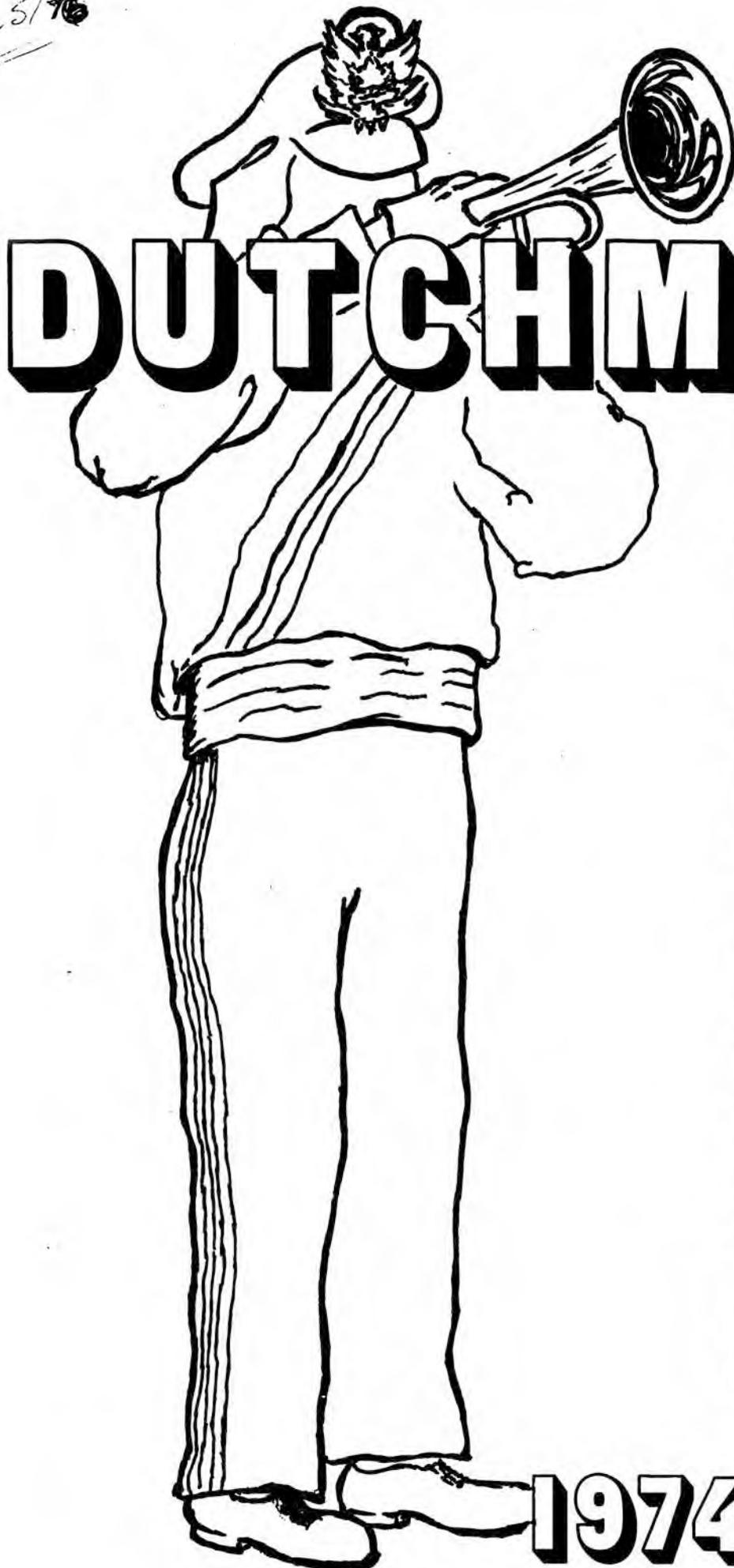


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Introduction

Last year during the 1974 Nationals, a few people talked about printing a corps yearbook. As the new 1974 - 75 year started the people who had the yearbook in their minds, became more involved with the corps, and the yearbook faded into the background.

The season ended and we were able to start concentrating our efforts on the yearbook. A call went out for volunteers for stories but all the work ended up being done by only a few people.

During the season, pictures were taken, but some people were missed and some photos are of poor quality, for which we are sorry.

Mr. Don Steeves, from the Kiwanis Cavaliers, was asked to give advice. He helped to set down a pattern as to what had to be done in printing a book such as this, and how to go about it. He suggested the printers, TWIN CITY PRINTING.

Thanks should be given to the printers and Don for his advice.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who had a part in this yearbook.

Earl Cloes

FLYING DUTCHMEN DRUM & BUGLE CORPS

INCORPORATED

1974-75 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ELECTED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 1974 AT THE GENERAL BUSINESS
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Flying Dutchmen Drum Corps, Simcoe 1972

CORPS HISTORY

In September of 1954, the late Major Bill Ball formed the band for the 48th Field Squadron Royal Canadian Engineers. The band played for parades, half time football games, as well as hockey games in their Militia battle dress uniforms. The 48th Field Squadron Band was the first Militia Band to go to Marching and Maneuvering.

On May 6, 1959, a letter was sent to the Canadian Drum Corps Association, informing them that the 48th Field Squadron Band was breaking away from the Militia to be known as the Flying Dutchmen Drum Corps. This corps was entered in the Senior A division and competed in both Canada and the United States for several seasons, 1964 and 1965 being their best.

During this period, the corps had sponsored over thirty Drum Corps contests and exhibitions in Kitchener and Waterloo - a record unmatched by any other group. Its finances were dependant upon the success of these shows. The corps was self-supporting without sponsors so it became more difficult to survive.

The corps was going into the red

financially at a pace that would ultimately mean complete collapse, so it was decided to transform the corps into a Junior Group.

The present Flying Dutchmen Corps was founded January 31, 1967 as a Centennial project of the Flying Dutchmen Alumni. The Dutchmen won the Canadian Junior Novice class in August 1967 and in 1969 won both the Provincial and National Standstill Class. In October 1969, the Corps entered the Junior B Marching and Maneuvering Class.

Early in 1970 the Board of Directors were very fortunate in securing the Kitchener Lions Club as a partial sponsor of the Corps. Later in the year the Army, Navy, Air Force Veterans Association Unit 247 of Kitchener was secured as a patron. Both clubs have helped the Corps very much financially each year, as well as the annual grants from the cities of Kitchener and Waterloo.

The Junior B Provincial award was won by the Flying Dutchmen in August 1974 and in August 1975, both the National and Provincial awards were won in the Junior B Marching and Maneuvering Class.



FALL 74

Recruiting Drive

The 1974-75 season got under way with our recruiting drive held on September 8/74 at the Victoria Park Pavilion.

The President Earl Cloes welcomed the interested spectators and introduced the Corps Director John Robins. John gave a short explanation to the new members about the coming season. A film was shown of the Corps in competition in Toledo, Ohio. John then introduced the Corps. The different horns were explained by Instructor Darrell Kirby, and the drum explanation was given by Jon Conrad. The Color Guard demonstrated the flag work used

in last years show during the first drum solo. The Corps then did a standstill show for the crowd.

Mrs. Cloes and Mrs. Lidstone signed up 28 new members for the coming season.

The first practice for rookies was called for Wednesday, September 11/74 at A.R. Kaufman School where the new members were issued their instruments.

Two other requests for new members were published in the K-W Record later to fill some of the holes in the lines left by old members quitting.



OKTOBERFEST



Altes München Haus

The corps did well financially during Oktoberfest in 1974. We played every night at the Altes Munchen Haus (the Queensmount Arena). After each performance, the corps members would pass by the tables selling our corps buttons.

On Monday, October 14, 1974, was the famous Oktoberfest parade in which we took a trophy as one of the best marching bands. On Saturday, October 19, 1974, we played at the Altes Munchen Haus, hurriedly loaded the buses to go to the Schwaben Club to play and sell buttons in the club and annex, after our performance equipment was loaded and we drove to the Auditorium to play for the Karlsburg Haus, then over to the annex to play for the Transylvania Club.

A very busy week of performing, working and just generally having fun.



Transylvania Club

Hockey

Early in November, the male corps members got together to play hockey. Ian McIntyre arranged to rent the Queensmount Arena each Sunday morning, from 7:00 to 8:00 am. to play hockey and skate, all members old and new were invited. Members would arrive at 6:30 to put on their hockey equipment to vent their feelings on that black rubber disc for one hour.

Mark Cloes and Paul New usually were the goalies who would choose sides so that they were evenly matched. Corps members, as well as instructors and parents, would play hard for the one hour of exercise.

When the game was over, the goals would be relived in the dressing room, and soon the shouting would start; "Where are we going for breakfast?" The whole group of hockey players went to Knowles' home to be served pancakes, to Grimm's for bacon, toast and eggs and to Post's for breakfast and a game of cards.

The day would break up at about noon, already for a Monday night's practice.



Teen Dances

There have been very few, if any, social activities that were open to all members of the five area corps, all at one time. The Dutchmen teen dances, organized by Mr. and Mrs. Post, were specifically designed for this purpose.

The integrating of these five units was of course slow at first, each group gathered shyly in their own little corner, whispering nervously amongst themselves.

The disc jockey, Bill Dunn, sensing the tension in the air, livens things up with the playing of the recent rock hits. The girls from the Ventures would usually have their dance line; side by side, moving in time to the music. Timidly, one by one, couples would casually saunter to the center of the floor, quickly picking up the beat of the current song. The occasional "snowball" and spot dances got practically everyone relaxed and dancing. A soul circle was formed and Ray Herbert entertained the group as he writhed to the rhythm.

There were refreshments of chocolate bars, chips and pop available, being sold by the few chaperones that were present. The evening ending at 12:00 pm., all happy and exhausted.



Corps Dinner

The annual Corps Dinner was held on Sunday, January 19, 1975 at Breithaupt Centre at 6 PM. The delicious turkey dinner was prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. Hartwick, Mrs. Bonnell, Mrs. Coombs, Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard, and Mr. and Mrs. Herzog.

The tables were set and the buffet meal was served, preceeded by a toast to the Queen by Vice-President Doug Lidstone and a toast to the Corps by Brian Haskins.

The guest speaker was Rev. Doug Sloan who spoke on participation and involvement. He was thanked by Harry McGhie. Mayor Herb Epp from Waterloo and Dr. Jack Bishop the President of the Kitchener Lions Club were guests who brought greetings.

The President Earl Cloes and the Corps Director John Robins presented each Corps member with a certificate of participation for 1974, then presented the special awards to:

MOST IMPROVED HORN PLAYER- Randy Knowles
MOST IMPROVED DRUMMER- Bill Bailey
MOST IMPROVED SECTION- the Drum Line
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR- Pat Bandura
COLOUR GUARD- Brenda Binkle
CORPS MAN OF THE YEAR- Harry McGhie

Several MERIT AWARDS were also given.

After the awards, the tables were cleared and a dance was held for the Corps members with Mr. Bill Dunn supplying the music. It was an enjoyable evening with 145 people present.



Corps Man of the Year - Harry McGhie



Rookie of the Year - Pat Bandura

SPRING 75

Playathon

Playathon was held on March 22, 1975 at A. R. Kaufman School from 8:00 am. until 5:00 pm.

The playing members collected over \$2600.00 in pledges. The day was to be divided into 20 half hour periods with a person pledging an amount of money for each period.

The day was taken up completely by instruction for the new music, with section practice for the whole corps with training films shown; such as flag work for the colour guard.

A radio announcer for CHYM worked from the school asking for pledges and inviting interested people to come to watch the Playathon.

Free refreshments were given to the corps members at the break periods.

A prize was awarded to Cheryl Cloes and Doug Huras for collecting the greatest amount of money. Cheryl with \$125.00 and Doug with \$110.00.

This was the first time that the Flying Dutchmen has used this method of fund raising which turned out quite successful.

Walkathon

The K-W Drum Corps Association again held a Walkathon on April 19, 1975 for the Drum Corps fo the city.

Some members of our corps entered the Walkthon, but the majority of the walkers representing the Flying Dutchmen were from St. Anne's Separate School enlisted by Wayne McLeod, one of our Board of Directors, and a Grade 6 teacher of the school.

The walkers registered at the Dutch Boy hut to leave on the 20 mile walk heading out to Marsland Park for the first 5 miles, then to Victoria Park Pavilion for the halfway point. The third check point was at the Wilson Arena, then back to the Dutch Boy hut to rest the tired feet, and to have a snack of hot dogs and hot chocolate.

Many thanks to the 50 walkers who raised over \$1000.00 as a down payment for our equipment truck.



Individuals

"Have confidence in yourself; because if you don't, no one else will."

That's one point to remember when entering individuals. What also comes in handy is "GUTS".

Physically, the work for your show would begin about two or three months before the actual contest, while the mental work really started Saturday morning, March 8, 1975.

As usual, we all met at the vault in the early morning to board the bus for Silverthorn Collegiate in Etobicoke.

Following a type of unwritten tradition, the bus trip was commonly "rowdy". What awaited the contestants at the end of the trip was at times forgotten by the atmosphere which surrounded them.

As the bus entered the school grounds, the eagerness to leave our means of transportation, could be felt. We entered the school rather quickly due to a number of reasons, including coldness and curiosity. We wandered around, some of us looking for dressing rooms, some the cafeteria, others just satisfying their curiosity.

After registering, the contestants found dressing rooms, got out their equipment and began practicing until the meeting in the auditorium, where they would be reminded of the rules and regulations that they were to follow, and told of the order that they were to appear in.

The Flying Dutchmen had six contestants entered in the competition. Linda Parry on solo rifle, Mark Doering, solo snare, Tony Lidstone, solo snare, Dave Huras, Doug Huras and Mark Cloes, soprano brass trio.

Prelims soon began and we found ourselves waiting our turn, in uniform, accepting (what seemed like thousands) of "Good Lucks" from friends, chaperones and fellow competitors.

The most nerve racking time was waiting in line, knowing you're next to stand in front of what seemed like half the world, to show what you can do best in the drum corps world.



Linda Parry

On stage, at ease, you had the misfortune to look over the audience while waiting for judge's signal. There it was; the last thing you wanted to think about was, "I can't make a mistake" or of course you probably would have.



Mark Doering

Finally the end of your show was near and so was relief. The three minutes was up. As you walked off the stage, a kind of pride came over you, knowing that you represented your corps and had not let them down.

Passing people in the halls on your way to get changed, you were confronted with a million, "How'd you do?" You replied, not knowing much else, "Ok".



Tony Lidstone

Now, waiting for your score and placing, you felt the nervousness you had had when doing the show. Prelims were now over and there was a break until finals began at 7:00 pm. To kill time and hunger we waded through the crowd to our bus and went to a very familiar place where we could (if we were hungry enough) order a "Big Mac".

Back at the school, Tony Lidstone and the brass trio had made the finals, so they headed for the dressing rooms as the crowd was filling the auditorium. The brass trio had scored 85.2, the highest score of the afternoon.

The day had finally reached an end and medals were now being given out to those whom the judges thought deserved them most. The Flying Dutchmen brass trio members, with a score of 88.5 each won a medal for Jr. B brass trio and also the Open Class brass trio.

Those who did not receive a medal, still had the satisfaction of seeing how their individual talents held up in competition and what to improve on. But win or lose, all the competitors had had the chance to show their talents and represent the drum corps that they are most proud of.



Doug Huras

Dave Huras

Mark Cloes



Guard Shows



We did pretty good in 1975's Guard shows, but since we didn't come in first at Nationals, I guess we could have done better.

We started off the Guard show in January with 23 guard, consisting of 12 flags, 4 rifles, 3 drummers, 3 national party, and 1 guard commander.

We had 5 rifles but the 5th was too good for our rookie line. Practically the whole guard was a rookie to the position they played except a few.

We practised 3 times a week. Monday and Wednesday at A. R. Kaufman school for 3 hours a night and Friday nights for 1½ hours at Queensmount school. We also practised some Saturday afternoons before contests.

Our show went rather smoothly from off the line with our famous ROW BOAT playing "What do you do with a drunken sailor?" into our color presentation where the guard and rifles did their little formations between salutes. Gradually as the show proceeded we reached the main point in the show "THE TENNIS MATCH" with the net being 4 flags, 4 players for a game of doubles, and of course the audience (the remaining guard) bobbing their heads back and forth attempting to follow the ball. After the game we gradually built ourselves up to the climax at the end. We all gathered off the floor after the gun went off and re-entered forming 2 semi-circles with a rifle toss as the grand finale. It was a great show overall.

We only had 4 shows to compete in. Two shows in Toronto, 1 in Waterloo, and 1 in St. Catherines which was the Nationals.

PURPLE AND GOLD INVITATIONAL
SIR WILFRED LAURIER COLLEGIATE
SCARBOROUGH
MARCH 15, 1975

Majestics	80.50
Ventures	74.75
Cardinals - Red	74.25
Patriots	72.75
East Scarborough Kinsmen	70.75
Seneca Princemen	70.05
Cardinals - White	69.20
FLYING DUTCHMEN	64.35
Kavaliers - Senior	54.50
Blue Saints	50.50
Kavaliers - Junior	45.60
Optimist Cadets	37.15
St. Andrews	36.30

GUARDS IN REVIEW
SENECA PRINCEMEN SHOW
SCARBOROUGH
APRIL 5, 1975

Majestics	83.55
Seneca Princemen	79.15
Ventures	78.10
Cardinals - Red	72.55
Simcoe Golden Lions	70.70
Cardinals - White	66.90
FLYING DUTCHMEN	66.85
East Scarborough Kinsmen	65.70

Nationals were tense. We went right to St. Catherines first thing in the morning and tried to get some practise time there, but it was hopeless. We practised for about ¼ hour and everyone was so shook up and nervous, nothing was going right. You could tell our instructors were getting angry and nervous, which was making us worse. They told us to go and eat, but nobody could. We got dressed and did our show. Everyone came off the floor upset because no one knew whether we did good or bad. We were told we did a great show but no one really knew for sure. We found out that we scored 67.05 , but there were still more to go on. We were all starving, so they took us to eat. At McDonald's of course, with 3 other drum corps there. We all wanted to get back to find out whether we made the finals. When we got back we were disappointed to see that we dropped quite a few places, but we jumped for joy that we made the night show, even if it was last place.

1975 CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMS
 held at
 GRANTHAM HIGH SCHOOL
 ST. CATHERINES, ONTARIO
 APRIL 12, 1975

Majestics	85.90
Patriots	82.70
Seneca Princemen	81.65
Ventures	75.90
East Scarborough Kinsmen	73.80
Cardinals - White	71.15
Cardinals - Red	68.55
Simcoe Golden Lions	68.45
FLYING DUTCHMEN	67.05
Kavaliers - Senior	56.30
Kavaliers - Junior	50.58
St. Andrews	48.30
Optimist Cadets	45.65
Blue Saints	43.65

1975 CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS
 APRIL 12, 1975

Majestics	92.80
Patriots	88.00
Seneca Princemen	86.90
Ventures	84.10
Cardinals - Red	78.60
East Scarborough Kinsmen	76.80
Cardinals - White	72.20
Simcoe Golden Lions	71.80
FLYING DUTCHMEN	71.60

We had another very short practise , and then we had some free time but advised to rest. We didn't have much choice but rest, nobody had any energy left. We all got dressed for the night show and everyone was calm; too calm, laughing and singing.

Then we got in line and out on the floor. We couldn't stop shaking. We did our show. They said we did a better show but again we weren't sure. You have different opinions when you are actually out there. The guard in second last place was on right after us so we had to look happy and cool as we passed them on the way out. We had time to kill until the last guard, so most of us just sat around and worried. It was time for retreat. They started handing out the score sheets. We were really disappointed because we still came in 9th place. But at least we placed in the Canadian National Colour Guard Championships, and we were proud of that.



FLYING DUTCHMEN ENGINEERS REUNION

The Flying Dutchmen Drum and Bugle Corps Incorporated celebrated 21 years of existence on May 3, 1975, with a reunion held at the Kitchener Auditorium Annex. Members from as far away as Texas and Edmonton attended the gala occasion. The 300 people in attendance, represented the 48th Field Squadron Royal Canadian Engineers, the Flying Dutchmen Senior Corps and the present day, Flying Dutchmen Junior Corps.

The doors opened at 12:00 pm., with a cocktail hour and registration.

The hall was decorated with posters of the corps from its first uniform of Army battle dress to the present green shirts. Old scrap books, pictures and mementos were displayed on a table to let the members reminisce about the "good old days".

A delicious dinner of ribs and pig tails was catered by Clive Woolner.

After dinner, the present corps took the floor in concert formation, to play their 1975 show, with the reunion guests gathered around. A lot of the old corps members had many fond memories come to mind as the corps began to play. A very moving song of the "Wiffenpoofs" was led by Ev Smith, a soprano horn soloist of the Senior Dutchmen. Jim Fraser, did a "stripper dance", much to the enjoyment of the crowd.

The evening ended with a dance to the music of the Magic Circus.

Everyone attending, enjoyed themselves immensely and vowed to be back for the 25th anniversary.

Camp

Camp was held for four days, at the Optimist Camp, at Heidelberg on May 16, 1975.

We met at Electrohome on Friday night at 7:00 pm. with our sleeping bags and a change of clothes, ready to practice, then go to camp. We practiced until 9:30 pm. then loaded the gear on the truck, piled into the cars or on the bus to head for camp.

Arriving at camp, the corps members ran from the vehicles, into the camp building to pick out their sleeping place, while others tried to find their sleeping bags and suit cases out of the pile beside the truck.

The canteen was opened. The rush on pop and chocolate bars to last the night

was handled by the chaperones, who were also trying to get the weiner roast started for the hungry members.

The girls were sent to their cabin down the road and the boys upstairs in the main lodge and lights were out at 1:00 am., but that's when the noise really started. A squeak in this corner, a cough over there, then two people laughing. It took a little persuasion from John Robins and Brian Haskins to get everyone quiet because a heavy practice day was coming up.

Saturday morning came early; it just seemed like you had crawled into your sleeping bag and you had to climb right out again.

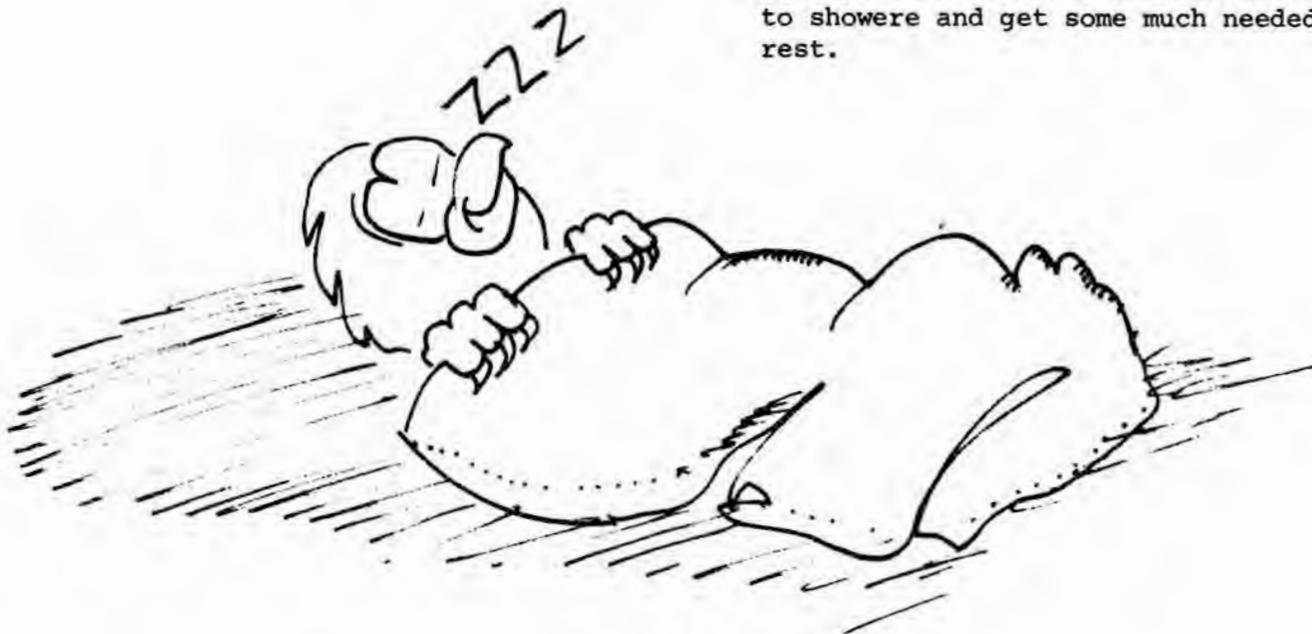
We were up at 7:30 am. to have a good breakfast of toast and cereal, then on the bus to go to Electrohome to practice. We learned the field show in Electrohome parking lot from 9:00 to 11:00, then we had a break for dinner, which the ladies had brought in from camp, (cold meats for sandwiches and cake). Back to practice under the scorching sun from 12:30 until 4:00, then load the truck to go back to the camp.

Back at camp, another rush on the canteen for pop and bars (the fresh air kept them starving), then supper of spaghetti and meat balls and cookies. We practiced again for another hour and a half, and then we had free time. More pop and chocolate bars, then outside to explore the property and another weiner roast for people that were still hungry. The graveyard across from the camp was the main attraction, where the members would go to tell ghost stories. Then the girls were sent to their cabin, while the boys were tucked in bed, then some of them who couldn't sleep, went down to the dining area to play cards and sing. This was the night that the rookies discovered that they too were a part of our corps and the older corps members were making them feel welcome. It was a very late night for everyone.

The time set to rise and shine was 8:00 am. Everyone was up by 8:00, but most weren't so shiny. Breakfast was served by Bob Knowles with his specialty, pancakes, and everyone having their fill. On the bus again to Electrohome for more field drill. Then a break at noon for more sandwiches, then more field drill at 1:30. On the bus again at 5:00 to go back to the camp. Supper at 6:30 of ham, vegetables and apple pie.

After supper, the whole corps went down to the baseball diamonds. The drums played against the horns. John Robins was the umpire, being a rather poor judge on some of the calls that he made; calling obvious balls, strikes, and vice versa. We then gathered in the dining area of the lodge for some quite candid entertaining. The snare line was doing some mimicking of sticking routines used by other corps, and they showed us their version of an average snare line rehearsal. Paul New was acting out the parts of a rifle spinner and flag bearer; as he saw them. Montgomery the monkey, was also on hand. Another weiner roast and then to bed with lights out at 1:00. Everyone was just a little tired by then so it was fairly quiet that night.

We were up at 8:00 am. again Monday morning to a breakfast of cereal, toast and jam, then more practice. At 11:00, we started to pack to load the truck with our luggage and instruments and clean up the camp. At noon, on the bus and into the cars and off for home to shower and get some much needed rest.



THE SEASON STARTS



LIONS CLUB PARADE
HAMILTON, ONTARIO
MAY 24, 1975

The day started off bright and early as we left the vault at about 8:30 am. to do the Lions Club Parade in Hamilton. We arrived in Hamilton and went to a Plaza where we were allowed free time until noon. We met back on the buses at noon to go to the start of the parade route where we changed into our uniforms. The parade was long and hot but we did a good job, in fact we won an award for being the best marching unit. The parade was finally over and we changed on the buses, then went to MacDonaldis before coming home.



DICKSON PARK, CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO

MAY 31, 1975

This was our first judged field performance of the season. We weren't in competition but everyone was on edge because we were eager to show that we were ready. The day started when we met at Electrohome for a two hour practice and then we boarded the buses for Dickson Park in Cambridge.

This show was put on by the Canadian Judges Association to prepare the judges for the coming season, as well as let the instructors of the various corps clean up the their show. Each corps did their full field show twice, being judged by a different panel of judges each time.

A video-tape was taken as the corps went through the show for the first time, which was done quite well, the second show did not come off nearly as good.

After the show, a critique was held with the judges. The video-tape was used to point out different changes that could be made, but things were not really that bad with our show.

Our hours of hard practice were paying off, but we still had a long way to go.



FESTIVAL OF ROSES PARADE
 WELLAND, ONTARIO
 JUNE 7, 1975

We met at the vault at 8:00 am. with the usual delays, the corps boarded the two buses to go to Welland to our first competition in the Junior A group for 1975. Very close to Welland, one of the buses broke down; a very good omen. A short delay, a little mechanical genius and the two buses were on the way again. We arrived at the school to change into our uniforms for the parade when the skies opened up and it started to rain. We boarded the buses again to go to the shopping centre where the parade was to start from. The wait was very long so by this time the rain had stopped, but the cloudy sky still threatened.

The parade finally started, but it seemed like any other parade, playing very little and walking a long way to end up at the Welland Arena. We were given an hour free time to eat at the Arena Ethnic Food Festival, but when the time came for us to leave for our practice, the buses couldn't get out of their parking spaces so there was quite a lengthy delay.



The buses finally got free, but it took time to round up all the corps members again and then off we went to practice. We arrived at our assigned field and found Peterborough Krescendos practicing there, so off we went again.

We drove around Welland looking for an empty area to practice on, but all we could find were streets that had just been tarred. We finally found a field, so we had a fifteen minute practice, then changed on the buses and left to go to the contest.

We did a poor show on the mud-covered field to come sixth out of seven corps.

Back to the buses to change, very disheartened with the days happenings, so then we left Welland and stopped at the Swiss Chalet at St. Catherines for supper before leaving for home.



FESTIVAL OF ROSES
 JUNIOR A SHOW
 WELLAND, ONTARIO
 JUNE 7, 1975

Toronto Optimists	68.40
Oakland Crusaders	62.00
Greece Cadets	58.50
Seneca Princemen	52.50
Peterborough Krescendos	45.40
FLYING DUTCHMEN	43.70
St. John's Girls	37.25

VENTURE INTO MUSIC
 SEAGRAM STADIUM, WATERLOO
 JUNE 14, 1975

The corps members met at the vault, where they were picked up by a bus to go to Electrohome to practice before the Venture show at Seagram Stadium.

We practiced under the cloudy skies for two hours, then we were transported to Carlings parking lot on Caroline St., Waterloo to do a short parade to Seagram Stadium.

The parade started, but so did the rain. Our Drum Majors wore their jackets to try to keep their uniforms dry, but by the time the corps had marched to Waterloo Park, the rain had stopped with the sun shining.

We had a one and a half hour break for supper, so most of us bought hot dogs from the refreshment stand and then sat in the stands to watch Seneca rehearse.

The show started, and we were the third corps on following the Dutch Boy Cadets, a good position to be in.

At retreat, we found that we came in fourth. Beating St. John's and even Peterborough with a score of 47.35, quite a good job for the third time out.



AJAX HOME WEEKEND

JUNE 21, 1975

Our two buses and equipment truck were loaded by 9:15, so off we went to Ajax for a parade and "A" contest. We arrived at a shopping plaza in Ajax and were told to eat before the parade. At the plaza, the only stores open were a variety store and donut shop, so there wasn't much to eat, but we were told we would eat after the show. After our one hour free time, we went to the school where the contest was to be held to change for the parade. We were soon on the buses again in our uniforms to go to the shopping plaza for the start of the parade. The parade was short and the weather was not too warm, so back at the school we had section practice until the show started.

The field was in the back of a high school without any bleachers. The spectators had to sit on the side of a hill.

We did our show which we thought was fair. At retreat we found out that we came fourth behind St. John's Girls because of a poor horn score, eight full points below our average.

VENTURE INTO MUSIC
 SEAGRAM STADIUM, WATERLOO
 JUNE 14, 1975

Toronto Optimists	72.80
Oakland Crusaders	72.65
Seneca Princmen	62.70
FLYING DUTCHMEN	47.35
St. John's Girls	46.25
Peterborough	45.05
Dutch Boy Cadets	39.70
Ventures	35.95
Chatelaines	33.45

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AJAX, ONTARIO

JUNE 21, 1975

Oakland Crusaders	72.10
Toronto Optimists	71.75
St. John's Girls	47.00
FLYING DUTCHMEN	41.95
Ventures	37.40



Down-hearted and hungry, we went to the Ajax Community Centre where we were to stay the night. We found that they lock everything up pretty early in these small towns as there was no place you could get anything to eat.

This is the first time that the boys and girls have ever slept in the same room together, but it didn't really matter because there were at least one hundred chaperones.

Not soon after we were settled, in walked the Etobicoke-Oakland Crusaders, who were to stay in the same arena with us. We drew an imaginary line in the middle of the arena, so we stayed on our side and they stayed on theirs.

We awoke at 8:00 to be out by 9:00 to go to the Ajax Rotary Club pancake breakfast; it was all you could eat, so some people went back for seconds and even thirds.



OSHAWA PARADE

JUNE 22, 1975

It was 10:30 when the buses finally got on the move for Oshawa for a 1:00 pm. parade. We arrived in good time and got changed. We found the city very hot with the sun beating down on our heads. The parade finally started, but because of the intense heat, not everyone could finish the very long march. At the parade's end, several people were selling ice cream and the corps members ended up buying their entire supply. After we changed our uniforms on the buses, we headed out to MacDonaldds, and then home.



SEAFORTH, ONTARIO

JUNE 28, 1975

The day started at the vault with the two buses leaving at 10:00 am. to go to Seaforth for a 1:00 pm. parade. We arrived in good time to find we had a nice high school for changing, also the use of the shower room after the parade.

The day was very hot but the parade was only average length so a good job was done.

After the parade was over, into the shower rooms we went to relax and cool off, then on the buses at 3:00 pm. to Toronto for another parade and contest.



MUSIC IN MOTION
BOROUGH OF YORK STADIUM
TORONTO, ONTARIO
JUNE 28, 1975

Toronto Optimists	77.65
Oakland Crusaders	76.35
Seneca Princemen	66.80
Peterborough Krescendos	53.20
FLYING DUTCHMEN	51.10
Ventures	45.40
St. John's	43.65
Precious Blood	39.20

We arrived in Toronto at the Borough of York Stadium to find there were no dressing rooms for the corps to change in, this seems to be normal procedure. The day was very hot, so we changed on the buses as well as the lawn of the school where the parade was to start from. There was not any water available to us, but somebody found an ice machine so ice cubes were passed around to quench the thirst. The short parade was over so we rested on the grass for our turn in the contest.

We were the fourth corps to appear. We did a poor show coming fifth with the drum line down to 4.8 score. After retreat we changed on the buses to leave for home, knowing we would have to buckle down with a lot of hard practice.



LACKAWANNA, NEW YORK

JUNE 29, 1975

We left the vault at 9:30 am. with two buses for an uneventful trip to Lackawanna, New York.

On arrival, we went to the stadium to find out the time we were to go on. We had an hour of section practice and drill. The day was very hot with the sun beating down and no breeze.

We then left to find a place to eat. The drivers parked the buses in a service station lot next to a McDonald restaurant where we had an hour to eat. A lot of the Corps members bought a quart of milk out of a dispensing machine at the service station, then they walked across the road to sit under the large shade trees on the grass.

Lunch time was up, so we left to go to a park for section practice in some shaded areas. At the park, there were not any washrooms or dressing rooms, so we again changed on the buses and on the grass. When we got to the stadium, several members felt the call of nature, but they were told that they had to do the show first because we were late arriving.

We did a good show, coming first in our division and second in the overall show. After the retreat, we changed and left for home, stopping at the Big Boy Restaurant in St. Catherines to eat, getting home quite late.



PREVIEW IN 1975

LACKAWANNA, NEW YORK

JUNE 29, 1975

Mark Twain Cadets.	60.10
FLYING DUTCHMEN.	57.65
Caballeros.	52.95
Royal Coachmen.	47.30
Alpine Girls.	46.95
Silver Sabres	45.8
Blue Sabres	25.9



JULY & AUGUST

LISTOWEL, ONTARIO

JULY 1, 1975

We met at the vault at 9:30 am. to finally leave an hour later, heading for Listowel to do a parade.

On the main street of Listowel, a car pulled out from the curb and ran into the side of the equipment truck, causing very little damage to the truck. After a short delay by the police, the truck was able to arrive at it's destination. We were supplied dressing rooms at Harvey Krotz Motors, which we used and then left for the start of the parade. The sun was bright, so the day was very warm as we stood in the long grass of a field while waiting for the Parade Marshall's call. The march was soon over, so we changed on the buses in the park and left to go back to Kitchener to eat at the Highland Road MacDonalds.



Then on to Brantford for a Junior A contest at 7:00 pm. We arrived in Brantford and went to a school to practice, we left the school to go to the fairgrounds to do the contest. We put on a good show and then watched the other corps. After retreat, we went back to the practice area at the school to pick up the cars that some of the members had left there. Here we got changed and left for home.



BRANTFORD, ONTARIO

COCKSHUTT PARK

JULY 1, 1975

Toronto Optimists	74.90
Peterborough Kinsmen	56.65
FLYING DUTCHMEN	52.75
St. John's Girls	47.75
Royal Coachmen	43.10
Bluewater Buccaneers	32.40

HOWELL, MICHIGAN

July 5, 1975

We were very late in leaving for Howell, Michigan so needless to say we were lucky that we did arrive before the parade was completely over. The Corps members had to run putting on their uniforms, trying to line up. The Colour Guard went in with the Shell practice flags because there was not time to change to the good ones. The parade over, we changed on the buses and then went up to the main street to the restaurants to eat. We then went to the stadium and changed on the buses again.

We took the field and did a good job, but the judges created a problem by penalizing us for improper timing in the show. We won the show beating the next closest corps by nine points. After the retreat, a giant fireworks display was held. The corps changed on the buses, getting ready to go to eat again. We had an hour and a half of free time, then on the buses to go to Algonac to stay the night. We encountered three problems on the way to Algonac. The equipment truck ran out of gas. We went on the wrong road so tried to back up and we were stopped by the State police. Then we were met by a swarm of sand flies that completely covered buildings and roads. We arrived in Algonac to stay in the gym of the high school, along with corps members of the Bluewater Buccaneers.



We slept in late, then loaded the buses to see where the parade was to start, as well as get breakfast-lunch before the parade. A large restaurant on the riverfront was found that would feed the corps so we invaded the place. After lunch some members were thrown into the river fully clothed.



The buses went back to the school for the corps to change into their uniforms, then to the start of the parade route. We did the short, hot parade, and then back to the school to change again. At the school we had some free time, so some people went to the fair nearby, and then didn't get back on time. John had to go to the fair and bring them back to the buses. Finally we left for home, stopping at the A&W in Sarnia for supper.

FLYING DUTCHMEN.....	46.70
Dutch Boy Cadets.....	37.80
Vanguards.....	36.90
Bluewater Buccaneers.....	35.15
Praesidium.....	21.10
Windsor Guardsmen.....	15.80

OFF THE LINE "75"

BIRCHMOUNT STADIUM

SCARBOROUGH

July 12, 1975

We met at Electrohome to practice for two hours, trying to clean up the drill, before we left for Scarborough.

The show was an "A" and "B" competition, but we were entered strictly in the "B" class with Les Compagnons meeting us for the first time. A lot of corps members were wondering how good they were, but soon found out that the competition was really not that tough.

At retreat, we found we had come first with a score of 55.0 with the Cardinals in second with 51.8. The Dutchmen also took the best horn and best drum awards with the best guard award to the Cardinals.

FLYING DUTCHMEN.....	55.00
Cardinals.....	51.80
Dutch Boy Cadets.....	40.00
Buccaneers.....	38.60
Guelph Optimist Knights.....	37.55
Les Compagnons.....	35.70
Best Horns.....	DUTCHMEN
Best Drums.....	DUTCHMEN
Best Guard.....	Cardinals



SIGHTS & SOUNDS OF '75
 NORTH TONAWANDA, NEW YORK
 JULY 13, 1975

The corps met at the vault at 8:30 am., but the usual stragglers kept the buses from leaving until 9:45.

We crossed the border without any problems to arrive in North Tonawanda at 12:30. The buses stopped at a Plaza with several restaurants for an hour of free time to eat, then left to go to the stadium at the local high school.

We practiced the field show drill in a very large park across from the high school. There was also three other corps practicing in this park. Practice was over so it was time to change into our uniforms. Again we had no change rooms, so we changed on the buses, and on the school lawn. We also found the washrooms were quite a rotten mess. We were fourth on, so we had lots of time to wait and watch. We did a really good show and everyone was in good spirit coming off the field.



At retreat, we found we came first, with a 67.45 almost ten full point up on the next corps. We also got the best drum major award. We marched off the field well pleased and went over to the practice park again, being followed by

a lot of well-wishers, to do the concert again before we put our equipment away on the truck.

Back to the buses to change, then down to the plaza to eat, before going home. Another successful weekend.



FLYING DUTCHMEN.....	67.45
St. Johns Girls.....	57.85
Alpine Girls.....	55.30
Imperial Regiment.....	54.05
Caballaros.....	53.65
Sharpsburg Cadets.....	48.90
Guelph Optimist Knights.....	48.60
American Patrol.....	46.55
Blue Sabres.....	28.85



THE BLUEWATER INVITATIONAL

SARNIA, ONTARIO

JULY 19, 1975

We met at Electrohome at 1:00 pm. for a short practice before leaving for Sarnia for the Bluewater Buccaneers contest.

We left Kitchener at 3:15 to arrive in Sarnia with lots of time to spare before the contest. The buses pulled into a MacDonalds and everyone ran out to feast on their favorite burg. After the hour food break, we went to the stadium and changed into our uniforms on the buses, then cleaned our shoes, cymbals etc., anything to take up time until it was our turn on the line.

St. John's were on first, then the Ventures. We took the starting line in third position and it seemed like a fair show and everyone was confident that we had won. At retreat, we found out differently. The judges had awarded first to St. John's, with a .4 score better than ours. Everyone was quite shook up to think that the girls had beaten us, the second time this year.

On the buses to change, to stop at the A - W before going home.



St. John's Girls	56.20
FLYING DUTCHMEN	55.80
Ventures	49.60
Ohio Buckeyes	36.70
Maple City Cadets	33.00



Our Show

This was the Golden Triangle Championships, held at the Centennial Stadium of Kitchener. Doug Boehmer, our Business Manager, had everything lined up for a very good "C" and "A" contest, but the weather man was definitely not going to co-operate.

The corps met at the stadium for drill practice, but it was raining, so the horns and drums practiced under the stadium.

The show was scheduled to start at 5:00 pm., so that is when the sun had decided to shine and the rain finally stopped.

The field was very wet as the "C" contest got under way, so after seven corps had walked out onto the grass, it became very muddy.

The "A" contest started with the Cardinals in first position. They in their white uniforms, walked over the finish line with the uniforms spattered with mud and several members missing shoes. Each corps walked into the same obstacles on the field during their show.

The contest was over, but the lightning and thunder was now starting again and the field was just a mud hole, so there was only a Drum Major retreat.

Seneca came first in the "A" class with the Flying Dutchmen first in the "B" class. The Midlanders were first in the "C" class.



GOLDEN TRIANGLE CHAMPIONSHIPS
CENTENNIAL STADIUM, KITCHENER
JULY 20, 1975

Seneca Princemen	67.15
FLYING DUTCHMEN	57.70
Cardinals	56.10
St. John's Girls	53.50
Imperial Regiment	50.00
Ventures	48.45
Royal Coachmen	46.80
Dutch Boy Cadets	44.85
Optimist Knights	37.30

Best Horns - FLYING DUTCHMEN
Best Drums - Cardinals
Best Guard - Cardinals



Great Lakes Championships

We met at the vault at 7:00 am., but finally after all the heavy sleepers arrived, the three buses got loaded to leave the city at 8:30 am.

We went directly to the stadium to check in after the long ride to Saginaw, then found a park to practice in. There was a Zoo in the front of the park, so Myrna took Paul and the young National members to see the different animals while the corps practiced. Practice was over, so on the buses we went to find some of the local eating places. Our hour of free time was up, on the buses again, to go to the stadium to do the show. The show was well done and the horns projected well; the drums and guard did a clean show, but we only finished second. We changed again in the buses and then went to find a snack to eat before we bed down at one of the local school gyms for the night.

We slept until nine, dressed and showered, ready to go again. The chaperones had made arrangements with a restaurant to feed the corps at ten.

We arrived at the restaurant on time and they took two hours to feed us. The buses had to fly to Munger, Michigan, an hours drive away from Saginaw to be there for a 1:00 pm. Potato Festival Parade.

GREAT LAKES DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

ARTHUR HILL MEMORIAL STADIUM

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

JULY 26, 1975

Glassmen	64.65
FLYING DUTCHMEN	56.20
Saginaires	55.00
Midshipmen	49.75
Buckeyes	48.80
Maple City Cadets	48.35
Dutch Boy Cadets	47.00
Bluewater Buccaneers	39.95
Vanguards	38.55

The day was very hot, but the parade was short and the corps was well received. Shortly after the parade, we changed on the buses, then left for home, stopping at the A - W in Sarnia to eat.



the TOUR

The three buses were lined up at the vault, loaded, ready to start on our week's tour to Clinton, Ontario; Butler, Pennsylvania, and Marion, Ohio.

It was 9:30 am., time to pull out, when smoke poured out from under the dash of the diesel bus. After a quick check, it was discovered that the light wiring had just burned out, so the bus had to be unloaded so Henk could take it back to Brubacher to get another bus for our tour.

The corps packed on two buses to go to Clinton for their Centennial Parade and exhibition.

We arrived at the Clinton District High School, where we ate the lunches that we brought, then changed into our uniforms, getting ready for the parade. We went over to our line-up area and waited there a very long time. The day was quite humid and the water boy, Darrell Kirby had a difficult time quenching the thirst of the waiting corps members. The parade finally started, so we wended our way down the short blocks, turning here and there to end up at the Fair Grounds. After the parade had finished, the sky became very overcast and a slight drizzle came down as we took the starting line to do a judged exhibition. The judge was a Royal Canadian Air Force Bandsman who apparently

liked our show and music, because we came first in the corps exhibition with a score of an amazing 98.50.

The members changed on the buses, so we left Clinton at 5:30 pm. to go to Kitchener to get the other bus. We met Henk at the vault with the diesel bus repaired, loaded with suitcases, so the corps members piled on and we started on our way to Butler, Pennsylvania.

The buses stopped at the Big Boy Restaurant in St. Catherines at 9:00 pm. for a one hour supper break. The bus drivers loaded up their thermoses with coffee ready for the long journey into the night.

Rob Scott sold chances on a pool, guessing the time of arrival in Butler.

The buses arrived at the border check point, but one of our vehicles got blocked in by some tourist buses so we were held up at Fort Erie for one hour.

On our way again, the trip seemed endless with everyone falling asleep, (including the bus drivers), with the buses rolling down the long hill at the Butler city limits at 3:55 am. Shawna Carrol collected \$13.00 from the pool guessing the correct time.



The buses went directly to St. Paul's School, where we were to call home for the next three days. Barb and Doug Lidstone, Doris Boehmer, Gloria Blanchard, John Conrad and Don Reick had been at the school for hours, waiting for our arrival, so now they were already asleep. Barb and Doug Lidstone had volunteered to look after the food on the tour, so they and their crew had the tables all set up ready to feed the tired corps members.

On Sunday we got up at 9:30 am. We had breakfast and found the day very overcast with rain, the major part of the day, so we practiced lazily inside in sections with some drill outside when it didn't rain.



Day two of the tour, we were up at 8:00 for breakfast, then down to business with a morning of hard practice. The afternoon was free, so the buses went to a shopping plaza where a lot of members purchased overalls for themselves. Monday night was early to bed with lights out at 10:00 pm. Tuesday was our day to compete.





Up at 5:00 am. Tuesday, to shower and eat, then into our uniforms, with a light warm-up before getting on the buses to go to the Stadium at 8:00 at the Butler Senior High School. We were on the starting line at 8:55 to compete against 40 other corps. After we had competed, we anxiously waited around to hear our score, then head back to St. Paul's School to wait for the outcome of the prelims. We found we had scored 60.40 in the prelims, which put us in 8th spot in the night finals. We then relaxed in the afternoon, with a light section practice to go to the stadium at night. We competed to get a score of 51.5 and placed 9th in the night finals.



Wednesday was travel day, so we had to get up at 7:00 am. to pack the vehicles, eat and clean up the school, then leave for Marion, Ohio. The five hour drive passed quickly for the majority of the members who were trying to catch up on the sleep they had been neglecting. We arrived in Marion and went directly to the Masonic Temple, where we were to stay for the next three days. We had a short practice on Wednesday afternoon in the parking lot across from the Masonic Temple, which left us with free time at night.





Friday was our day to compete against 44 corps in Marion. We got up at 8:00 to a good breakfast, into our uniforms, had a short warm-up then on the buses to go to Augenstein Field at River Valley High School for prelims. On the line at 11:00 am. to do a poor show. The judges called the marking a lot harder than we thought, so we were beaten by a lot of corps that we had beaten all that summer. Needless to say, we were not in the night finals, and so were greatly disappointed.

Thursday was practice day, so we did some section rehearsal in the parking lot, then the buses were loaded to go down to the Taft High School on State St. to do our field drill practice. We found Madison Scouts were to stay at Taft School so their M & M instructor gave our corps some pointers on drill. Their instructor worked with our corps for an hour or so until we left to go back to the Masonic to another good meal, prepared by the Lidstones and their helpers.





Saturday was a free day, so we slept in, then went to a shopping plaza in the afternoon. That night we went to the "Open Class" night finals to see the 12 best corps in North America compete.

On Sunday, we were up at 8:00 am. for breakfast, then clean up the Masonic, to leave for home at 11:00. The six hour drive was long, with almost everyone finding it very difficult to stay awake.

The nine days were over, and everyone was very tired, but you also had the feeling of satisfaction and pride in knowing that once again you had met new people and brought recognition to the Flying Dutchmen as well as the cities of Kitchener-Waterloo.



GUELPH, ONTARIO

AUGUST 16, 1975

Having just come off tour a week ago, the Guelph show was almost a waste of time. Originally, it was to be a split show, with four Senior corps and three or four Junior corps, but as line-up changes turned up every day of the week before the contest, we didn't know who was going to be there.

As we bussed into Guelph late Saturday afternoon, we saw Midlanders practicing on the grass behind the stadium and we wondered what they were doing there. After asking around, the contest turned out to be this; four Seniors, two Junior "C" and we were in exhibition. Needless to say, if we weren't committed to appear it would have been better to not come at all. We were to be judged anyway even though it was an exhibition to give the Canadian judges a look at us just coming off tour. Also the Ontario Championships were only a week away in London.

By 8:00 pm., we finished a loose warm-up and headed to the contest field. The two Junior "C" corps had gone on before us so we were to go on next. Our only object was to score up into the 60's, but the night just didn't turn out that way. The corps started out strong, but most of us realized after the show that it wasn't great but, we still expected a decent score. The Senior corps followed us and even though we weren't really right on, the Seniors weren't even close to us. The retreat turned out this way; Midlanders won the Junior "C" division and Guelph Royallaires beat the other three Senior corps by a wide margin and to us they all beat themselves. For us a score of 51.0, which at first seemed like a disaster until we found out that we were judged as hard as possible in preparation for the London Provincials. Still a lot of us wondered why we had even bothered to come at all, but still everytime you step out on the field, it gives us actual experience for future contests. Leaving Guelph, some Senior corps had united for a little bit of partying which was very much in order. On our return trip home, we could not help but think of the following week of the Provincials competition in London.

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

AUGUST 20, 1975

The four Drum Corps from the Twin Cities travelled to Toronto to perform at the CNE for Kitchener-Waterloo day. Kitchener-Waterloo is one of only three cities in Canada to have a special day at the CNE this year.

We met at the vault at 9:00 am. to leave at about 10:00 for the trip to Toronto. We were short about 25 members because of work, not being able to get off. The Kitchener Lions Club had rented two brand new buses for the trip.

We arrived at the CNE grounds and changed into our uniforms, then filed over to the band shell to do a stand-still show. After that we filed over to the Better Living Building, where a stage was set up. We did another show in front of the stage, and the Corps was well received by the crowd. We then went back to the truck and changed and then had two hours free time at the exhibition.

The buses didn't leave the exhibition until after 6:00 pm. so we were late getting back to Electrohome for the regular Wednesday night rehearsal.

Dutchmen win Bell trophy



Mayor Edith MacIntosh, of Kitchener, presents the Bell Canada Trophy to Dutchmen Drum Majors. Jim Reid, the Bell Canada Public Relations Manager, looks on.

The Kitchener Lions Flying Dutchmen Drum and Bugle Corps was presented with the Bell Canada '75 Junior B International Drum Corps Trophy, Friday, August 22, 1975 at Seagram Stadium.

The Dutchmen clinched the overall trophy by receiving 60.8 points from the judges. The Dutchmen also received the best Horn trophy as well as the best Drum award. The best Colour Guard award went to the Ventures, while the best Drum Major award was taken by the Cardinals of Precious Blood.

More than 2,000 spectators watched the 800 corps members from Guelph, Edmonton, Scarborough, Sarnia and the Twin Cities in competition.

BELL CANADA '75 JUNIOR B
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
SEAGRAM STADIUM
WATERLOO, ONTARIO
AUGUST 21, 1975

FLYING DUTCHMEN	60.80
Ventures	59.15
Cardinals	54.30
Dutch Boy Cadets	50.95
Edmonton Strutters	41.55
Optimist Knights	40.10
Bluewater Buccaneers	34.95



Provincials



After a lengthy delay, waiting for the usual stragglers, our three buses left the vault at 8:30 am. on a cool, overcast Saturday, August 23rd. Just before leaving, Cheryl smuggled aboard a kitten, she had found hiding in the bushes.

We were headed for Labatt's Park of London where the Provincials were to be held, an afternoon show. The Provincials is our second most important contest of the season.

We arrived at the stadium approximately two hours later to survey the field, which turned out to be a baseball diamond and to see what time we were to go on.

We then went to MacDonalDs where we had an hour for lunch. It was raining very hard the entire time and we weren't entirely sure whether the contest would have to be postponed or not.

After eating, we went in search of a practice area, ending up at the City Bus yards. There we split up into units for an hour of section rehearsal. It was still drizzling, but regardless of the weather, we still practiced. John Robins had only then discovered the kitten and he really didn't seem to mind. An hour or so of rehearsal and then we changed in the buses before leaving for the stadium as there were no change rooms for us.

Following St. John's, we prepared to set up off the line. The field was so muddy because of the continuous rain, that the starting line was moved back about ten feet. The moving of the line however, would have thrown our entire field drill off, so John Robins spoke with the Chief Judge and he allowed us to move the entire line ahead the required ten feet. Just as we were about to begin, the Chief Judge ran up to the Drum Majors and said that the corps would have to move back again because the other previous corps had had the ten feet disadvantage and they felt that it was unfair if we did not. The line was grudgingly moved back the important ten feet.

We plodded through the muddy fields, the rain literally pouring from the brims of our visors. A fair show under such extreme conditions. Oakland Crusaders were to come after us on the line, but they delayed the proceedings ten to fifteen minutes because of the downpour. Eventually, Oakland took the field, followed by Precious Blood, the Bluewater Buccaneers and the Dutch Boy Cadets.

Because of the condition of the field after the final corps, there was a Drum Major retreat only. We placed first in the 'B' category.

Still raining, we again ate at MacDonalDs. We arrived back at the Victoria Park pavillion about 9:30 pm.

Cheryl reluctantly let the kitten go because he seemed to know where he was, he was home.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

LABATT MEMORIAL PARK

LONDON, ONTARIO

AUGUST 23, 1975

"B" CLASS RESULTS

FLYING DUTCHMEN	55.75
Cardinals	52.60
Dutch Doy Cadets	47.30
Optimist Knights	28.20
Bluewater Buccaneers	27.25





Nationals



As Saturday, August 30th arrived, a lot of us must have been thinking of Nationals the year before for several reasons. Firstly, the day started out cold and windy and raining just a bit, as it had last year in Toronto. Secondly, the corps was coming into Nationals as it did in 1974 with a win from the Provincials the week before. Many of us wondered if the second place results from '74 would also be duplicated.

Prelims were to start at 10:00 am. and we were the 4th corps to go on at 10:48. As the corps started arriving at the stadium at about 9:00, it looked as though the contest might have to be postponed till Sunday because of the rain. Even this early, the tension was mounting. Some of us eagerly cleaned our equipment, were standing in little groups trying to get out of the rain, were the shape of the field, or just complaining about the weather. By 10:00, most of us had assembled and at the insistence of John Robins and the other instructors, we proceeded to the university parking lot for a fast few minutes of practice before prelims. On the lot, it turned out poorly, with us having to repeat the opening number over and over again. With the rain barely holding off, we headed back to line up for the prelims. Following Optimist Knights was a good spot to be in, and with the usual pre-contest pep talk, you had to say we were ready. For some of us, this was to be our last day of competition, so time was running short if we were to pull it together.

After the next fifteen minutes, we were assured of a place in the night's finals. The corps itself was strong, but not outstanding, so the only thing left to do was watch Cardinals who were on right after us and wait for the scores.

A half an hour later, the rumors started to fly. They had scored a mid 60 and we were only tenths ahead or behind. We were only put straight on this after hearing the official scores of 66.8 and had beaten Cardinals by 8 full points; there were no more doubts.

CANADIAN DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

SEAGRAM STADIUM

WATERLOO, ONTARIO

AUGUST 30, 1975

PRELIM RESULTS - Junior "B"

FLYING DUTCHMEN	66.80
Cardinals	58.25
Dutch Boy Cadets	53.95
Vanek de Repentigny	51.75
Edmonton Strutters	48.20
Companions	48.05
Optimist Knights	40.95
Bluewater Buccaneers	38.45

Since we were going to avoid rehearsing all afternoon as we had done previously in '74, we headed to Fairview Mall for lunch and were to meet back at the buses by 3:30 pm.

As we headed to Electrohome after reboarding, the corps seemed relaxed, but anxious to get going again. For the next hour and a half, we had a light rehearsal with all the instructors trying to correct the thousands of little details necessary to help make our show happen. Once we had finished, John called us all in and he knew then that everything was left up to the 100 people who were going to march that night.

The buses were loaded, with Seagram's Stadium being the last stop of the '75 season. By now the weather had held off and the contest was to start at 7:30 pm. with the Girl's class followed by the Junior "B", then "A" classes. Once back at the stadium, we had about an hour to sit and think of what had to be done on the field that night, before we had to line up. After dressing and cleaning the equipment, we were told to assemble in the gym at the stadium for the last warm-up. With the last note being played, there was nothing left to do but win or lose.

We lined up and started to enter the field following St. John's. As the corps faced the crowd, we could hear chants of "DUTCHMEN". The command was given and before we knew it, the show had been completed. Emotions were mixed, some thought we had blown it, others thought it was the best show ever, but only the numbers on the score sheet would tell.

Eternity passed as the rest of the Junior "B" corps went on the field one by one, then the Junior "A" corps. Rumors were heard by everyone that we had been dumped, that we had won by only tenths, by points, and they went on and on. With the last corps going on, we had to line up for retreat. By now, some of us knew for sure that we had won, but the announcer would be the one who could really make us believe it.

The scores for the All-Girls corps came first, with St. John's finishing second by only half a tenth, the hardest way to lose. Then the "B" scores; in fourth position, the Dutchboys with 51.05 and in third, Vanek De Repentigny with 51.10. Then the Dutchmen score was announced and pandemonium broke loose. Some of us heard we had beaten them, but what happened? Then the correction came; occupying the second position was Cardinals with a 57.85, then the 1975 Canadian National Junior B Champions with a 65.0, the Flying Dutchmen of Kitchener-Waterloo. A bridesmaid no more.

NIGHT FINALS RESULTS - Junior "B"

FLYING DUTCHMEN	65.00
Cardinals	57.85
Vanek de Repentigny	51.10
Dutch Boy Cadets	51.05



*The Wedding
of
Brenda Mary Binkle and Brian George Haskins
September 6, 1975
St. Teresa's Church, Kitchener*

There is a surprising number of couples now married after having originally met in connection with the Flying Dutchmen. There have been eleven to date.

September 6, 1975 was another such occasion, the happy wedding day of Brian Haskins, our corps director and Brenda Binkle, our former guard commander. It was a lovely warm day, though a little windy at times. There was also a slight drizzle before the actual ceremony began; which I hear is supposed to bring good luck to the couple.

The wedding took place at St. Theresa's Church, near Brenda's home. For Brian, there were four attendants, one of them being Harry McGhie, and the best man, his brother Mark, both former corps members. Brenda had three bridesmaids and a maid of honour. Cathy Post was one of the bridesmaids.

Brenda was dressed in a lovely full white gown with a flowing train and veil. The bridesmaids were in gowns of a soft powder blue. The men were dressed in fancy ruffled shirts with powder blue edging, Brian in the traditional white.

I found it quite a moving ceremony, partly due to the enthusiasm brought forth from the priest himself. A lovely ceremony in all, Brenda was simply beaming. There was an impressive honour guard awaiting Brenda and Brian outside, as they left the Church to have their pictures taken.

Later, the dinner and reception were held in the lower banquet hall of the Breslau Hotel. There was a delicious and filling meal of roast beef; a small portion of speeches; as well as the standard amount of clinking on the glasses. The dance was led by an entertaining disc jockey, who really kept the dances alive.

The tossing of the wedding bouquet, the throwing of the garter and the final dance in their going-away outfits all eventually led to the happy departure of Brenda and Brian for their honeymoon in Niagara Falls.



The Wedding
of
Judith Lynn Boehmer and Mark Allan Sinden
September 13, 1975
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Kitchener

The following week, September 13 was the wedding date set for Mark Sinden, a horn line member and Judy Boehmer, our former guard commander.

It was a rather cold and windy day, raining a great deal of the time.

The marriage took place at St. Mark's Lutheran Church at 3:30 pm. with Reverend Cronmiller officiating.

Judy was dressed in a lovely full white gown with a long flowing train and veil. Her six attendants wore lovely light green dresses with picture hats.

The men wore dark green suits. Mark's best man was Dave Bruce, a horn instructor and the two ushers were Judy's brothers, Dennis and Donnie Boehmer, both former corps members.

During the signing of the register, a trumpet solo was played by Mr. Donald Smith.

Following the ceremony, the wedding party walked through a guard of honour of Colour Guard members. A reception line was formed in the Church Hall because of the inclement weather. The wedding reception was held at the Transylvania Club, where a delicious dinner of chicken and roast beef was served. The toast to the bride was given by John Robins who told of Judy's years in our corps; the humorous response to the toast from the groom, Mark. The guests danced to the music of Bill Gillard's Band.

The throwing of the bouquet by the bride, the garter by the groom and their departure to change into their going-away outfits.

Their return for the final dance and the happy couple leave for a weeks stay in the Bahamas.



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THE MEMBERS



*Cathy Post
Drum Major
3 Years*



*Paul Cloes
Mascot
5 Years*



*Joan Klochnyk
Drum Major
2 Years*

NATIONALS



*Cheryl Cloes
National Commander
for parades
5 Years*

*Alan Bandura
National Flagbearer
1 Year*



*Jason Lidstone
National Party Guard
1 Year*

*Kevin Haskins
National Party Guard
1 Year*





Lori Hiuser
4 Years



Carol Hiuser
2 Years



Barb Kalegaric
2 Years



Kim Hartwick
1 1/2 Year



Cathy Walker
1 1/2 Year



Maureen Peace
1 Year

Linda Hartwick
1 Year



Shawna Carroll
1 Year



Susan Blanchard
1 Year



Debbie Young
4 Years



*Cindy Daly
4 Years*

*Patti Angove
2 Years*



*Sue Hudson
5 Years*

*Cindy McLeod
4 Years*



*Cindy Edmond
5 Years*

*Penny Boehm
3 Years*



*Brenda Livock
1 Year*

*Linda Parry
1 Year*



HORN LINE



Dave Huras
Lead Soprano
7 Years

Mark Cloes
Lead Soprano
5 Years



Doug Huras
Lead Soprano
4 Years

Dave Kaye
First Soprano
4 Years



John Anderson
First Soprano
2 Years

Harry McGhie
First Soprano
2 Years



Ron Wettlaufer
First Soprano
4 Years

Mark Bannon
First Soprano
3 Years





Jeff Greig
First Soprano
2 Years

Geoff Knowles
Second Soprano
2 Years



Christine Post
Second Soprano
3 Years

Joan Bonnell
Third Soprano
3 Years



Rob Whitelaw
Third Soprano
2 Years



Annette Herzog
Second Soprano
1 1/2 Years

Mark Peace
First Baritone
3 Years



Mike Harnock
Second Soprano
1 Year



Mark Sinden
First Mellophone
8 Years



Randy Knowles
First Mellophone
2 Years



Dave Blanchard
First Mellophone
3 Years



Stephen Turnbull
First Mellophone
6 Years



Jamie Post
Second Mellophone
2 Years



Stephen Peace
Second Mellophone
1 Year



Brad Knowles
First Baritone
2 Years



Bruce Witmer
First Baritone
5 Years



Martin Binkley
First Baritone
7 Years



Kevin Witmer
Second Baritone
2 Years



Shane Clarke
Second Baritone
2 Years



Martin Lewis
Second Baritone
1 Year



Pat Bandura
Third Baritone
2 Years



Wendy Cromwell
Second Baritone
1/2 Year



Ray Herbert
Second Baritone
1 Year



Pat Hudson
Second Baritone
6 Years



Steve Cameron
Contra
2 Years



Danny Grimm
Contra
7 Years



Chris Tschirhart
Contra
3 Years



Ted Henderson
Contra
1 Year

DRUM LINE



Steve Young
Snare
9 Years



Bill Bailey
Snare
2 Years



Tim Maurer
Snare
4 Years



Tony Lidstone
Snare
4 Years



Mark Doering
Snare
1 Year



Dave Hotson
Snare
1 Year



Allan Thomsen
Triples
3 Years



Kim Poser
Triples
1 Year



Ian McIntyre
Cymbals
1 Year



Rick Post
Cymbals
2 Years



Philip Meindl
Cymbals
1 Year



Rod Hoffman
Triples
2 Years



Dean Ertel
Triples
1 Year



Rob Scott
Tympani
3 Years

Rene' Thomsen
Cymbals
1 Year



Paul Peace
Tympani
2 Years

Bob Coish
Tympani
1 Year



Scott Poser
Cymbals
1 Year

Jess Madamba
Tympani
1 Year





Gerald Whitelaw
Bass Drum
3 Years



Marty Lidstone
Bass Drum
3 Years



Darlene Turnbull
Bass Drum
2 Years



Paul Aultman
Bass Drum
1 Year



Linda Hay
Bass Drum
1 Year

WE ARE SORRY we do not have photos of:

GALE FRIESEN	... 1 year ...	Horn Line
SEAN DOWNEY	... 1 year ...	Horn Line
NANCY WALKER	... 1 year ...	Color Guard
DAVID EASTON	... 1 year ...	Drum Line
BARRY ZEHR	... 4 years...	Drum Line
DOUG GEHL	... 6 years...	Horn Line

The STAFF



John Robins...CORPS DIRECTOR

Judy joined the Dutchmen in 1968 to become Guard Commander in 1971, retiring in 1974. Judy wrote and taught the colour guard shows for two years, where our corps placed well in the standings. She wrote the flash flag drill for the colour guard in the 1975 field show.



Judy Boehmer...COLOUR GUARD INSTRUCTOR



Barry Bell...HORN CONSULTANT..INSTRUCTOR

John was a member of the 48th Field Regiment, playing bass drum. He was on the baritone line of the Senior Flying Dutchmen. John also acted in the capacity of President and Corp Director for the Senior Corps. He was one of the Executive Board members in 1966 to have the Flying Dutchmen become a Junior Corps.

John has been President of the Canadian Drum Corps Association for the past four years. He is presently Corps Director and Vice President of the Flying Dutchmen Drum Corps. Among his other duties, John is head M & M instructor and drill co-ordinator.

Barry started teaching horns at 19 with the Toronto Optimists. After the Optimists won for 14 years straight, Barry retired from Drum Corps teaching. He came out of retirement in 1973 to teach the Flying Dutchmen. In 1974-75 season, Barry took on the role of horn consultant, teaching only periodically.



Don Rieck...DRUM INSTRUCTOR

Don joined the Flying Dutchmen in 1967, on the bass drum. He played the double bass for 5 years, retiring from the corps in 1973. He was a Kiwanis Kavaliers drum instructor for 2 years.



Paul New...HORN INSTRUCTOR

Paul first marched with the Carlton Place Marching Saints, in the drum line. After moving to Toronto, he joined the Marching Ambassadors, on the horn line and later the Burlington Commanders. Paul joined the Dutchmen in 1974 to play soprano horn. Paul was then appointed as the Corps head resident horn instructor by Barry Bell for the 1975 season.



Jon Conrad...DRUM INSTRUCTOR

Jon joined the corps in 1967 as a snare drummer playing until he retired in 1973. He was a drum instructor for the Kiwanis Kavaliers for 2 years.



Dave Bruce...HORN INSTRUCTOR

Dave joined the Flying Dutchmen in 1967, on the horn line, playing the French horn, mellophone and soprano, ending as soloist in 1974. Dave has taught and arranged music for the Kiwanis Kavaliers, the Durham Girls and Hanover Girls. He also arranged the music for "Get It On", that won at the Individuals, played by the Dutchmen brass trio.



Brian Collingdon...M&M..RIFLE INSTRUCTOR

Brian started marching in a Senior Corps when he was 18, playing soprano horn one year. He changed to the colour gurad where he spent four years. Brian has worked with the Flying Dutchmen since 1974, with the rifle line and on Marching and Manuevering.



Darrell Kirby...HORN INSTRUCTOR

Darrell started with the Junior Corps when it was formed in 1967, playing on the bass horn line. He retired after the 1974 Nationals. He was one of the first Kiwanis Kavalier horn instructors.



Bob Stevenson...M&M..GUARD INSTRUCTOR

Bob's main interest in drum corps since retiring as a marching member, has been M & M and guard show. He was the leader and instructor of Quorum, while it was in existence. He worked with the Simcoe Golden Lions, until coming to the Flying Dutchmen in the latter part of the 1975 season to work with the guard in our field show.



Brian Haskins...ASSISTANT CORP DIRECTOR

Brian joined the Dutchmen in 1967 on the horn line, playing French horn and Mellophone, retiring in 1973. Since the 1974 season, he has been appointed as assistant Corps Director in charge of personnel.

the Parents



Earl Cloes....PRESIDENT



Doug Lidstone...VICE PRESIDENT



Helen Post...NURSE...CHAPERONE



Bill Herzog...TRUCK DRIVER



Theresa Herzog...CHAPERONE



Jean Hartwick...CHAPERONE



Henk Post...EQUIPMENT...BUS DRIVER



Myrna Cloes...UNIFORMS...CHAPERONE



Dorrie Whitelaw...CHAPERONE



Gerry Whitelaw...BUS DRIVER

Parents who assisted during the year with food, transportation, chaperoning, we wish to THANK YOU. WE ARE SORRY we can include you by name only as we do not have your photo. BARB LIDSTONE...DOUG & DORIS BOEHMER...GLORIA BLANCHARD...RUSS HARTWICK...FRED & PAT POSER...BOB & PAT KNOWLES.

An Editorial

It's great to sit back and reflect on our successful '75 season.

1975.....a great improvement from the year before, continual progress throughout the season, the Provincials in London and finally the Nationals in Waterloo. 1975.....the year of both the Provincial and National titles, and undefeated this year in the Junior "B" circuit.

But now on to bigger and better things; the Junior "A" circuit. We have the staff of Instructors, we have the program, we have the fans, but in the end it's all up to us. It depends on whether we are willing to put every ounce of ourselves into the corps or not. Are we capable? Can we accept the challenge?

I think we can. We proved it this season. This year we found out what it takes to get to the top -- Pride and Determination. These are two things that separate the winners from the losers.

Be Proud! You have every right to be. You are a Flying Dutchmen from Kitchener-Waterloo.

Here then is a salute to a most successful season, 1975, and the hopes for even greater things in years to come.





Dutchmen Uber Alles



DUTCHMEN DUTCHMEN UBER ALLES, UBER ALLES FLYING DUTCHMEN



DUTCHMEN DUTCHMEN UBER ALLES, UBER ALLES FLYING DUTCHMEN



ON THE LINE WE STAND, HORN AND DRUM IN HAND,



BLUT UND EISEN FLYING DUTCHMEN



FILL WITH FLOWING WINE YOUR GLASSES, DRINK TO GLORY AND TO MIGHT



DRINK TO LOVE, JOY AND PLEASURE,



ESTO PERPETUA, FLYING DUTCHMEN.

Picnic

On September 15/74 a week after the recruiting drive, a get-acquainted corn and weiner roast was held at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Russ Hartwick in Ayr.

The members met at the vault for the bus to leave at 2 o'clock. Some members took their own cars, and the caravan wended it's way through the country roads to Ayr. The vehicles unloaded and members milled around wondering what to do but soon the atmosphere changed by the warm greeting from the Hartwicks.

A very rough game of touch football was played on their huge front lawn between the shirts and skins, while in the backyard both old and new members were playing volleyball, riding the horse, or receiving a dunking in the cool waters of their swimming pool.

The Hartwick's horse got a real workout with almost everyone taking a turn riding on her. Upstairs Russ and Jean were operating the much used clothes dryer and trying to dig up extra clothes that would fit the person that just crawled out of the pool.



The fire was lit and the happy Corps members crowded around with sticks in hand roasting hot dogs or toasting marshmallows as well as munching on hot, buttered cobs of corn. Soon the Corps members were hushed and out of the house came members carrying 2 candle-lit cakes to celebrate the 24th wedding anniversary of Earl and Myrna Cloes. The cakes were cut and passed out to the members. Then President Cloes was picked up and thrown into the pool for a second time.



The Zepherettes- consisting of Barry Zehr as Drum Major, with John Anderson, Mark Cloes, Jeff Greig, Tony Lidstone, Dave Huras, Doug Huras, and Steve Young as the Corps members did a very humorous pantomime of what Drum Corps should not be like. Paul New and Mark Sinden acted out the

part of the field judges. The score was never announced and the judges were run off the field, to the agreement of the spectators.

Dusk fell as the bus was loaded to leave for home. New and old Corps members both united and happy after a really nice time.



Parades



A good portion of the corps budget is raised by the corps itself, doing parades and exhibition.

On September 14, 1974, we took part in the Oshawa Autofest parade, a very long parade, winding through the city streets. We then did a standstill exhibition before the crowd at a shopping plaza parking lot.

In October, on Thanksgiving day, the Oktoberfest parade lined up on Caroline Street in Waterloo, then marched down King Street the two miles to Benton St. Kitchener, then on the buses to go to

Brantford to do an exhibition in Cochshutt Park.

November is the month of the Santa Claus Parades. November 16, 1974 we went to Hamilton to do a very long parade on the mountain, on a very cold bone-chilling day. November 23, was Santa's turn in Kitchener when the corps found the weather a little bit warmer and the march a little shorter. This ended the parades and exhibitions for 1974, back to practicing to learn the new music for the new season and more parades.

COLOUR GUARD



Brenda Binkle
Guard Commander
3 Years



Wendy Hartwick
1 Year



Susan Reynolds
1 Year



Cheryl Cloes
5 Years



Cathie Wilke
1 Year



Rosemary Herzog
1 1/2 Year



Linda Woods
3 Years



Heather Wilson
1 Year