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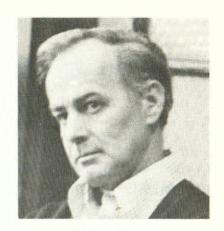
1978

"AN EVENING WITH ..."
SATURDAY, APRIL 22

"ECHOES IN THE VALLEY"
SUNDAY, JULY 23







JACK CALLANAN

DEDICATION 1978

The Squires and The Pages dedicate this, the 1978 Yearbook, to two men who are truly dedicated to the corps, Mr. Lloyd Prosperi and Mr. John Callanan. Both these men have given freely of themselves for the corps ... as board members ... lending a hand wherever needed ... unlimited hours of service ... selling popcorn and raffle tickets and show tickets and advertising ... administrative tasks ... tying all the loose ends together.

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel to Lloyd and Jack. Their untiring efforts are an inspiration to us all. It inspires us, as members, to work even harder for something we all believe in -- excellence and quality in the drum corps world.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank them, with this all-too-small tribute.

With much appreciation, THE SQUIRES and THE PAGES

FROM THE PRESIDENT ...

"The hills are alive with the sound of music ..." Springtime in Watkins Glen ... the beauty of the awakening from the winter ... accompanied here by a different sound on Sundays, emanating from the Middle School's "Squires' practice."

Another season is soon to be with us -- "overnights, parades, shows, tour" ... gym floors, the golden arches and banana boats are to be experienced again by the "old timers" and for the first time by the rookies ... triumphs and defeats lie ahead.

In anticipation of another successful season: May the force be with you!



STEVE GLOVER President

AND THE CORPS DIRECTOR SAYS ...

Once again the drum corps season is ready to get underway, and the 1978 edition of the Squires will be taking the field in competition across the nation. The corps has the potential to make this the best season in our relatively short history.

A solid core of kids from Schuyler County will continue the steady progression that has brought the Squires so far since 1964. This progression is augmented by a fine group of members from the surrounding area who want to be a part of an outstanding corps. The opportunity to meet new friends and to work together toward a common goal of excellence is what makes this such a great youth program.

The job of corps director consists of scheduling and overseeing rehearsals, liaison between the board, staff and the corps itself, working with the various committees, making trip arrangements, responsibility for equipment and all the other countless things that come up. Rich Carland is a top assistant and with Steve Rondinaro and Jud Spena, plus a hard working group of officers, top notch committees, a great staff and dedicated members and parents, the overall job is very easy and enjoyable. Many thanks to all of these people and to all of you who do so much in so many ways for the Squires. Without you, we could not even exist.

It's one of the greatest feelings of pride that anyone can have to hear the announcer say "From Watkins Glen, N.Y. -- The Squires." To see our corps, in Denver or Chicago, to know that they are just the kids you see around every day, but they are representing all of us from Schuyler County -- looking and sounding as impressive as a corps from Boston or California. You should all be very proud to know that your support and interest has created such an outstanding and dedicated group and allowed it to continue.



--BILL WICKHAM Corps Director

THE CORPS MANAGER'S "CORPSNER"

The Squires are a very special drum corps. With our "roots" here in rural Schuyler County, we have managed to achieve some rather remarkable competitive honors on a major level in the face of incredible odds. A budget only a half or third the size of many of our competitors' has not stood in our way. This drum corps has class, guts, and determination. And that's why I enjoy working with it so much.

I look forward to 1978 with the same excitement as in 1964 when I was part of a scared group of kids waiting for our first parade ever to begin. Then, and now, the people make the difference ... the members, the staff, the board, the support people, the community, the fans.

1978 should be a fun year. This year's competitive presentation should be the best and most entertaining yet. As always, the schedule will present numerous challenges.

For the first time in several years the Squires will again venture to Canada. DCI East in Allentown, Pa. and the World Open in Boston highlight July; along with, of course, the State Championship in Syracuse. The August tour to the DCI Championship in Denver promises to be the most scenic and formidable ever.

We have high hopes for '78. Our goal is a simple one: to become the best we possibly can. And if we work hard toward that end with the level of personnel we have -- then we can continue to achieve great things in our stubborn tradition.

So as I await the season's first cries of "Hey Rondon, what time did you say the show was?" and look forward to the mad dashes between contests, I say thanks to all of you who have helped make the Squires what they've been these past years ... a very special drum corps.



In drum corps spirit, STEVE RONDINARO Corps Manager

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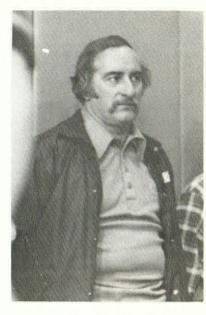


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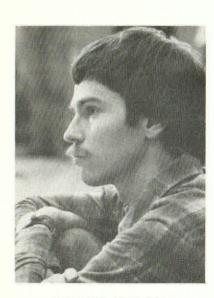


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THE CORPS ON THE FIELD - 1977 DCI

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DEBBIE CHECK, SQUIRES' DRUM MAJOR FROM 1975 to 1977, is pictured with some of the 1977 trophies.

REPERTOIRE 1978

The Squires' 1978 musical presentations will vary in many ways from previous years' formats. Variety, appeal, and as always, musical quality, have served as the major criteria for the selection of the 1978 program. We have drawn heavily from the film industry and the pop music field in an effort to present a show of immediate appeal as well as musical sophistication.

THE THRONE ROOM JOHN WILLIAMS

Taken from the popular movie, "Star Wars," "The Throne Room" is written in much the same style as the familiar "Moorside March." From the opening fanfare to the angular melody heard in the sopranos to the majestic slow step, capped off by an accelerated ending, "Throne Room" contains the elements of excitement and emotion as well as musical taste. The original composer, John Williams, is well known for writing the music for the films "Star Wars," "Jaws," and "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," as well as numerous serious compositions.

YOU TAKE MY HEART AWAY BILL CONTI

Quickly changing styles, the Squires now call upon the movie "Rocky" for the next musical production. "You Take My Heart Away" will feature a soprano and baritone solo and duet. Also of note are the counter melodies in the mellophone section and the high register work by the lead sopranos.

EVERYBODY'S EVERYTHING CARLOS SANTANA

Drawing directly from the "Top 40" of the early seventies, "Everybody's Everything" will take the corps into concert formation. This Latin-rock number, featuring an ad lib soprano solo, is a refreshingly light yet swinging and powerful portion of the program.

TEONOVA PETE JACKSON

Teonova is taken from the Maynard Ferguson album "Live at Jimmy's," also originally produced in the early seventies. Its blinding tempo, varied rhythms, and changing meters, in a contemporary jazz style, make it a technically demanding and musically interesting concert selection.

ALEXANDER'S ENTRY INTO PSKOV

SERGEII PROKOFIEV

In a continuing effort to present music of various styles, we have chosen the finale from the music of the Eisenstein film of 1938 titled "Alexander Nevsky." The original, which was scored for mezzo-so-prano, mixed chorus and symphony orchestra, is divided into 21 sections. This finale was chosen because of its rich sonorous opening and bombastic climax. The story behind the film itself is based upon the legendary Grand Duke Alexander of Russia, who defeated invading Swedish and Teutonic armies in the 13th century. The "Entry into Pskov" portrays Alexander leading the victorious Russian army home after winning a great battle and subsequently preserving beloved Mother Russia. The composer, Sergeii Prokofiev, wrote numerous Russian film scores, many based upon Russian folk legends similar to "Alexander Nevsky." His other works include symphonies, operas, and the like. Perhaps his most widely known work is the children's piece "Peter and the Wolf."

-- JUD SPENA

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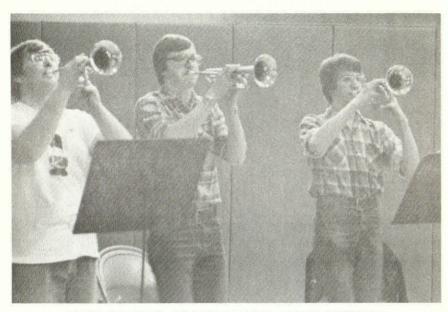
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THE SQUIRES: A DETERMINED TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

BY STEVE RONDINARO, CORPS MANAGER

In our 14 years of existence, the "small town" Squires have chalked up a remarkable list of big time accomplishments. 1977 saw the corps record a Drum Corps International first. The Squires won Associate Membership status for the fourth consecutive year; something never before done in DCI history. '77 also saw the Squires bring home their third straight New York State title along with cracking the finals of the World Open, U.S. Open and DCI East.

But the winning did not simply just happen. It was a gradual process, as this list of Squire milestones documents:

1971	World Open "B"	FINALIST
	Penn York "B"	
1972	World Open "B"	CHAMPION
1973	American International "A"	
	U.S. Open "A"	
	Penn York "A"	
1974	DCI Championship	
1975	NYS American Legion	
1.511.6	DCI Championship	
	U.S. Open	
	DCI East	
1976	NYS American Legion	
1070	DCI Championship	
	U.S. Open	
	DCI North	
1977		
1911	NYS American Legion	
	DCI Championship	
	U.S. Open	
	DCI East	FINALIST
	World Open	FINALIST
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It's gratifying to look at what we've done and even more exciting to think of what we can accomplish in the years ahead. But more importantly, we have had fun doing it. We have made friends, seen much of our beautiful country and Canada, learned to work together, and yet learned independence. To this, competitive excellence and winning are pleasant added benefits; part of our determined tradition.

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		Corning Memorial Day Parades	P
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10	Sat	Kitchner, Ont., Canada (ODCA)	C
11	Sun	Toronto, Ont., Canada (ODCA)	C
14	Wed	Watkins Glen Flag Day	P
17	Sat	Finleyville, Pa	
25	Sun	Rochester, NY (Pro Soccer Game)	
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3	Mon		1021 1750
4	Tues	Warren, Pa	
7	Fri	Pottsville, Pa. (DCI)	
8	Sat	Allentown, Pa. ("DCI East")	C
9	Sun		No.
14	Fri	Syracuse, NY - "NYS American Legion"	P
15	Sat	Syracuse, NY - "NYS American Legion"	C
18	Tues	Buffalo, NY - "North Tonowanda Open"	C
22	Sat		
23	Sun	Watkins Glen - "Echoes In The Valley"	EX
29	Sat	Boston, Mass "World Open"	C
30	Sun	Ogdensburg, NY	C
AII	GUST		
4	Fri	"Tour Departure"	
5	Sat	Marion, Ohio - "U.S. Open"	C
6	Sun	Canton, Ohio	
7	Mon	Louisville, Ky.	
9	Wed	Alton, III. (St. Louis)	
10	Thurs	Dallas, Texas - OR - Salina, Kan.	C
11	Fri	Oklahoma City, Ok OR -	
12	Sat	Great Bend, Kan	C
12	Sal	Gleat Della, Nall	0

17	Thurs	Boulder, Colo "DCI Prelims"
18	Fri	Denver, Colo "DCI FINALS"
26	Sat	
27	Sun	
SEF	PT.	
2	Sat	Malden, Mass
NO	TE:	EX - Exhibition P - Parade C - Competition