Gettysburg Area High School Band Spring Concert

Matthew Alosi, Director

Celebrating 75 Years

1928-1929 to 2003-2004



Gettysburg Area High School Auditorium

1130 Old Harrisburg Road

Tuesday, May 11th Reception at 6:00pm

Concert at 7:30pm

GETTYSBURG AREA HIGH SCHOOL BAND Matthew Alosi, Director SPRING CONCERT Celebrating 75 Years (1928-1929 to 2003-2004)

Welcome-Dr. David A. Mowery, Superintendent of Schools

Star Spangled Banner-arr. Jack Stamp

Remarks-Dr. Richard Gulas, Principal

In All Its Glory-James Swearingen

Chorale and Shaker Dance-John P. Zdechlik

Fire of Eternal Glory-Dmitri Shostakovich

Space Symphony-Julie Giroux

Gershwin-arr. Warren Barker

Recognition of Arion Foundation Award winners

Mrs. Georgie Spangler

Recognition of former directors

Mr. Matthew Alosi

Presentation of the Benjamin L. Jones Band Leadership Award

Mrs. Louise Sayre

The Blue and The Gray-arr. Clare Grundman

The Promise of Living from The Tender Land-Aaron Copland

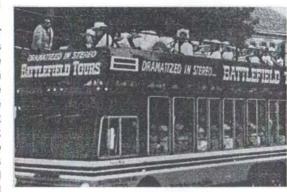
Alma Mater-joined by GAHS Band Alumni, and students from Lincoln Elementary School and Gettysburg Area Middle School

The Stars and Stripes Forever-John Phillips Sousa

Eisenhower Inauguration

One of the delights of going to school in the 1950's was playing in the band at the Gettysburg Area School System. For a very small fortunate group of students, we played many times for the President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower. The President and First Lady (Mamie Eisenhower) had purchased a farm at Gettysburg in 1950. Captain Eisenhower had been stationed at Gettysburg in 1918 training the U.S. Army Tank Corps. He and Mamie fell in love with the local community that included the Battlefield. When Eisenhower was elected to the White House in 1952, he and his wife continued to visit the farm as often as they could. The Senior High School Band always greeted them as they would stop at the Square and greet hundreds of Gettysburg students. This greeting usually took place on a Friday. Schools closed many times and the students were escorted to the Square to wait for the President and First Lady to arrive. Band and students pictures were featured in national magazines and newspapers many times during the Eisenhower presidential years.

In 1956, President Eisenhower won a landslide victory in his re-election. He insisted the Gettysburg school band march in his 2nd inauguration parade on January 20, 1957. The director of the band was Robert Zeigler who went to work organizing the band trip to Washington, D.C. Coaches were reserved for the band members which numbered



seventy-five strong. We loaded the buses very early in the morning on January 20th and headed for Washington Mr. Zeigler had warned all of us to dress warmly because temperatures were in the low 20's for the parade. Many members wore two pairs of long underwear and still froze. The parade was very long. As the band marched by the Presidential reviewing stand, we all looked out the corner of our eyes to get a glimpse of the Eisenhowers. As I looked at the President, I noticed he stood up and saluted us as we passed the stand. What a moment in the life of a 9th grader. It is a moment and event no members of the band ever forgot. Gettysburg High School's band became one of two Pennsylvania high school bands to ever march in a presidential inauguration.

Terry Fox (class of 1960 and retired Gettysburg history teacher)

ALMA MATER
OH GETTYSBURG, MAROON AND WHITE
ALL HAIL TO YOU, WE PLEDGE TO THEE
OUR LOYALTY OUR ALMA MATER TRUE;
AS SCHOOL, DAYS END AND YEARS ROLL BY
WE'LL FOND AND FAITHFUL BE; OH GETTYSUBRG,
MAROON AND WHITE, ALL HONOR BE TO THEE.

PROGRAM NOTES

The Star Spangled Banner-Jack Stamp

This version of the National Anthem called "A love song to our country" by Jack Stam,p was written in 1986 for Michigan State University Wind Ensemble. It was published shortly after the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States when the arranger was asked if he still had the composition by a college band director who had performed the work while as a member of the MSU Wind Ensemble.

In All Its Glory-James Swearingen

"IN ALL ITS GLORY" marks the second consecutive work which composer James Swearingen has had premiered at the annual meeting of the Ohio Music Educators Association. In February of 198,9 this composition was dedicated and performed by the Worthington Civic Band under the direction of Elaine Ostrander. The title serves as a reflection of the City of Worthington, Ohio. Founded in 1803, this Columbus suburb is rich in historic tradition and has always maintained a strong sense of community pride.

Chorale and Shaker Dance-John P. Zdechlik

CHORALE AND SHAKER DANCE is made up of two main musical ideas. The first is the simple melody found in the opening Chorale. The second melodic idea is the melody from the well known Shaker Hymn, "The Gift To Be Simple." These melodies are used in alteration and combination throughout the piece divided into four broad sections. The work was commissioned by the Jefferson High School Band of Bloomington, Minnesota.

PROGRAM NOTES

The Fire of Eternal Glory-Dmitri Shostakovich/transcribed by Timothy Rhea

THE FIRE OF ETERNAL GLORY was written in 1960 by Russian composer Dmitri Shostakovich for the opening of the War Memorial in the city of Novorossiisk. The music is a celebration of the defenders of the city during the Bolshevik Revolution. Shostakovich said of his orchestral work, "The music is at first heroic, with a tinge of sorrow, but gradually becomes elated and loses its darkness." This transcription was written for the Texas A&M University Symphonic Band.

Space Symphony-Julie Giroux

Julie Giroux composed SPACE SYMPHONY in 1991. Although a program piece, the work does not tell a story, but does contain imagery of being in outer space. It is organized in four movements much like a symphony from the Classical period. The work was commissioned by the Northwestern State University Concert Band in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Gershwin!-Warren Barker

This work was arranged in 1997 and features some of the American composer, George Gershwins' most well known songs. The work includes Fascinating Rhythm (1924), Embraceable You (1930), Somebody Loves Me (1924), Someone To Watch Over Me (1926), and I Got Rhythm (1930). These Gershwin songs would have been popular at the time when the Gettysburg Area High School Band was being founded.

The Blue and The Gray-Clare Grundman

Clare Grundman composed THE BLUE AND THE GRAY in 1961. The work contains the Civil War Songs: "Kingdom Coming," "Marching Through Georgia," "Tenting Tonight," "The Yellow Rose of Texas," "The Bonnie Blue Flag," "Aura Lee," "Dixie," "Battle Cry of Freedom," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." This piece was performed by the Gettysburg Area High School Band on April 29, 1979, under the direction of Mr. Parcels when the band celebrated its 50th Year.

"The Promise of Living" from The Tender Land-Aaron Copland, transcribed by Kenneth Singleton

Aaron Copland's only full-length opera, *The Tender Land*, was begun in 1952 and completed in 1954, with a libretto by Erick Johns. Although containing some of Copland's most lyrical music, the opera took time establishing its place in the repertoire. In 1958, Copland extracted a three-movement orchestral suite from the opera. The composer conducted the first performance of the Suite in April 1959 with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, and he later recalled: "the reviews were far better than they had been for the opera." The final movement of the suite, *The Promise of Living*, is based on the folk tune "Zion's Walls." This transcription for band was made in September 1998 for the Cheyenne Mountain (CO) High School Symphonic Band.

The Stars and Stripes Forever-John Phillip Sousa

American composer John Phillip Sousa wrote the official march of the United States of America, THE STARS AND STRIPES FOREVER, on Christmas Day in 1896. The piece received recognition as the National March by Congress in 1987, the year of the Bicentennial of US Constitution. This work was also performed in the 1979 celebration of the 50th year of the Gettysburg Area High School Band.

2003/2004 <u>Gettysburg High School</u> Band Members

Alto Saxophones
Ryan Arvin
Matthew Beamer
Jessica Boehner
Lauren Dolly
Justin Holz
Michael Holz-JB
Will Kammer-JB
Sam McCullough
Allison Otis-JB, DB
Amy Reed

Bari-Saxophone
Jeff Harner-JB

Dennis Robinson-JB

Baritones

Chad Cook-JB,CBB Sarah Mooney-JB,CBB David Steinour-JB,CBB Blake Waybright-CBB

Bass Clarinets
Andrew Hann
Tyler Scudder

Bassoon Heidi Doty Josh Sayre

Clarinets
Stacy Althoff
Stephanie Asper
Elizabeth Christian-DB

Allison Elliot-JB Addie Fehringer Samantha Haun Emma Lower Noelle McKenzie

Kerry Mott
Sara Oyler
Jessica Payne
Jessica Pusker-JB
Colleen Rebert
Tommy Riggs
Brooke Rice-JB
Anne Schultz
Courtney Smith
Oliver Smith
Deserie Vendetti-JB

Flutes

Jill Althoff-JB
Meghan Bernstein
Angie Bianco
Christina Deitch
Andrea Funt
Holly Hess
Aubrey Kann
Sarah Leeti
Terri Moore
Jeff Palese
Aarti Patel
Rachel Riggs

Heather Singley-JB,DB

Britni Smith

Esther Sollenberger-JB

Kendra Statler Michele Spitzer Erica Vendetti Steph Wiley French Horns

Kayla Hoffman Rae Lilly

Rachel Sorber Beth Wehler

Mallets

Alex Hilton Mary Mathias Amanda Walde

Julie Yingling

Oboe

Margaret Folkemer

Percussion

Chris Alcaro Matt Arvin

Eric Bringardner

Nick Bollinger Ben Dufendach Kevin Fague Zac Jacoby Zach Kane

Andrew Keller
Curtis McFadden

Clint Mickley

Graham Miller

Erick Palese Corwyn Smith

Dustin Smith-CBB

Travis Smith

Joe Sollenberger-JB Peter Sorensen-JB,CBB

Kyle Wood

Michael Ziegler-JB

String Bass

Alli Baugher-CBB,JB,DB

Trombones
Becky Beamer

Andrew Bollinger-JB James Hartzell-JB

Luke Marlowe-JB,CBB

Andy Michael David Shaffer

Julie Witushynsky-JB

Trumpets

Ben Birkner-JB,CBB

James Colkitt Will Duncan

Jenna Ekdahl-CBB Preston Guiher Sam Huber

Preston Hull-JB,CBB

Peter James Caitlin Johnson Alex Kretz Mark Orleski Ben Reed-JB,CBB

Ben Thompson-CBB

Tubas

David Austin

James Duncan-CBB,JB,DB

Nate Mattern-CBB Steve Revka-JB

Will Schmalix-CBB,JB

CBB-Ceremonial Brass Band

JB-Jazz Band DB-District Band

ALMA MATER PARTICIPANTS

Randall Fox, Principal Gail Jones, Band Director

Lindsay Jacoby - Flute
Stacey Garman - clarinet
Camryn Smith - clarinet
Tyler Smith - clarinet
Brett Williams - alto sax
Abigail Michael - horn
Benjamin Hamm - trumpet
Zachary Hartzell - trumpet
Scott Keller - Trumpet
Efraim Hellemo - Trombone
Craig Lindsley - snare drum

Gettysburg Area Middle School Steve Litten, Principal Peter Johnston, Band Director

Jessica Blank-Flute
Alexandra Brown-Morrow-Flute
Arianna Krayo-Flute
Stephanie Shaffer-Flute
Sara Trower-Flute
Mary Weikert-Flute
Sean Bair-Clarinet
Anthony Bowling-Clarinet
Marina Young-Clarinet
Alana Leeti-Alto Saxophone
Andrew Sherwood-Trumpet
Olivia Vendetti-Trumpet
Katie Buxton-French Horn
Mark Keller-Trombone

ARION FOUNDATION AWARD WINNERS

1952 Sidney Shade 1953 Samuel Scott 1954 George Carey 1955 Henry Fox 1956 Hugh McIlhenny 1957 Carolyn Ketterman 1958 Sidney Steinour 1959 E. Louise Collins 1960 Janet D. Johnson 1961 Paula C. Lupp 1962 Eileen S. Zeigler 1963 Joyce S. Schwartz 1964 Ronald Reaves 1965 Barbara J. Zeigler 1966 Donald Rohrbaugh 1967 Harold Ford 1968 G. Edward Hughes 1969 Larry E. Mallow 1970 John r. Zeigler 1971 Michael Zynski 1972 Tim Sadler 1973 Brad Smith 1974 Kathy Zellner 1975 Tom Hamm 1976 Kelly Shealer 1977 Gary Zellner 1978 Nina Hoffman 1979 Joy McDannell 1980 John W. Springer 1981 Marna C Parsels 1982 Deborah Piper 1983 Laurie Bender 1984 David Shealer 1985 Shannon Cavaliere 1986 Robert Ranalli

1987 Evan Hubbard
1988 Randy Fox
1989 Jack Chudovan
1990 Benjamin A. Jones
1991 Ryan Fox
1992 Ellen Chudovan
1993 Toni Smith
1997 Joe Gregorio
1998 Anthony Fox
1999 Brock Smith
2000 Anne Brabant
2001 Kara Johnston
2002 Tammy Fox
2003 Amanda Campagna

BENJAMIN L. JONES BAND LEADERSHIP AWARD

Mr. Jones taught the
Gettysburg Area School District
Bands for 28 years. Seventeen of
those years, Mr. Jones was the
Director of the Gettysburg Area High
School Band. The Gettysburg Area
High School Band Boosters is proud
to offer a scholarship for a
sophomore or junior to attend a Band
Leadership Camp named in his
honor.

HISTORY OF THE GETTYSBURG AREA HIGH SCHOOL BAND 1928-1929 to 2003-2004

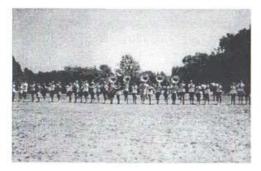
- 1928 -29 School year The band is formed Prof. Harry Stenger Director
- 1931- Mr. Edwin S. Longanecker joins faculty to teach English and direct the Band
- 1932- The band gets its first girl member and new uniforms
- 1934- The band participates in the National Forensic Leagues Band Contest
- **1938-** 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. President Roosevelt visits Gettysburg. Band is in Anniversary Parade.
- 1942 The first complete uniform is purchased for the band members
- 1944 45 Band performs for the first time in Hunterstown Memorial Day Parade and Ceremonies
- **1951-** Mr. Robert G. Zeigler joins faculty as first full time band director. Band performs in State Elks Convention Parade in Williamsport.
- 1952- Booster Club formed, new uniforms purchased, Arion Award presented for first time. Band participates in Gettysburg College Band Day
- 1953- Band receives trophy and excellent rating in Harrisburg Marching Contest
- 1954- Gettysburg hosts Southern District Band
- 1955- Band participates in welcoming Pres. Eisenhower to Gettysburg
- **1956-** Band marches in Pres. Eisenhower's Inaugural Parade, Gettysburg College Commencement Exercises, Dedication of the U.S. Army Reserve Center.
- 1963-100th Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Adress.
- **1964-** Mr. Roger L. Parsels becomes Band's Director, band participates in State Lions Club Parade.
- 1965- Band travels to New York, plays at Worlds Fair, plays at Eisenhower Farm and participates in dedication of monument to "The Soldiers and Sailors of the Confederacy."
- 1966- First Exchange Concert with West York H.S. Band
- 1967- Band participates in Gov. Shafer's Inaugural Parade, Gettysburg College Music Festival and the Elks State Convention Parade.
- 1968- Robert Nagal performs with band on Spring Concert, exchange concert is with Bloomfield, New Jersey, High School.
- 1969- Exchange concert with binghamton Central High School (New York) Band.
- 1970- Exchange concert with Ithaca, New York, High School.
- **1971-** Band participates in Indianapolis Memorial Day Parade and Pre-Race Parade of Bands at Indy "500", also, Gov. Shapp's Inaugural Parade, new uniforms.
- 1972- Gettysburg hosts Southern District PMEA Adjudication Festival.
- 1973- Exchange with Pompton Plains, New Jersey, High School.

- 1974- Exchange with Skaneateles, New York, High School, band recieved "excellent" rating at Southern District PMEA Adjudication Festival at Waynesboro.
- 1975- Band participates in Gov. Shapp's Inaugural Parade and "Amost Anything Goes" exchange concert with Lexington, Virginia, High School.
- 1976- Exchange concert with Maryvalle High School, Cheektowaga, New York.
- 1977- Exchange concert with Lawrence High School, Cedarhurst, New York
- 1978- Exchange concert with Northeastern High School, Elizabeth City, N. Carolina.
- 1981- Mr. Jones becomes the high school band director.
- 1982- Ceremonial Brass Band started.
- 1983- The Band performs in the Azalea Festival in Norfolk, VA.
- 1986-1987- Magic Music Days in Orlando over Thanksgiving
- 1989- National Cherry Blossom Parade, Washington DC.
- 1990- Citrus Bowl Parade in Orlando FL, Main Street Parade at Walt Disney World
- **1991-** The Band performs at the Parade of Champions at James Madison University
- 1992-93- Mr. Parcels retires from the GASD, Mr. Jones moves Elementary Band
- 1993- Jami Jennings Verderosa becomes the seventh band director, the band receives new uniforms
- **94-95 Spring of 1995-** The Band performs in the Magic Music Days at Walt Disney World in Orlando.
- **1995-** The Band hosts the 250 member West Chester University Marching Band at a home football game.
- **96-97-** The Ceremonial Brass Band performs in the London New Years Day Parade.
- 1998- Mrs. Verderosa leaves and Mr. Jones returns to the high school.
- **98-99-** The Band performs in the PA Firemen's Parade in Gettysburg and travels to Florida to perform in the Gator Bowl and Parade, and performed at Walt Disney World.
- 2001-2002- Hosted the PMEA Lower District 7 Band Festival with Dr. Mark Heidel as Guest Conductor
- 2002-03-The Band performed in the Gator Bowl and Parade. Mr. Jones retires.
- **2003-04-**Matthew Alosi becomes the 8^{th} Band Director. The band celebrates its 75^{th} year.

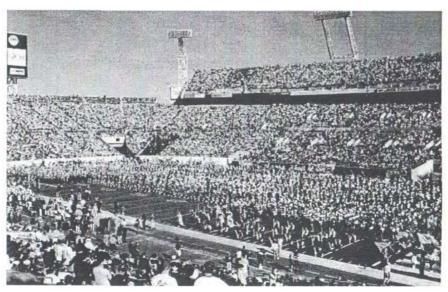












Gettysburg Area High School Past Directors

Professor Harry C. Stenger - founder - Gettysburg High School Band 1928-29

Pref. Stenger was born and raised in Mercersburg, PA. After moving to Hanover around 1925, he was prevailed upon to organize a high school band which he did. He had musical organizations in most towns surrounding Hanover and was busy everyday and most nights of the week. He not only had a number of school bands but youth and adult bands as well and the St. Marks Lutheran Church (Hanover) Sunday School Orchestra. Among the organizations that Stenger organized and/or directed were The Tressler Orphans Home Band at Loysville, The Hanover High School Band, The Hanover P.O.S. of A. Band, The Jefferson Band, The Wayne Band, The East Berlin Band, The Gettysburg Boys Band and The Gettysburg High School Band.

Edwin S. Longanecker - 1931-1951

Mr. Longanecker is a graduate of Shippensburg University and Duke University. He also earned graduate credits at the University of West Virginia and the Ithaca Military Band School. A teacher of Music, English and History, he began his career at Shady Springs High School in Glen Hedrich, West Virginia. He came to Gettysburg in 1931 to teach English and Instrumental Music. He "retired" from the band in 1951 bTu continued as an 11th grade English Teacher until his retirement in 1970. In addition to his directorship of the Gettysburg High School Band, Mr. Longanecker worked with the Littlestown Citizens Band, The Gettysburg Blue and Gray Band, The Lyric Band of Hanover and the St. James Church Sunday School Orchestra.



Erware S, Lengarickus-English [II]; Instrumental Music, Drum Majorette Club



ZEIGEER, ROBERT G. Instrumental Music West Chester S.T.C.—H.S. Temple University—M.Ed. String Engemble

Robert G. Zeigler - 1951-1961

Mr. Zeigler was born in York County and graduated from Dallastown High School. Membership in his Sunday School Orchestra and the Yoe Band were early musical interests. Upon completion of B.S. Degree requirements at West Chester University, he spent three years in the military serving with the engineers in the China-Burma-India Theater. Following this, he completed Masters Degree Requirements at Temple University. Prior to coming to Gettysburg in 1951 he taught instrumental and vocal music - grades 1-12 - in the New Freedom-Glen Rock School System. He is a former President of the Penna. Bandmasters Association and the Adams County Community Concert Association.

Kenneth C. Hays - 1961-64

Born in Chambersburg, PA., Mr. Hays is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College with his graduate degree from Ithaca College. In addition, he has studied at Westminster Choir College, Temple University and Shippensburg University. Following his three years in the Gettysburg School system, he taught in the Camp Hill School District. In 1967, he was hired in the Cumberland Valley School District and later was appointed full-time Supervisor of Music, grades K-12. Mr. Hays retired in 1999 after 38 years of working in public education.



School: Lebanon Valley College, B.S. Subjects: General, Vocal, and Instru-mental Music. Activities Sponsored: Director of Jun-for and Senior Bands, Seventh Grade General Music and Seventh Grade





Roger L. Parsels -1964-1981

Mr. Parsels was born and raised in Ithaca. New York. He is a graduate, both Bachelor and Masters degrees, of Ithaca College. In addition he earned credits in Sacred Music at Nyack, New York, College. Prior to coming to Gettysburg, he taught at Franklin Academy and Prattsburg Central School in Prattsburg, N.Y., and in the Lansford, PA., School District. In addition to directing the Gettysburg High School Band, Mr. Parsels directs the Prince of Peace Episcopel Church Choir. He is also a wildlife artist.

Benjamin L. Jones- 1981-1993, 1998-2003

Mr. Jones, a graduate of

Chambersburg High School, taught 28 years in the Gettysburg Area School District. After starting at the Junior High, Mr. Jones was the band director at Gettysburg Area High School from 1979 to 1993, at which point he took an assignment teaching elementary band. In 1998, he returned to the high school position which he held until his retirement in the Spring of 2003. Mr. Jones has a BS in Music Education from Susquehanna University, a Master of Music Education from the Pennsylvania State University and his Supervisory and Principal certificate from Western Maryland College. Prior to his appoint to Gettysburg, Mr. Jones was the band director at Biglerville High School for seven years. Mr. Jones plays tuba with the Gettysburg Brassworks and directs "a Gettysburg Brass Band."



Mr. Benjamin Jones

Jami Jennings Verderosa-1993-1998

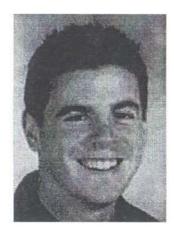
Mrs. Verderosa graduated from North Hagerstown High School in Maryland. Prior to her appointment at Gettysburg, she was the band director at Fairfield, PA and Catoctin, MD High Schools. She has her BS in Music Education from Lebanon Valley College and Master of Music Education from Towson University, along a Masters in Science and her administrative certification from Western Maryland College. Mrs. Verderosa went on to become an Assistant Principal at Waynesboro High School, then Principal at Fairfield High School. She has



Jami Lynn Verderosa B.S. - Lebanon Valley College M.S. - Western MD College

returned back to Waynesboro High School as Principal.

Matthew Alosi - 2003 to present



Mr. Alosi, a native of Shippensburg, is the eighth director of the Gettysburg Area High School Band. He received his BS in Music Education from West Chester University and is currently finishing a Master of Music Education from the Pennsylvania State University. Previously, Mr. Alosi taught music in the Ridley and Southeast Delco School Districts where he had assignments teaching general, choral and instrumental music at the elementary and middle school levels. Mr. Alosi spent a year as Program Director at Educational Programs Network where he coordinated and ran Music In the Parks and

Festivals of Music events across the United States. In addition to his duties at Gettysburg, Mr. Alosi has been the drill designer and band consultant for the Shippensburg University Marching Band since 2000.

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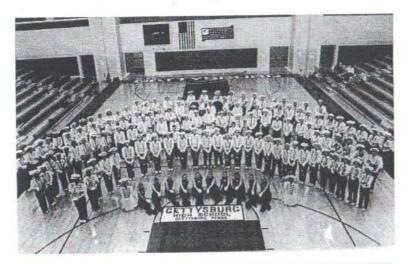
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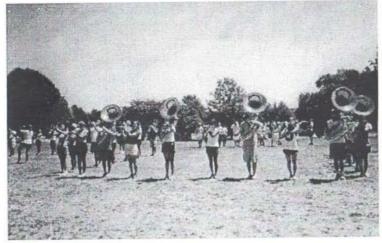
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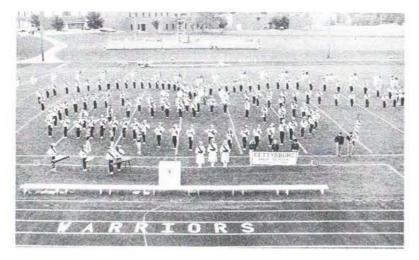
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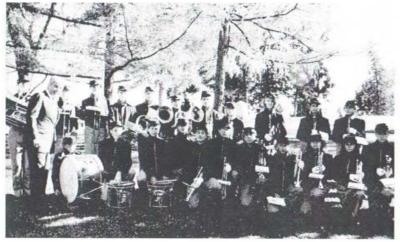
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