start Next Week

Tryouts for "Death of a Salesman" will be held Monday and Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the laboratory theater, Villard 102.

This modern drama contains some very strong dramatic roles, according to F. J. Hunter, instructor in speech, who will direct the production. The play, which is the third University theater production, is scheduled to run Feb. 6, 7, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Ducks to Meet OSC

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field will probably be Cece Hodges, right half; Novikoff, fullback; and Ted Anderson, left half.

Beavers Have Had Trouble

The Beavers, coached by Kip Taylor, a graduate of Michigan, and consequently a staunch singlewing man, have had rough sailing. They lost most of their stars from a pretty fair club in 1951 and have been depending heavily on Sam Baker, their big fullback, to carry the load. Baker almost singlehandedly defeated the Webfoots a year ago at Eugene.

For more sports news, the starting lineups and team records, please turn to pages four and five.



Music Listening Hours Announced

The hours for the Peter Benson Howard music listening room in the Student Union are as follows:

- Monday—2 to 5 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m.
- Tuesday—1 to 5 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m.
- Wednesday—2 to 5 p.m.
- Thursday—1 to 5 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m.
- Friday—2 to 5 p.m.
- Sunday—2 to 5 p.m., 8 to 10 p.m.

There will be Tuesday night record concerts as announced. Anyone wishing to use the room at any other time should call Elaine Cutting at 5-9044.

Community Sing To Be Held Sunday

A community sing, led by Charlotte Johnson, student teacher, will take place this Sunday in the Student Union commuter's lunchroom from 7 to 7:30 p.m. Mary Sweeney will be at the piano. This is an informal affair for those who like to sing all types of music, according to Dorothy Anderson, chairman of the music committee.

Mixer Cancelled; Movie Scheduled

The Fishbowl mixer scheduled for Dec. 5 has been cancelled so that a movie may be shown at that time. The regular Sunday time for the movie was unavailable on this weekend, reports Jackie Steuart, chairman of the SU dance committee. The next mixer will be held sometime during the first weeks of winter term.

Campus Briefs

● Pre-Nursing Club will meet at noon Monday at Wesley house. Members will bring sack lunches. Henrietta Doltz, head of the nursing department, will be the guest speaker.

● Malcom Buchanan was the only patient admitted to the campus infirmary Thursday. Other patients confined there are Craig Weathford, Don Traux, Stuart Olson, Howard McGinnis, Ernest Bergstrom, Gary McManus, James Massey, Phil Singleton and Barbara Risley.

Dismissed Wednesday evening and Thursday morning were Donald Wilkinson, Ernest Sellers, Julie Fuller and Lucille Swaggert.

● There will be a meeting of all Amphibian members Monday night at 8:30 at Gerlinger pool.

● The Outing Club of the Women's Recreation Association has scheduled an overnight hike to Walker's Earn, leaving Gerlinger Hall at 1:00 p.m. Saturday. The club will climb Mt. Pisgah.

● The volleyball tournament of the Women's Recreation Association is now over except for the finals between Rebec and Highland which will be played after Thanksgiving. The winner must win two out of three games.

● The psychology club will hold a business and social meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union. All faculty members and graduate or upper division psychology students who plan to attend are asked by the department to call extension 576 before 4 p.m. Monday to make reservations.



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