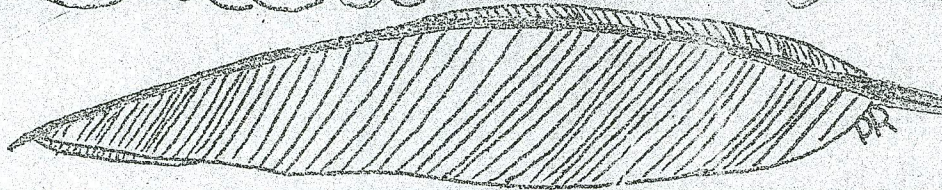


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## IF IT'S TUESDAY, THIS MUST BE OMAHA

July 12, 1974

The Royal Cavaliers Youth Band leaves Los Angeles and heads toward Cerritos, to do a half time show for the Cerritos 605 All-Star football game. During the trooping of the stands, after we performed our show, somebody from the stands threw a cherry bomb at the band and bruised Nancy Harris, one of our piccolo players. After the show the band was treated to McDonalds Big Macs, french fries and a coke. After our 11:00 P.M. dinner, band members went to brush their teeth at the stadium washroom as we prepared to board the buses and head toward Las Vegas, Nevada. We slept on the bus that night.

July 13, 1974

At approximately 3:30 A.M., we crossed the state line that divides California from Nevada. It would be the last time we would see the Golden State for over three weeks. We got to Las Vegas about 4:00, and we stayed until about 5:15, a little more than an hour. We then proceeded on to Cedar City, Utah. At Cedar City, where, incidentally, on Friday nights, the whole town comes out to watch the Sears truck unload, we were greeted by some of the faculty of the Southern Utah State College. We then proceeded to

rehearse most of the day, stoping only for lunch and "A" water break. We then enjoyed a fine gourmet dinner of hot dogs and beans. Then we went for an evening ride of about 200 miles to Salt Lake City, (The hot spot of the Western U.S.,) where we stayed in the dorms at Westminster College. We had been on tour now for 24 hours, having traveled 800 miles, rehearsing close to 6 hours and we all smelled like, well, like when Buddy Boule just steps out of the shower (Sorry, Bud, but I had to throw that one in) Anyways we jumped into the shower and then into bed (supposedly!).

July 14, 1974

We woke up and headed toward Cheyenne, Wyoming. On the way we stopped for lunch at Little America (and payed big prices). We stayed at a high school and in the evening we had a light music rehearsal outside the gymnasium and we didn't get to eat dinner until 11:00 P.M. that night, when John and several chaperones came back with the camper packed full of McDonald's hamburgers. Lucky they came back then, it was just starting to rain.

Monday July 15,

We left Cheyenne to go to Sioux City, Iowa. On the way we went through Nebraska, where we stopped at a small town for ice cream. The lady serving us kept pointing outside to the two-lane road and saying "Breat your eyes on or new super-highway!" We all looked at her like we were going to croak. but



she was serious. When we got to Sioux City, we ate at Shakey's Pizza Parlour, to the joy of Steve Pomerantz, and then walked back to our dorms where we found out that we would have a short rehearsal, y-s a marching rehearsal, at 10:30 P.M. Well you can imagine the outcome, when a loud, boisterous marching band comes into a small midwestern town and proceeds to play, full blast, at 10:30 in the evening. You see these people in Sioux City go to bed so early, their clocks don't even go up to 10:30 P.M. they start over again at 9:00 A.M. Well, after the town Sheriff, or was it a Marshall, anyways he looked lik the guy from the Dodge Commercials, well he came out see what was going on, and just finished running through town. He thought he was going to see Fred Brown! He didn't, but he told the band one thing. He said, "Put a Dodge in your garage, Honey!" By the way, this town also had a bunch of law-riders and they put on a little demolition derby for us on the vacant lot across the street.

#### Tuesday July 14

We arrived at Cold Springs, Minnesota, and had a moderate rehearsal on the Roccoori High School practice field. We had a short parade in the afternoon (where it drizzled) and then we put on our first field show on tour. We scored and 87 out of 105 points and won the show. While showering after the show, a member of our band accidentally walked into the wrong locker room, where the opposite sex was showering. This little mishap didn't go unnoticed though, because within exactly 3 seconds forty girls started screaming and didn't stop until we got to Bloomfield Hills, Michigan!!

#### Wednesday July 17

After staying overnight at the Roccoori high school gym we were invited to go to a nearby lake for the day.

#### Thursday July 18

We left Minnesota and went to Carpentersville, Illinois, to face Dundee in our first meeting ever. When we first arrived at our destination we had a slightly exhausting marching

rehearsal. Not only was the humidity above ninety, but so was the temperature! In fact it was so humid that Mike Acosta's clean and sparkling saxophone was starting to gurgle. After the rehearsal, we went into our respective bays, and peeled off our practice clothes and put on our uniforms. We then boarded the buses for the short drive over to the high school. You know, it's a funny thing but on the drive over to the stadium, it was just our luck that we passed a gigantic cemetery. In spite of this we got there and had a short music rehearsal and warm-up. We marched out to the field just in time to see Dundee perform "Amazing Grace." We took our position on the line and Greg gave a big "Eeeeee up!!!" whereupon the band responded "BAH!!!" Then we went out and performed our best show yet, but the judging was a f uke and they gave Dundee the victory 83 to our 83. In fact the judging was so bad that the judges were long gone before the scores were even announced to the audience. Anyways, this was the first field show our band had ever lost to anybody in two years of competition. We took the loss kind of hard, but "That's the breaks."

#### Friday July 19

We left for Cheasaning, Michigan. We ate lunch at Battle Creek, Michigan at our favorite place: Matt's.....! Cheasaning, as some members remembered from last year, was the place with the lousy water. We marched the show against Rock Falls, Bridgeport, Crown and Dakota High Schools, beating them all with our score of 80. The Band then walked independently over to the A&W Root Beer Stand, where in all my life I have never seen anyone drink as much as Greg "Blick McVicker". He must've downed 2 1/2 quarts of root beer at a single sitting (that's about 75-80 ounces of liquid!)

#### Saturday July 20

We arrived at Bridgport, Michigan, where we had a short but all important parade. We then checked into a school where all the other bands were also staying. We were assigned two classrooms for our boys, and two for our girls.



We then went to the practice field for a one hour rehearsal, had dinner, and then went to march the show. We scored a 78, and the Bridgeport, who was not in competition, scored an 82. They claimed they beat us, but that's "HOGWASH" because they weren't even in competition.

### Sunday July 21

An article appeared in the Bridgeport Times Newspaper: "Bridgeport Band outscores Van Nuys !!!".....  
..HOGWASH!!!! We left Bridgeport and arrived in beautiful Bloomfield Hills, where we ate lunch in the cafeteria, at West-Bloomfield High school. At was at this meal that the majority of the male band members went back for seconds, but didn't get, or for that matter, actually didn't want any more food. In fact, when one of the local school girls, who was serving food, dropped a tray, about fifty guys immediately reacted to the tragedy and all ran over offering their assistance. We then marched a very short parade of distance about two miles long. The parade was also very hilly, and very hot. In all of the 2-3 miles we marched we saw maybe half a dozen people watching. In the field show competition we scored 94.9 out of 105 and won the show.

### Monday July 22

We left Michigan and the United States and crossed the border into Canada. We had lunch in the town of London and proceeded to Burlington, about 60 miles south of Toronto. We competed in, and won, the Kinamen show, with a score of 90.8. This is one of the bigger shows on tour, one that carries a significant title. After the show, the bands were allowed to go swimming in an indoor Olympic sized pool. The pool had just been opened that week, and the high school its lf was full now also.

### Tuesday July 23

We were supposed to go to Fredonia, New York, but that show was cancelled because of a lack of a place for the bands to stay overnight. So we went through Niagara Falls and by-passed Fredonia and went on to Canton Ohio. We had lunch

in Erie, Pennsylvania at a New Place, "The Red Barn." When we arrived at Malone College, in Canton, we were given a free evening to do as we pleased. Some went to a movie, and some stayed at the dorm.

### Wednesday July 24

We went to Logansport Ohio for a show that was in a big red brick stadium. We scored a 92.8 and Rock Falls scored a 92.6, so we just barely beat them that night. We drove back to Canton for the night.

### Thursday July 25

In the morning those who wanted to go to the Professional Football Hall of Fame, went from about 9:00 to about 11:00. We had a show in the evening at Dover, Ohio. We scored 95.4, and Rock Falls scored a 94.8. After the show, we drove back to Canton and had Ice Cream and Eskimo Robbins 17 Flavors (in the Midwest Beskin-Robbins has only come up with 17 flavors). We then drove back to Malone College for the night.

### Friday July 26

We went to Akron for a show at the University of Akron Stadium which is right next to the Soap Box Derby grandstands, where they hold the annual Soap Box Derby. Well the Akron Stadium had astro-turf, and our band, having never marched on Astro turf, found it rather strange because everytime you would take a step the turf beneath you would crunch. The Stadium seated about 25,000 people and was built in 1940. Unfortunately the stadium was not sold out but we came close to it as 500 people pushed and shoved to get in and get good seats. We won with a 91.0 and Rock Falls scored and 87.4.

### Saturday July 27

The band went to march the Canton, Ohio, Hall of Fame Parade at which then-Vice President Ford was attending. The parade was approximately 3 1/2 to 4 miles long and about a mile walk to the buses afterward. We marched the entire distance, including to the buses,



Monday July 29

We left for Champaign, Illinois and when we got there they had a sack lunch waiting for us. You heard us, a sack lunch, the kind they give out on welfare. Well these were the leftovers. They consisted of: one freshly stale tuna fish sandwich, one wormy apple, and a carton of milk from the dairies of Wisconsin (200 miles away). Only one problem. The milk was so spoiled, it must've walked the entire distance. If you didn't walk milk they have lemonade, the kind they serve at schools. After lunch we found out they didn't arrange a place for us to sleep so we wound up staying at the Methodist Church downtown. In the late afternoon we marched a short half mile parade around the downtown area. We went back to the high school, ate dinner and then marched a 90.6.

Tuesday July 30

We left Champaign and arrived at Rock Falls, Illinois where we stayed at the Emergency Center. Those who wanted to went and did their laundry.

We drove over to Rock Falls's Stadium where they served us sloppy Joe sandwiches for dinner. On the way over there we saw a house with a little sign on their grass that said: "Lawn of the Month". We marched an 84. Rock Falls who was just in exhibition supposedly marched and 86. But we all know that their 86 doesn't beat our 84. This isn't going to be another Bridgport.

Wednesday July 31

We left Rock Falls and headed toward Omaha, Nebraska. On this day we crossed the Mississippi River again. When we got to Omaha we checked into Boys Town and stayed there. We went out to dinner at a very nice cafeteria right next to a shopping center.

Thursday August 1

We left Omaha to go to Cheyenne, Wyoming. We stayed at the same high

for about a five mile march. Last year when the band marched this parade many members complained that it was too long. But this year several others felt that it was a fun parade to march, even though it was extremely long. There were about a quarter of a million people that lined the streets. They stacked 5 or 6 people back at the thinnest portions of the parade. It sure was an experience having 250,000 people not to mention national T.V. watching us perform.

After the parade we packed up and left Canton to get to Lexington, Ohio, where we put on a field show at the local high school. This school was in a town that was so run down the football field didn't even have lights. Even Rock Falls has lights. It was so ridiculous, it was like Samson without hair, Lucille Ball without Desi Arna, Bud Boule without Sheri Davis, or Richard Nixon without his Sony (Tape Recorder). We performed the show in the early evening before it got dark. We then lost the show to Rock Falls who scored a 92. We scored a 91. One more note, the grass on the field hadn't been cut all summer so it was rather hard marching by all the cactus needles. After the show we went to bed down and the local Raquet Club. That's right, we actually slept right on the tennis courts.

Sunday July 28

With one week left on tour we left Lexington and travelled to Kokomo, Indiana. We stayed at a junior high school about two miles from the High school and stadium. This was where we marched our best show on tour because we were out for revenge, were there to kill. It was the first and only time on tour that we really wanted to beat another band. Sure we were fired up against Dundee, but not as much as Rock Falls on that night at Kokomo. We marched a 96.05 minus 3/10 of a point for overtime for a net score of 95.75. Rock Falls scored a 92. It was the 1st time we won all three categories. After the show the Kokomo band held a little party in their cafeteria and the Champaign High School Jazzy Band, who had been traveling the entire tour with us, played some songs. After a while Ron Combes filled in a few



school that we stayed at on the beginning of tour! After a dinner of hot dogs and beans, the band was free to go off on their own and most people walked down to the K-Mart.

### Friday August 2

We left Cheyenne and arrived at Salt Lake City, Utah. We checked into the same dormitories at Westminster College that we had stayed at three weeks earlier. We went out to dinner and had a choice of two places, Pizza Hut and Kentucky Fried Chicken. After dinner we walked back to the college and had an evening free.

### Saturday August 3

We left Salt Lake City, Utah, and arrived at Cedar City where we stayed at the Southern Utah State College. We had a rehearsal in the afternoon, preparing for the shows we never did when we got back to L.A. Afterwards we took showers in that Dumpy old room, and later gym, where we found dead and alive rats!

### Sunday August 4

Last Day of Tour: We left Cedar City to go home and stopped in Las Vegas where some people went out to breakfast and all the chaperones went on a gambling spree. We left Vegas and the drove straight to Barstow where we had our last meal: Lunch at McDonald's of course! When we arrived back in Van Nuys, it was approximately 4:30 P.M. And the Royals Junior Band was playing for us. Everybody made farewells, said goodbyes to the bus drivers, and gave their thanks to the chaperones; and that, was tour 1974.

Bruce Maxwell

### TOUR STATISTICS

No. of states: 15 and Canada (Ontario)  
Miles travelled: 6250  
Days: 23  
Shows/victories: 14/12  
parades/victories: 5/5  
members: 109  
chaperones: 12  
buses: 3 Greyhound Super 7 Scenic Cruisers

Average show scores: 81.875

Best show: Kokomo, Indiana (based on many opinions)

Worst show: Lexington, Ohio

Meals at McDonald's: 13

Saghetti Dinners: 5 (seemed like 500)

### A NOTE FROM YOUR WARDROBE LADY

By the time this comes to your attention you will have been issued your uniforms. You will notice that everything has your name on it even your belts. So now when you lay things down and they disappear into the air start looking for your uniform by name instead of number.

Some DONT'S to remember. Please do not wash your pants or tunics in the washing machine, unless you want to make a donation to a wiggy band. These are made of wool and should be dry cleaned. If your things donot fit you cometo the band house and exchange them don't throw them into the washing machine and try to shrink them to fit.

DON'T carry your hat box by ONE strap. They were designed to be carried by both straps. Your mothers worked many hours to get these for you so lets take care of them and make them last.

Some of the pants are getting torn in various ways indicating you are not as careful as you could be. So far I have six pairs of pants that have been torn. At \$20.00 a pair figure for yourselves what this is costing the band.

In each of your hat boxes you will find a piece of string in a plastic bag. This is wire salvage from the "Ugly black chairs." Use it to el an your hats before each performance.

I'm at your service at the band house Mon, Tues, and Wed evenings, so if you have any problems come on over and see me. If you cannot make it on those nights phone me and I will make an appointment with you for after school. Thank you for your cooperations during tour and let's have a profitable year to come.

Lisa Corn



## OPEN FORUM AND FULL SESSION

August 18th the band council sponsored an open forum so people could express their views without being afraid.

Six main topics were discussed and most of them concerned this year's tour.

Many people felt they weren't allowed enough food. But the real cost of tour was \$280.00, instead of the \$250.00 the parents approved. The chaperones got the best food they could with the amount of money available. At one point, it was some members were willing to pay the extra \$30.00 but many families can't afford the extra amount when more than one child is in the band.

Some of the judges had no more experience than a lot of our own members. Many of the hosting bands were unable to properly sponsor a show. The lodging wasn't set up in advance and they didn't follow through the guide lines that were set up concerning food or tour.

Many suggestions were made concerning next year's how:

- 1) Get one instructor to teach marching instead of having 2 or 3 instructors each teaching a different style.
- 2) Have a written set of instructions for everyone so members know what's going on.
- 3) Have the drill written to include all units, music and drill in the beginning instead of at the last minute.
- a) John pointed out that a drill can't be written until we know how many people we are going to have. He is thinking of making some type of a contract binding members from a certain date to make all rehearsals.
- 4) Have enough instructors so people are aware of their mistakes.
- 5) Shorten the show 30 seconds because we're always told to rush to avoid overtime penalties.
- 6) Make sure everyone can execute his or her part of the drill.

Recruiting has been and still is a big problem for Cavaliers. Try to build up the band at school but don't put down your school band at the same time. Be proud to be in Cavaliers. Let

prospective members sit in on rehearsals and attend performances. Go on a big tour every two years so money won't be a problem for members.

One of the main problems this year was the conduct and attitude of some of the people on tour.

A) Members should respect other who want to sleep or be left alone.

B) Give 100% at rehearsals and shows. Show everyone the "Cavalier Ride."

C) Have more than one instructor so they can live up to their responsibilities without becoming irritated and upset.

D) Some members feel chaperones should go along with band rules, for example smoking. The point was brought up that they aren't members of the band and certain rules don't apply.

E) Members don't get along with each other. There were constant fights and bitching among our own members and those of other bands. Now many members (good members) are threatening to quit because of what happened. What good will having do when the band depends on people like that for survival.

Certain rules of the band aren't being enforced. Because of this the rules should be enforced, rewritten, or taken out. Some people thought that rules #'s 2 and 13 should be enforced. Revised rule #6 should be taken out and revised rule #8 should be enforced along with bus rule #3.

The rules John feels should be taken seriously are:

Revised rules #'s 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14.

Revised rehearsal rules 1 and 6  
Bus rules nos. 6, and 7

All attendance rules.

If you missed the open forum you still have ways of letting your views be heard. One is the suggestion box on the wall of the rehearsal room and two is to talk to any band council member or instructor. The only way things can be changed or corrected is if you voice your opinion.

Sandy Barrett



## COUNCIL NEWS

Beside that cat that we did our final show of the tour in Rock Falls, Illinois we also held band council elections. For those of you who don't know the results of that election, here goes: Sandy Barzett, President; Andy Rehorn, vice-president; Gary Graham, Joe Pomarantz, Steve Pomarantz, Patty McKinly, and myself, Lerky Borzmann as Secretary.

Our first meeting was held on August 3rd, in Cedar City, Utah. Not too much was discussed since no one really knew what to say. So we adjourned and decided to have the next meeting on August 8th. At that meeting, the main topic of discussion was none other than this year's summer tour. We talked about everything from the way the shows were set up, to the lack of pride the members showed. With the time getting late we adjourned with the plan of having an open forum at the earliest spare moment.

On September 10th we held our 3rd meeting, and with tour in the past and trying to be forgotten everything discussed was for the future, such as: The setting up of committees for recruiting, for helping Mr. Mitchell with work that has to be done on the house and office, and for setting up a set of by-laws and operating procedures for the council. Some ideas for fund raising were brought up and also some ideas for next year's field show.

If anyone has any ideas, gripes, or questions please present them to a council member, or come to a meeting and present them to the full council yourself. You never know, some idea you have might be a good one, and anyway every little bit helps.

Lerky Borzmann

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### CHRISTMAS CARDS\* 1974

Orders are being taken again for personalized-imprint Texas Cards. All orders must be in by December 5 to assure delivery and the sooner the better.

If every family bought just two (2) orders, it would surely be a great help for "our band."

So Royals and Royal Jr. get busy, ring door-bells, contact aunts, uncles and friends now. Check for money should be turned in with order. Make checks out to Retan.

Contact either Sue or Mrs. Bogle-363-8832.

Please feel free to take a catalog or two from the band office, also order blanks. Let's make it a real success!

## NEWS FROM THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

While on tour I asked many cavaliers what they would like the Ways and Means Committee to do to make money for the coming year (if you have any ideas let the Ways and Means know about them). The only thing that everyone had in common is "just as long as I don't have to sell, go to, or be involved in, do anything you want."

Well all I have to say to this is "I can't march or play or enjoy being the one who performs to make the Cavaliers the #1 band. But in order for these things the Ways and Means has to figure ways to raise \$250.00 or more each month. In order to do this we have to have ALL your support, plus your HELP plus your FOLKS.

The ways and Means has come up with some ideas to make money, have fun and to help to get to know each other. Christmas cards are on sale at the band office or see Mr. or Mrs. Boule. Please help sell these now before other groups start selling theirs.

Saturday, Oct. 5th. "BUNCO". Donation is 1.00 per person. Time is 7:30 at the band office. In the 50-50 pot there is \$72.00 your family can win! Too bad Mike Drapkin didn't make it last time, his name was pulled!

Saturday Oct 26, Masquerade party, 7 to 10:30 at the Bower's. Address is 17828 Tulsa in Granada Hills. The donation is 5.00 per couple, 3.00 per single. Bring your friends and family. You must wear costumes. There will be prizes for the funniest, most beautiful, most ugly and original. Come for games, dancing, and fun.

Saturday, Nov. 2 "BUNCO."

Save rummage. We need your things. They must be at the house from Nov. 4th to the 13th. We will not accept anything



at that date. We have a lady who will sell these things for us and she will not except anything after the 15th. Be here on this next time. Any questions can be answered by Mrs. Sears or Mrs. Lower.

High Rollers, Wednesday Oct. 23, 6:30 - 9:45 for 3 shows.

We made almost three thousand dollars of these shows so far, so you can see it's a profitable money maker plus fun fun fun.

WAYS AND MEANS CHAIRWOMAN  
Mrs. Sears

### Notes From the Director's Desk

There will be another orientation meeting on Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 pm. in the hall.

### RECRUIT!!!

I still have not received more than a dozen returns for the crew sign-ups. If you have been meaning to turn yours in and keep forgetting, please turn it in NOW.

As incongruous as it sounds, I am contemplating folding a winner. The Royals Senior Band must grow and grow fast or it will be folded and the members absorbed by the other two bands. The Royals continue to maintain their outstanding winning record as they just collected another First Place trophy in Banning, BUT, the membership is too low to justify another band without growth.

HELP.....RECRUIT!

### A Note From the Editor

Well, now that tour's over I look back and it really doesn't seem that bad. After all, we won all but two shows this year. By other bands' standards that would be pretty good. But remember, we're the Royal Cavaliers, and but our standards that's pretty bad. True, in the first show against Dundee we really went out and did the best we possibly could. It just happened, luck was against us that night. In the show at Lexington luck was with

us. We were able to pull the position we were in (second to last), and we should have walked away with an easy win. Due to goofing off, and people just not caring, we went out and laid an egg, losing our second show of the year to Rock Falls.

Rule number one states: "All members shall conduct themselves as responsible young adults with price in their reputation."

I think 1974 was the year that we forgot rule #1. We didn't conduct ourselves as responsible adults and we didn't show price in our organization. I'm not going to go into this because I'm sure everyone who went on tour knows what I'm talking about.

We must try to regain our self-pride and try to build a winner for '75. We should be able to do this by remembering just one thing: Screw around after rehearsal, not during.

There are many places where we can use help from any members. We need people on all of the various crews. We have started a committee to help Mr. Mitchell with maintenance. And we have a committee for a membership drive. We also can use help from parents, even if they can only give a few hours a month.

I hope that everyone "bands" together this year and helps make the better for 1975.

Joe Pomerantz

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