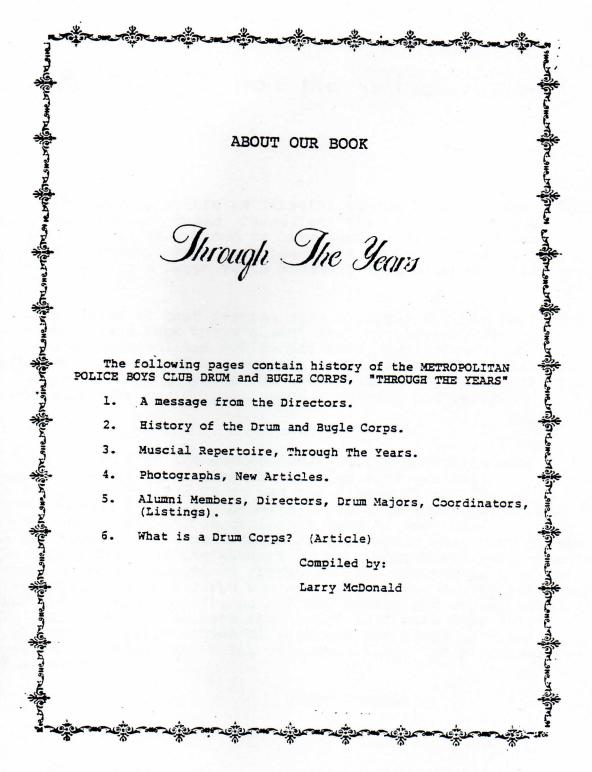
Through The Years

Metropolitan Police Boy's Club



1950 1977

Drum and Bugie corps



A message from the DIRECTORS

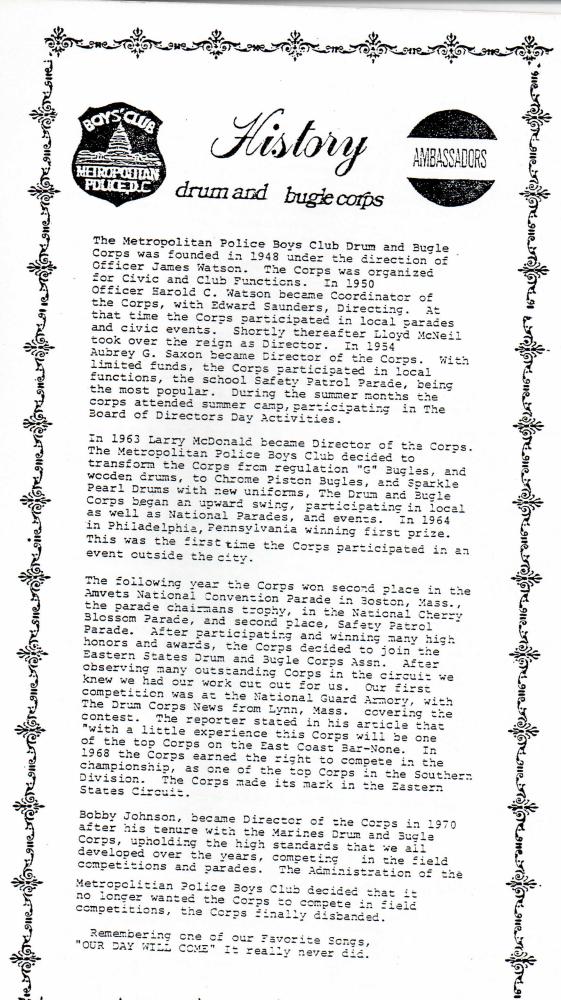
I consider my tenure as Director of the Metropolitan Police Boys Club Drum and Bugle Corps, as "The Glory Years." As Director, I was very proud to have been a part of a great worthwhile cause. Each year the Corps showed progress, contributing to a large youth movement that blended music in motion.

I believed in that program very strongly for the betterment of youth. Many Drum Corps Alumni are now Lawyers, Professional Musicians, Metropolitan Police Officers, Businessmen, and Prominent Citizens of our society. So I take this opportunity to thank each and everyone who contributed many hard working hours that made our Corps a success through the years.

Larry McDonald

As Director of the Metropolitan Police Boys Club Drum and Bugle Corps, it was a pleasure working with our unit. Participating in Drum Corps was the finest thing that could have happened to any boy or girl. The Drum and Bugle Corps furthered the muscial education of many of our members. Many of our members could not read a note of music when they joined the Corps, but even the members of our Color Guard were able to absorb a certain amount of rhythmical and musical ability and knowledge. The Drum Corps was one of very few activities which kept the members busy (hence off the street and out of trouble) all year long. These were the things that were seen and felt. I enjoyed the satisfaction of watching the Corps grow and perform. Knowing the thrill of competition, the pride and joy of winning.

Bobby Johnson



WHAT IS DRUM CORPS?

Since the late 1800's drum corps has been a part of the American Heritage - starting with the military tradition of Drum and Fife as known during the American Revolution, through the bugle bands of the early 1900's, to the modern day drum and bugle corps which has evolved into the most disciplined, precise audio/visual display of musical pageantry in existance anywhere in the world.

What makes this activity impressive is that the level of professionalism displayed in the competitive drum corps performance is achieved by
members between the ages of 12 and 21 years. The exaggerated display
of semimilitary marching programs, precisely coordinated with progressive, classical, and marching music has grown into the largest
youth oriented, crowd appealing activity in the United States and
Canada. The competitive atmosphere has much to do with the level of
quality drum corps project in their performances. No other competitive
or non-competitive youth activity has consistantly attained the professionalism that is common in the average drum and bugle corps.

Some of the performers have musical backgrounds; most of them do not. Those with no previous musical training are trained from scratch by the staff of each drum corps. The fact that the horn lines are superb is due to many long hours of individual practice and group rehearsals.

The competition itself is primarily a spring and summer activity for those who participate. Preparing for competition takes hundreds upon hundreds of hours during the fall and winter months to improve techniques and to learn and perfect the musical and marching repertoires.

People travel many thousands of miles each year to attend the competitions around this country and Canada. It is common for the major drum corps competitions to draw 15,000 to 25,000 spectators.

HCW TO JUDGE A CONTEST

CHALLENGE YOURSELF. Try, in a few words, to define Drum Corps as you see for yourself, creating a phrase or sentence that adequately describes a Drum and Bugle Corps Contest.

Diversified...Sophisticated...Spectacular...Technicalized...
Specialized...Colorful...Entertaining...Difficult...
showmanship...sportsmanship...

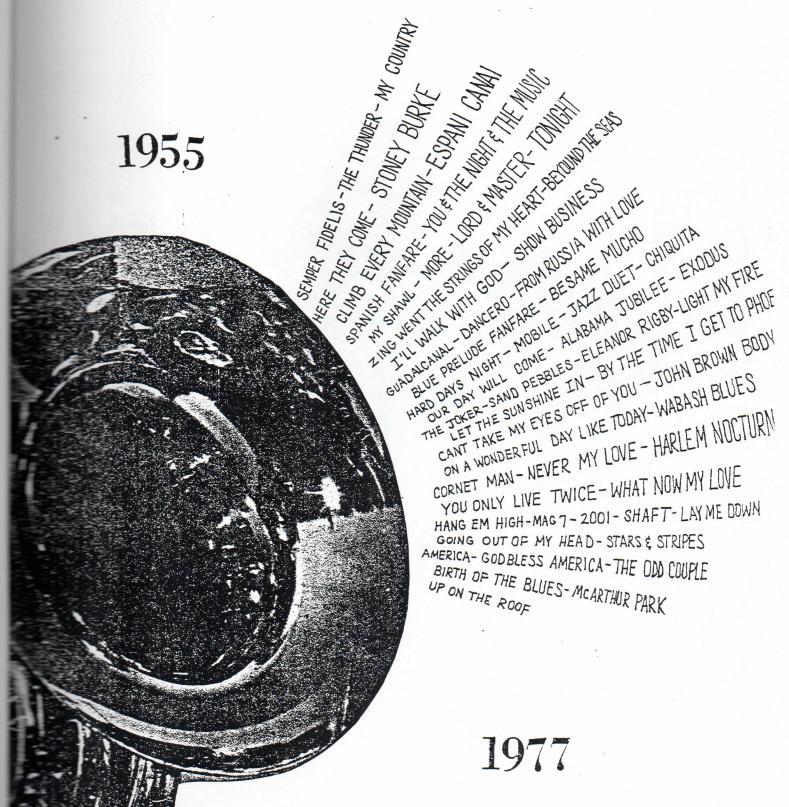
The above words are helpful hints, you might even use all of them. Well, anyway, you've heard so much about a Drum and Bugle Corps Contest, and you want to see what it's all about, or you might be a "Drum Corps Nut" and be an expert at picking a winner. Follow this simple outline. Pick the corps in your order of finish, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. to last. And when the show is over, compare your score and position with that of the judges, and then, you too should be "Some kind of a Drum Corps Nut".

Here's how it's done: A team of twelve qualified judges score the corps on the basis of a 100 point system, deducting as they evaluate according to the errors made. Rules have been set by the Drum Corps Congress.

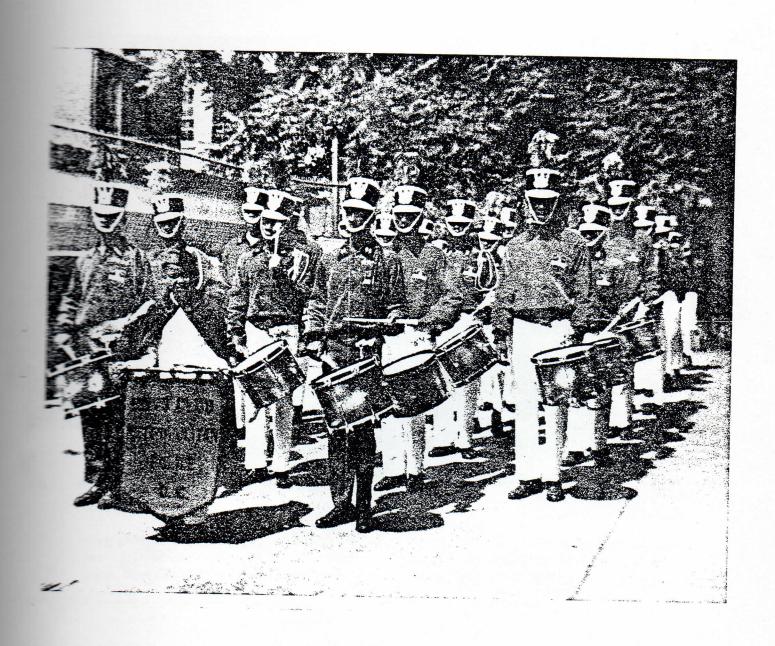
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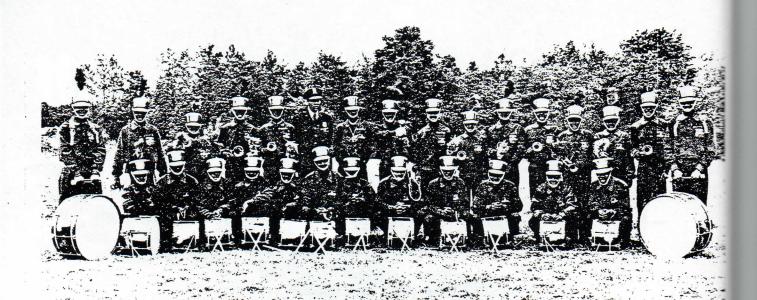
Drumming Execution/Exposure to Error	20 points	2 judges
Drumming General Effect (GE)	10 points	1
Bugling Execution	15 points	2
Bugling Musical Analysis (Credit Caption)	10 points	1
Bugling General Effect	10 points	1
Marching & Maneuvering Execution (M&M)	25 points	2
Marching & Maneuvering General Effect	10 points-	1
Timing: 11½ to 13 minutes	100 points	1
Tabulator		2
Chief Judge		1
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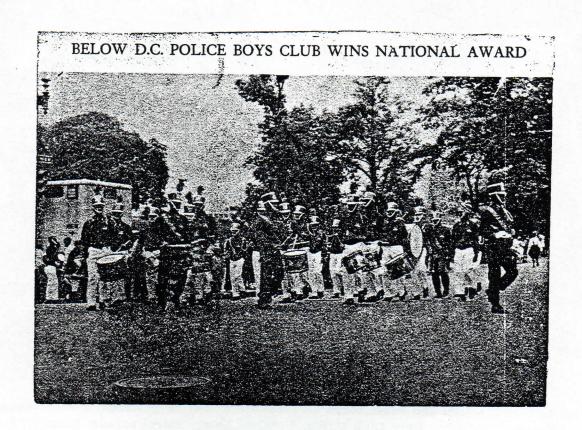


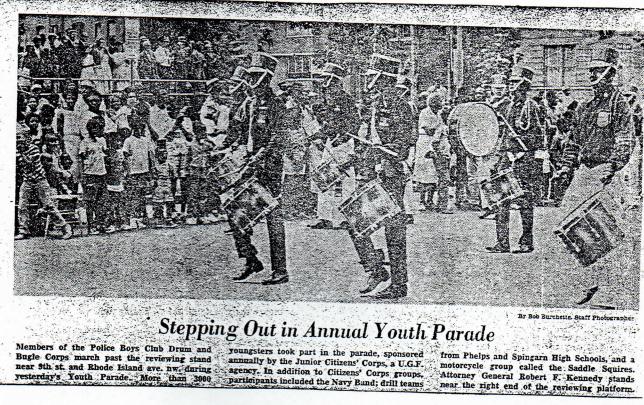






Members of the rim and bugle corps of tion ave. nwi in yesterday's 24th annual the Metropolitan Blice Boys Club strike School Safety Patrol parade. Nearly 31,000 up a tune as the march along Constitutive were in the line of march.

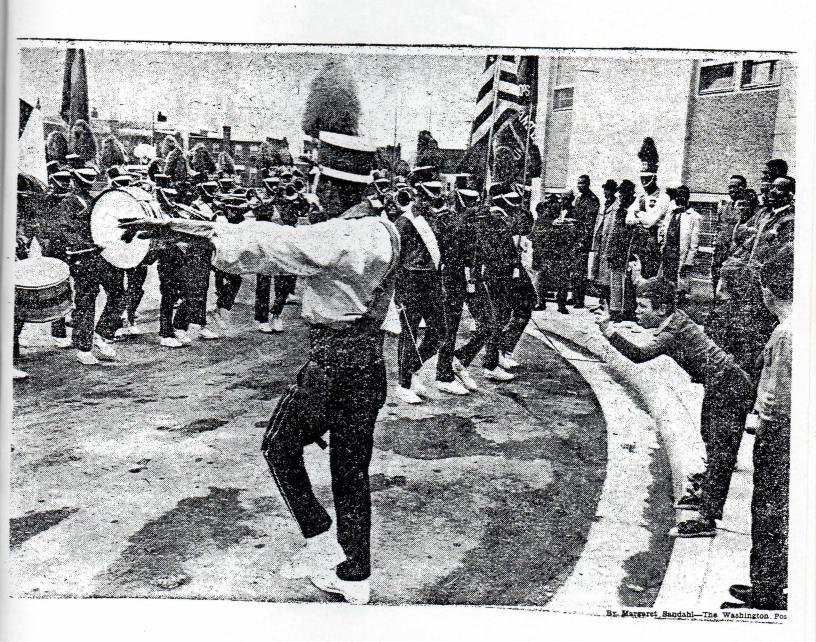




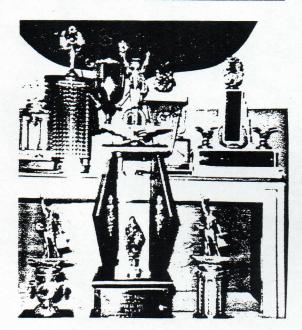


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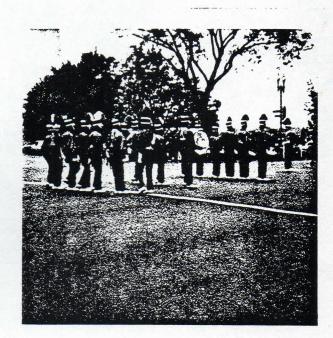
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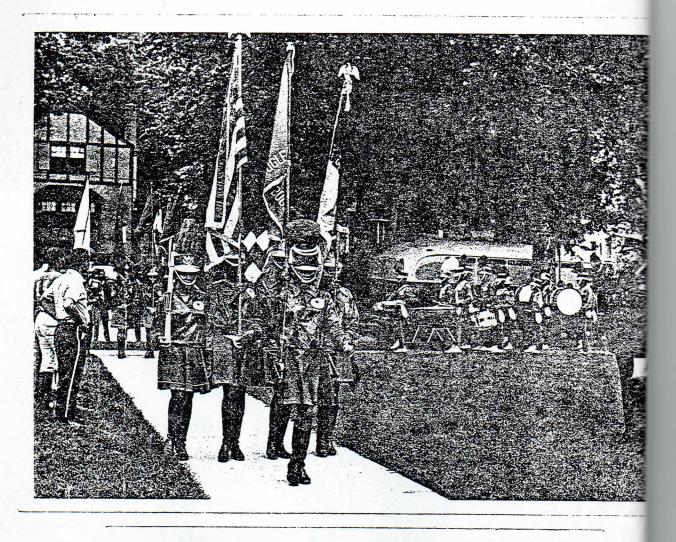


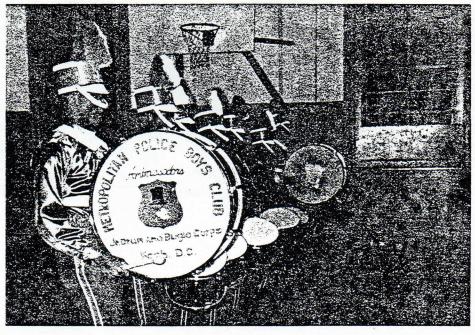




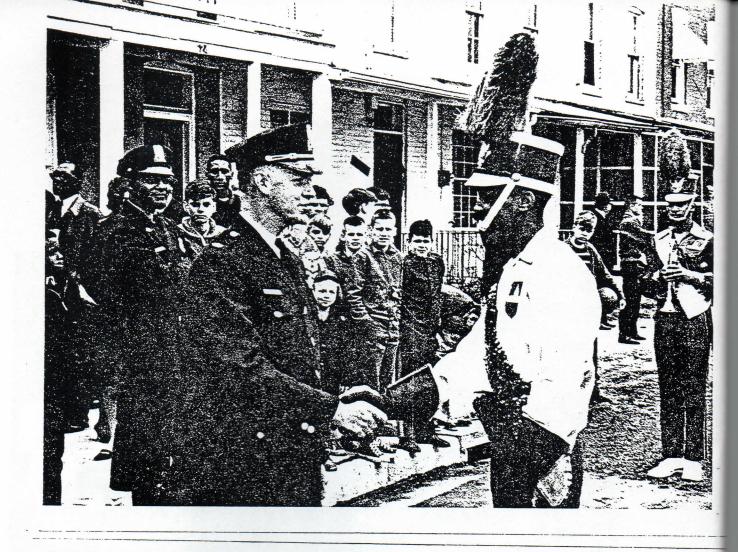


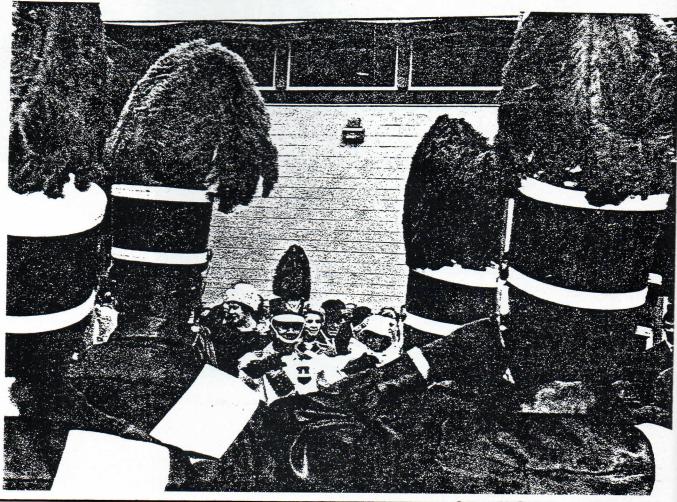




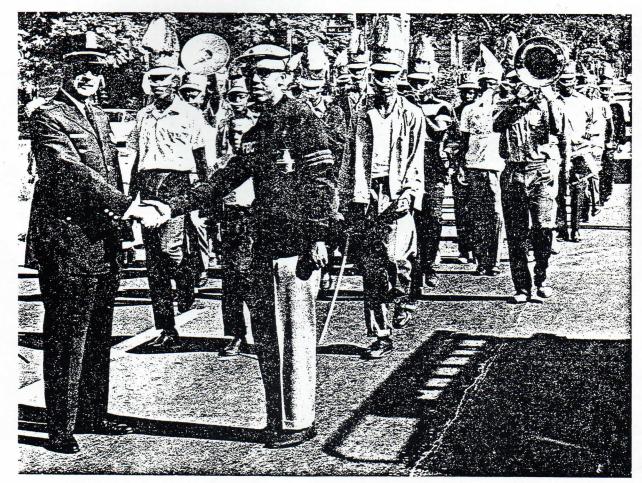




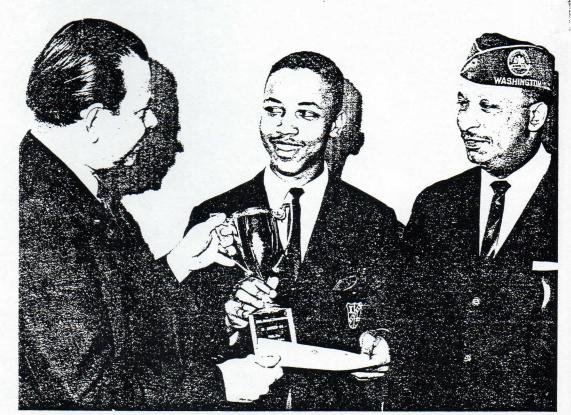




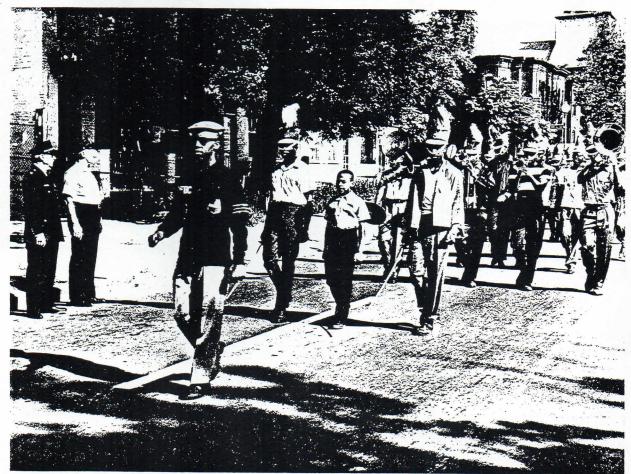














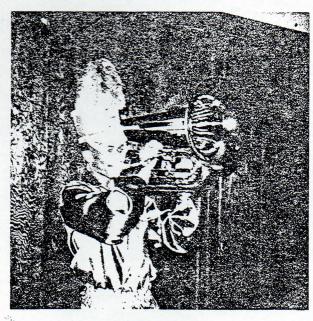




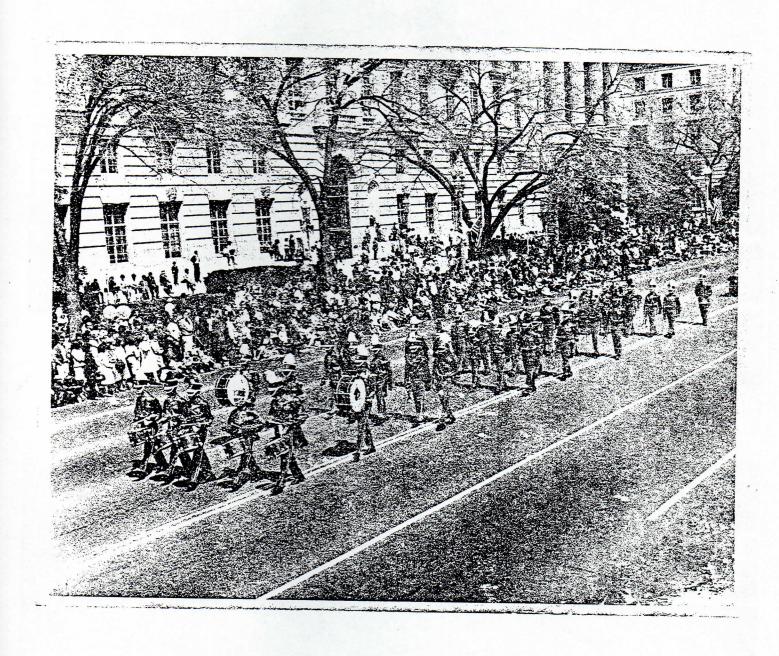


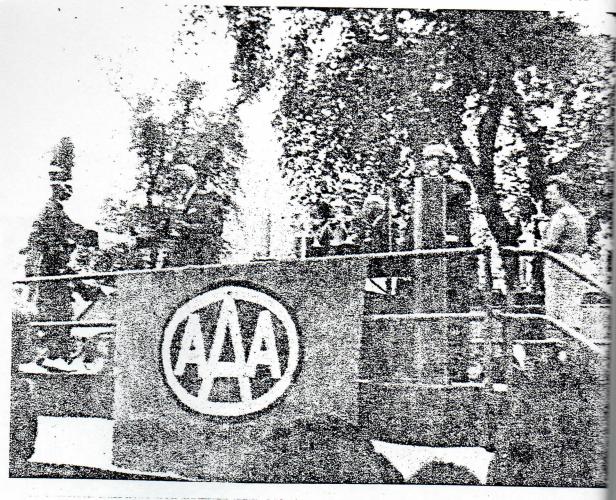


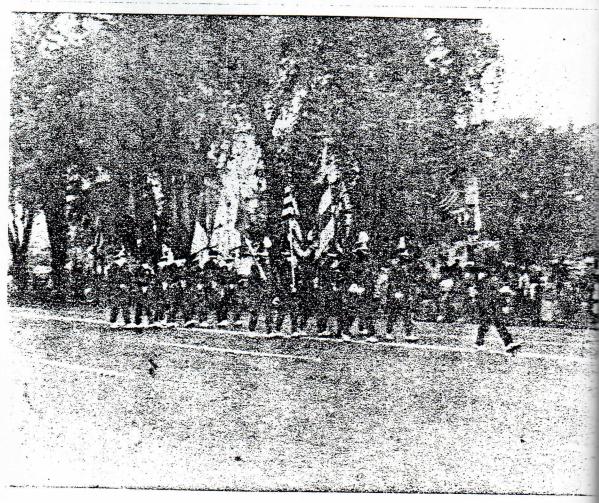


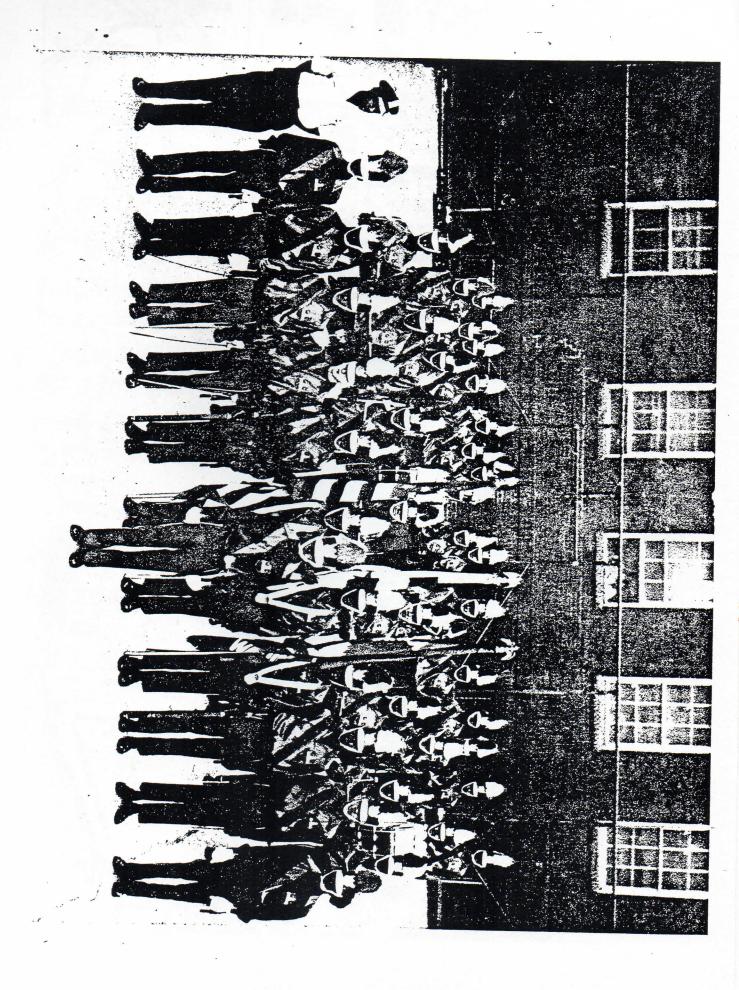


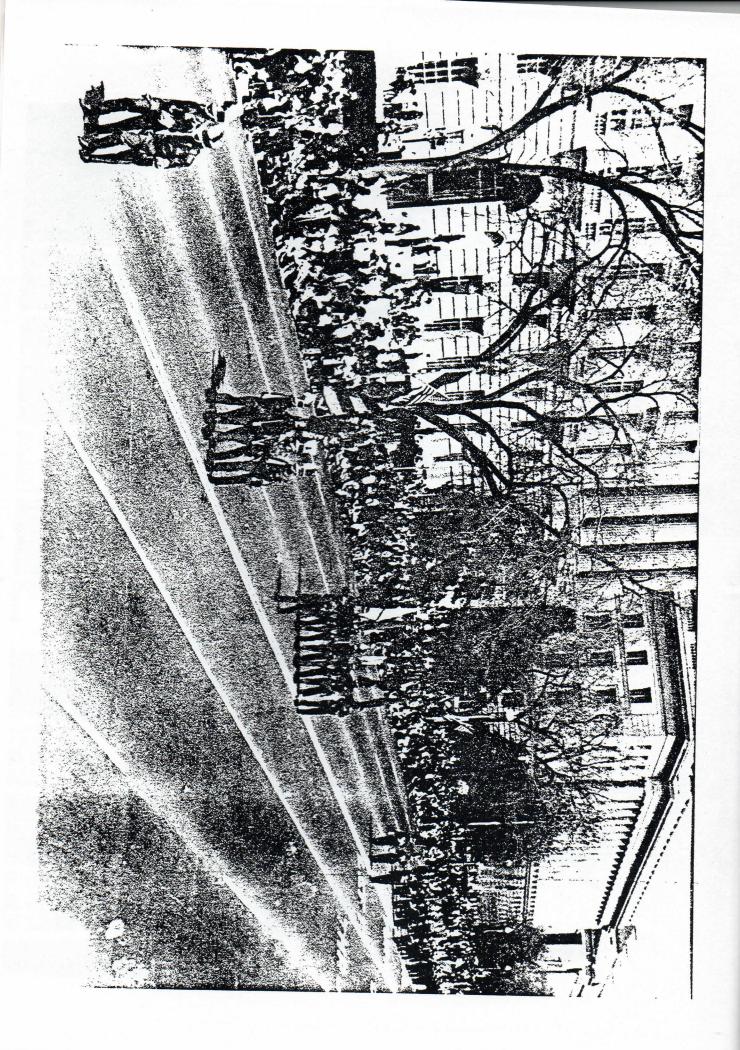
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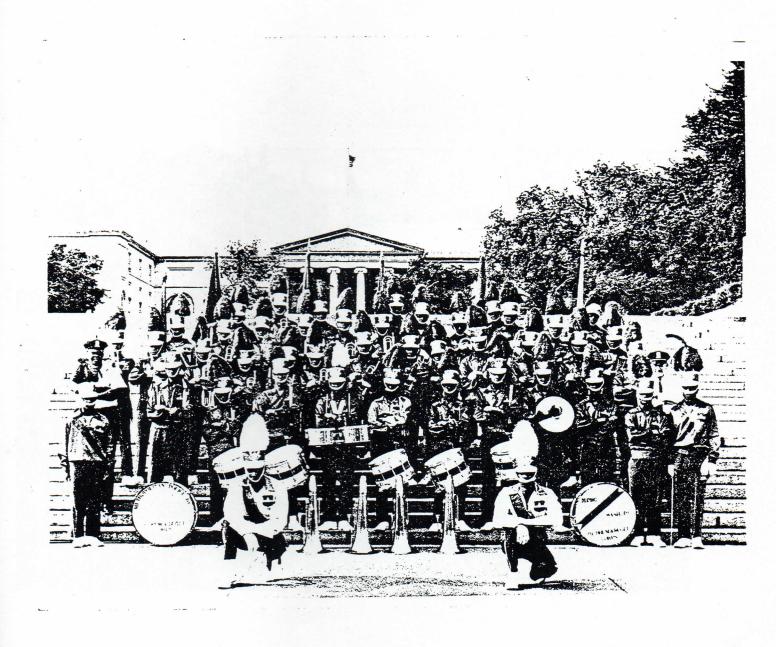


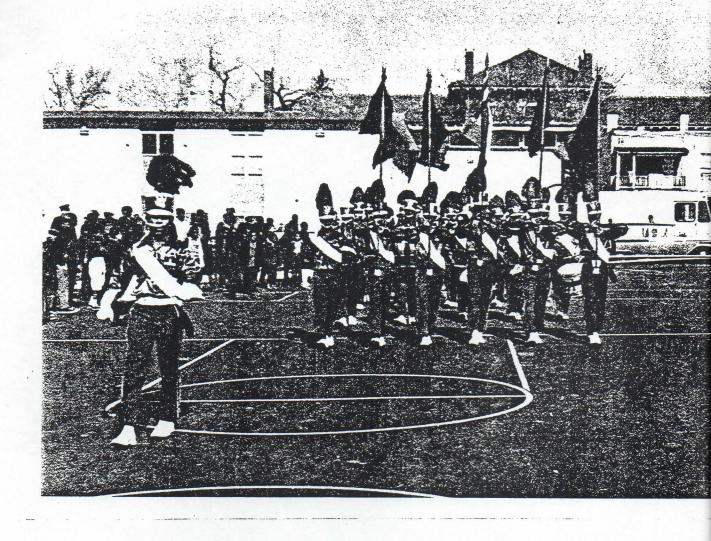


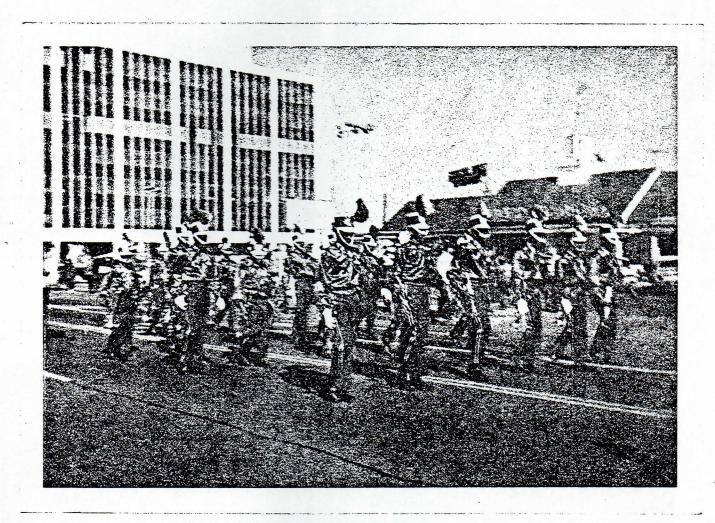


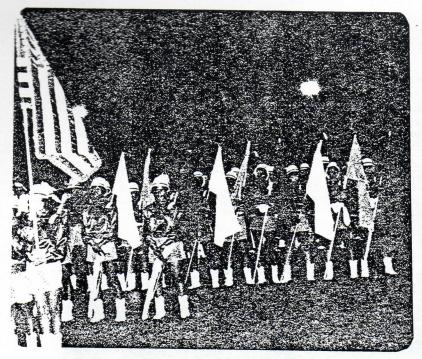


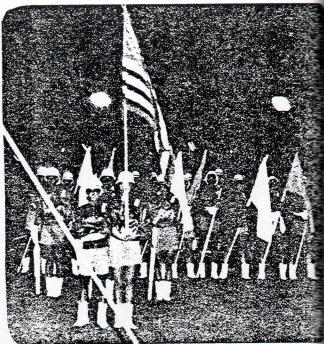


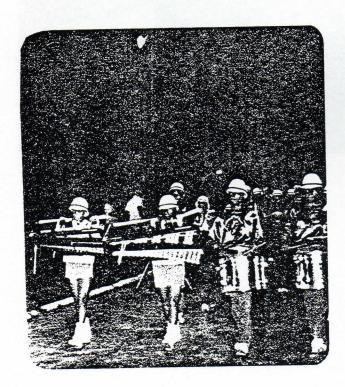


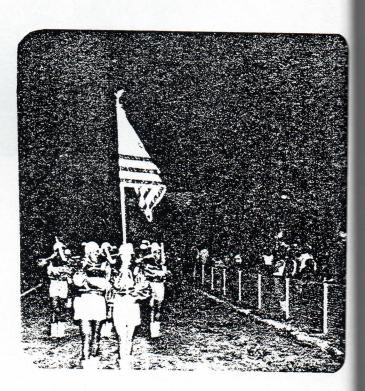


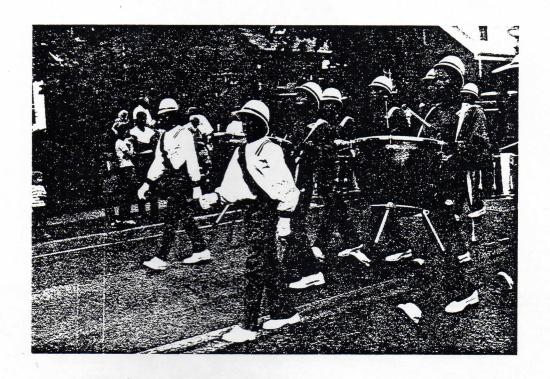


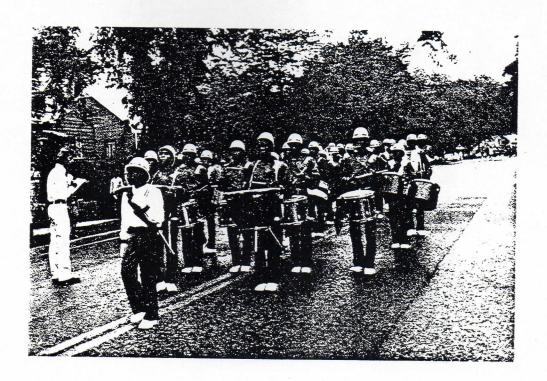


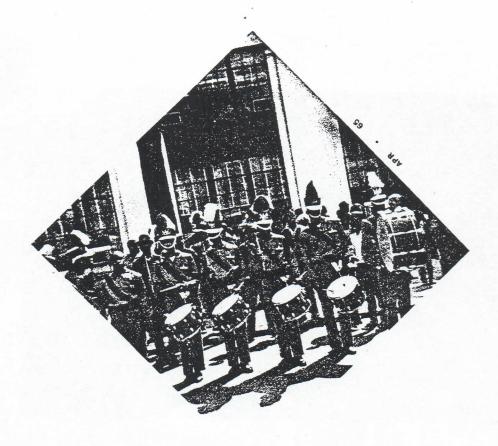


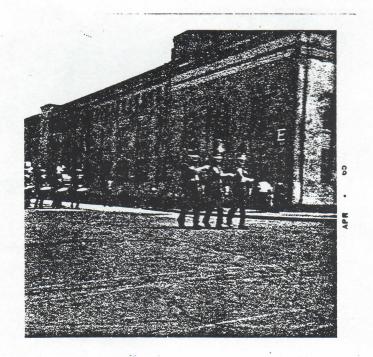


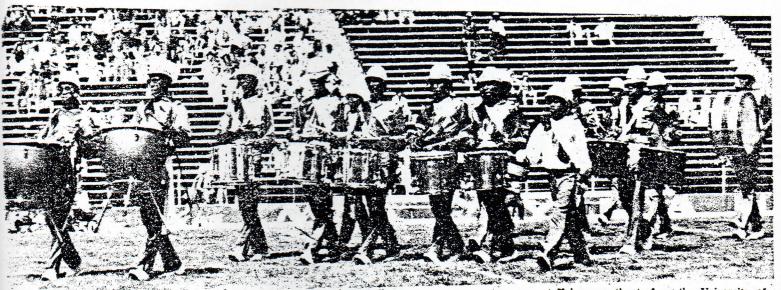












HALFTIME ENTERTAINERS at the Maryland Cuaches Association All-Star game last

weekend were the No. 2 Police Boys Club (Northwest Washington) Ambassadors Drum and Bugle Corps, who are shown strutting their stuff here on the turf on the University of Maryland's Byrd Stadium. (PRESS PHOTO)

Drumming Away for the Corps

By Steve Fehr washington Post Staff Writer

Anthony Carraway wiped the sweat from his forehead and stared down at the field from his seat on the 45-yard line at the University of Maryland's Byrd Stadium.

"No, I never get nervous performing," he said as he prepared to go down to lead the Metropolitan Washington Drum and Bugle Corps at a halftime performance in front of 4,000 fans watching the Maryland coaches all-star game recently.

Anthony Carraway, 11, of 436 M St. NW, has been drum major since he was nine years old. He is one of 65 boys and girls from the District who practice from 4 to 9 p.m. each day of the week beginning with the Cherry Blossom Festival in April until the Labor Day weekend.

Along with the rest of the corps, he puts in 300 hours a year in rehearsals alone. It shows. When he took the field at Byrd Stadium, the soft-spoken youth was transformed into a supercharged leader, barking commands at his fellow corps members and strutting across the field.

Anthony who weighs 83 pounds and stands just over four feet, said he joined the corps "to keep off the streets and stay out of trouble."

His director, Robert John son, agrees. "If we are to be-

lieve the old adage of Music hath charm to calm the savage beast' we should certainly appreciate any organization which is able to and willing to offer that music to our young people."

Johnson, 28, of 1800 Minnesota Ave. SE, played in the Marine Drum and Bugle Corps from 1968 to 1970 and



took over leadership of the Boys Club-sponsored unit in 1971.

There is a touch of the Marine Corps in the way Johnson drills his boys and girls.

For one thing, he insists on constant, disciplined practice. After he gets off work at the Commerce Department, Johnson goes to the 4 p.m. practice at the No. 123 Police Boys Clubs 128 M St. NW. The practice lasts until 9 p.m.

Looking down on the football field at Byrd Stadium, Johnson said, "See those men on the field? The coach uses 11 at a time. The best 11 play at one time. The corps is an organization where everyon plays and everyone must be good."

The corps, one of five in the District, is funded by the Police Boys Club. Johnson, who played with the corps in 1959, said alumni went on to be productive members of society.

One of those members, Wayne Jennings, 22, of 2201 Kirkwood Pl., Hyattsville, was at the coaches all-star game—as a member of the University's police department and as a prospective law school student.

After he opened the gate to let the corps march back to their bus to go home, Jennings said, "many in that group are going to make a name for themselves."

"Traveling does a lot for the kids too. They get to see other neighborhoods and cities and I think this motivates them to get an education and make themselves successful" he said.

The corps makes between 30 and 45 appearances yearly and travels throughout the District as well as Maryland and Virginia, Johnson said.

When he was a member in 1959, girls were not in the corps. That situation changed in 1971 when "I decided that since they were just hanging around at the practices watching, we

might as well make flaggirls out of them," he said.

Johnson said no girls have expressed an interest to play instruments. "If they did, I would have to play it by ear. The girls feel feminine carrying flags."

The instrumentation of the band includes soprano horns, meilophones, baritones, basses and share andtenor drums. Most of the instruments are recycled from year to year as are the flashy red, white and blue uniforms.

Darnell Sparks, 14, of 1186. 1st Pl., NW, has been a cymbal player for the corps; since 1972. He said he joined "because I didn't have anything else to do during the summer."

He sounded passive but that soon changed when he put on his uniform and marched on the field. Then he displayed the kind of self-confidence that comes with almost four years of marching with the corps.

As Johnson said, "The things you cannot see are the tensions of a new drill step learned a half hour before a championship competition. The butterflies beating wooden wings against the heart in anticipation of a big win. The disappointment when that win is not forthcoming. The eternal fear of flubbing a soloc Sounds ghastly, doesn't it? But the kids love it, the parents love it..."

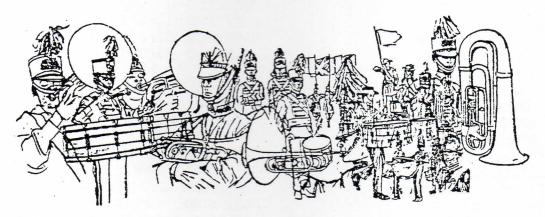
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Metropolitan Police Boys Club

Drum and Bugie corps

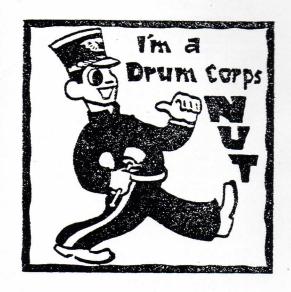


A DRUM CORPS PRAYER

We ask the Lord above us Send down Thy Guiding Light And be our Acting Chairman On this contest night.

We've gathered here this evening For our work to never cause, Encourage us to continue on In friendship, love and peace.

Reward us, Lord, with favors For the efforts we implore, For we are the members of This drum and bugle corps.





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Metropolitan Police Boy's Club

Drum And Busie Corps











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DRUMMERS

LLOYD MCNEIL AUBREY SAXON ROSCOE GUDGER BILLY FERGERSON MILTON ANDERSON ROLAND FENWICK RONALD AUSTIN DONALD ROBINSON GERALD COATES BUNK CHARLES SCHECK RAYMOND WOODS SARGE GHOST MAN GHOST MAN HUMP RONALD MILLER LARRY MCDONALD RAYMOND JONES CLIFTON JONES DAVID SCOTT JOHNNY SHAW RAT MOUTH SHAW EDWARD COLE CHESTER BROWN FOCUS MICHAEL DIXON PAUL GWYN JAMES DAVIS JAMES MCNEIL EARL SMITH FRANK HOLLY JOHN STOKES TERRY GORHAM CHARLES BANKS JAMES BANKS MELVIN HOLLY JOSEPH LANGLEY RAYMOND HICKS JAMES MATTHEWS DEE DEE DENNIS JOSEPH BARNES CHARLES PRICE CHARLES BUCK FRANCIS LONNIE LANE

WHITE MAN JACKSON JOSEPH GATLING JIM GATLING ANDRE RICHARDSON EMERSON ELLIS REGGIE GORDON AVON MIKE BANKS DENNIS DYER JOE SPRIGGS JESSE HANEY DONALD CLARK ALAN STEWART JOSE McCLAIN MICHAEL SCOTT WILLIAM KENLAW JAMES RIGGINS ROY LUNGSFORD CHARLES PETERSON WILLIAM ASKEW WILLIAM DELESPIE RONALD RICHARDSON FRANK JONES FREDDIE JOHNNY ADAMS ALONZO EDDIE DUREN MICHAEL PETERSON CARLTON YOUNG NELSON McMILLAN STEVE LOTT CHARLENE MCCOY KEVIN GREENE EDDIE JACKSON DARLENE DORSEY DARNELL SPARKS JEFFERY STEWART GREGORY STEWART DYREL CARRAWAY EDWARD BUTLER REGGIE GREENE KEVIN McCOREY GREGORY EVANS CHARLES BROOKS DARNELL BROOKS JOHN BROOKS











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CONTINUED DRUMMERS

DWIGHT BROOKS
DARNELL THOMPSON
ANTHONY LONG
HERMAN ROBINSON
KEVIN BRADLEY

DRUM MAJORS

ROSCOE (COOP) GUDGER
EDWARD COLE
DAVID SCOTT
LARRY McDONALD
CHESTER BROWN
JOSEPH LANGLEY
MICHAEL JONES
ANTHONY CARRAWAY
MASCOT - EARL BOONE
KEVIN SOUTHERN
BANNER - RECARDO COMER
EUNICE WARD
MARCELLA JOHNSON
FRED BAYLOR
SERESA MCEWAN

"G" BUGLERS

CHARLES SANDERS LINWOOD BLAKLEY RONALD MILLER GEORGE LONGSHAW WILLIAM LONGSHAW DONALD HART TONY BROWN JOHNNY COLEMAN ROOSEVELT COLEMAN DAVID PROCTOR TOP CAT RECARDO COMER ELIJAH SMITH EUGENE ALLEN GEORGE ALLEN WILLIAM KENLAW JAMES EPPS FOSTER EPPS BOBBY JOHNSON MICHEAL WALTERS AUBREY SAXON











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BUGLERS 1964

JOHNNY COLEMAN TONY BROWN CLARENCE COLEMAN ROOSEVELT COLEMAN GEORGE ALLEN EUGENE ALLEN MICHAEL WALTERS C. COLEMAN FOSTER EPPS JAMES EPPS TOP CAT JERRY BUTLER FRANK BRANCH BOBBY JOHNSON CHARLES LUTHER FOCUS

1965

WILBER GIBSON CLARENCE COLEMAN JAMES EPPS FOSTER EPPS WILLIAM McGRIFF V. LOWRY LOUIS WINGFIELD LAWRENCE EVANS EUGENE ALLEN KELWIN DOUGLAS STEVE GIBSON MICHAEL GIBSON GEORGE ALLEN TOP CAT MICHAEL WALTERS ALFRED WASHINGTON LEON ROGERS ERNEST CUNNINGHAM JOHN CUNNINGHAM FRANK CHERRY B. JACKSON P. COPELAND WILLIAM MIREE S. JACKSON DAVID STEVENSON TYRONE (DUCK) HARRIS FRANCH BRANCH C. JACKSON JERRY BUTLER

LIZARD CHARLES LUTHER BOBBY JOHNSON











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1966

CLARENCE COLEMAN FOSTER EPPS CARSELL FOX W. SMITH ALEX SCURRY FRANK CHERRY DWIGHT JONES WYANE LATTIMORE WILBER GIBSON MICHAEL GIBSON KELWIN DOUGLAS TONY McGRIFF GREGORY PARKER JESSE CLARK CHARLES PARKER STEWART LONG BARRY FOX RAYMOND GARDNER WAYNE JENNINGS J. PAYNE J. BRYANT A. MASON E. DALTON JERRY WILDER TYRONE (DUCK) HARRIS T. JACKSON DAVID STEVENSON

1967

CLARENCE COLEMAN GREGORY PARKER CARSELL FOX WAYNE LATTIMORE DWIGHT JONES JERRY CUMMINGS ALBERT JOHNSON JESSE CARTER A. TYSON KELWIN DOUGLAS JAMES WALK RUFUS TRIMMER RONNIE PRESCOTT JESSE CLARK TONY McGRIFF BARRY FOX

BOBBY JOHNSON

G. TAYLOR

M. DINKINS

1967

RAYMOND GARDNER J. BRYANT J. PAYNE A. MASON JERRY WILDER E. DALTON TYRONE (DUCK) HARRIS BOBBY JOHNSON MICHAEL BLAGBURN LINDELL NELSON ROBERT DORSEY DAVID STEVENSON

1968

CLARENCE COLEMAN GREGORY PARKER RUFUS TRIMMER CARSELL FOX RONNIE PRESCOTT JESSE CARTER ALBERT JOHNSON D. STITH Z. WILLIAMS JESSE CLARK BARRY FOX KELWIN DOUGLAS BOBBY JOHNSON RAYMOND GARDNER J. BRYANT MICHAEL BLAGBURN TYRONE (DUCK) HARRIS W. STEWART ROBERT DORSEY LINDELL NELSON DAVID STEVENSON A. MASON R. BROWN W. WALKER GEORGE CURTIS A. TYSON











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1969

D. BULLOCK
CLARENCE COLEMAN
GREGORY PARKER
RUFUS TRIMMER
RONNIE PRESCOTT
JESSE CARTER

D. GARRISON

R. BROWN

L. HALL

W. WALKER

BOBBY PARKER

Z. WILLIAMS

D. STITH

LEE HAGANS

TOBY SPENCER

L. HOLMES

WILSON YOUNG

FOSTER EPPS

L. PROCTOR

T. PROCTOR

RAYMOND GARDNER

J. BRYANT

W. STEWART

K. BAGWELL

CLARENCE CHAVIS

L. HALL

E. KEATON

MICHAEL BLAGBURN

KELWIN DOUGLAS

CARSELL FOX

LINDELL NELSON

G. SMITH

F. BEATHER

E. COLES

1970

CLARENCE COLEMAN GREGORY PARKER RONNIE PRESCOTT JESSE CARTER

D. GARRISON

R. BROWN

F. WALKER

L. HALL

MICHAEL SPURGEON

BOBBY PARKER

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L. HALL

E. KEATON

MICHAEL BLAGBURN

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G. SMITH

F. BETHEA

E. COLES

L. NELSON

D. STITH

Z. WILLIAMS











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MICHAEL THOMPSON BERNARD BELLINGER JOHN BROWN WILLIE SMITH JAMES SMITH CHRISTOPHER SMITH NEAZ SMITH DONALD SMITH MICHAEL BELLINGER CHRIS MANN GREG MOORE MARTIN HARRIS ELIAS SPARKS FRANCIS COATES LONNIE WILSON RONALD MAY JAMES KEY TONY SPARKS CONRY RICHARDSON LEROY JACKSON

STEVE WILLIAMS STEVEN WILLIAMS ELVONNE WILLIAMS JEROME MAY RAYMOND FAGGART DEOZIID DAVENPORT ARTHUR KAY LEROY RUSSELL JAMES YOUNG EDWARD BALDWIN VINCENT HUGGINS MITCHELL SPENCER ELGIN GOOLEY VAUDVY CLINKSCALES CHARLES COATES C. JARVIS RICARDO BRISCOE PAUL SMITH RALPH SHELTON











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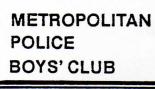
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LEE HAGANS TYRONE (DUCK) HARRIS TYRONE (SHOES) HARRIS RAYMOND GARDNER VICTOR BANKS OSCAR WATERS THOMAS WILSON RAYMOND HICKS FOCUS BERNARD BRIGMON TYRONE NEWBURN MARSHALL CROMWELL CLARENCE CHAVIS DIP WILSON YOUNG JAMES YOUNG ANGELO MOODY STEWART LONG CALEB LONG MOE JOHNSON VINCENT DAVIS WILLIAM ASKEW JOHNNY ADAMS FRED BAYLOR GEORGE WRIGHT CHIN SKIP KENNY CRAWFORD JAMES RIGGINS LEONARD WISEMAN RONALD BROWN

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