

THE BLUE DEVILS

"Devil's Pride"

Booster Club

June 2006

"The Godfather – Part BLUE"

WE ARE OFF AND RUNNING: The first show of the season was Santa Clara Vanguard's "Pacific Procession" at Hayward, CA. The crowd did not seem as large as in previous years, but they were very enthusiastic and receptive to all the participating corps. We were extremely proud of our "C" Corps wowing the audience and taking second place to Fever. Heard several appreciative comments, especially when the horn line let loose. The drum line and the guard performances were very well done. (One member got hit with a contra, went down on the field and had to be carried off. After checking on this, we were happy to hear that Casey sustained a slight cut on the ankle and was sort of in shock at being hit – but, like a great trooper, he is ready for the next performances). It was a nice touch as the "C" Corps left the field; they lined up at the edge of the field and cheered on the "B" Corps' performance. We knew the "B" Corps was getting good from hearing them at practice, but they really sparkled that night and came away with a first place finish. We're glad the "B" Corps will be competing at DCI Finals.

The "A" Corps had just returned from a week of intense rehearsal at Summerville High School and there were quite a number of changes in the show from the last run-through at Mars. It is hard to explain just how great the Corps looked on the field. The sound was low, solid, bold and exciting. The Corps uniform is pretty much the same as before with a white stripe on each sleeve, a stripe across the front that meets a stripe on the leg. We weren't too sure about all this until we actually saw it on the field -- We personally approve 100%! We have not been able to see the Guard uniforms up close, but they look pretty good on the field and we understand the Guard members like them (and that's important). If we can get a good picture, we'll put it in the newsletter.

So how did we do for the first 3 shows

6-17-06 – Hayward, CA "Pacific Procession"

Blue Devils "A"	74.30	Blue Devils "B"	64.80	Fever	52.90
SCV	70.10	SCV Cadets	59.65	Blue Devils "C"	43.50
Mandarins	57.05				

6-18-06 – Modesto, CA "Kaleidoscope Klassic"

Blue Devils "A"	74.60	Blue Devils "B"	66.30	Fever	52.15
SCV	69.65	SCV Cadets	63.45	Blue Devils "C"	47.75
Mandarins	51.40				

6-20-06 – Bakerksfield, CA "Sounds of Summer"

Blue Devils "A"	76.10	Blue Devils "B"	63.70	Fever	48.55
SCV	72.40	SCV Cadets	63.65		
Pacific Crest	61.45				

The next time we will see the Corps will be on **Friday, June 30** at "Precision West" in Concord. Our "B" Corps parents and supporters will be manning the concession food booth with sodas, water and snacks as a fundraiser, so be sure to stop by – say HI and buy.

"Moonlight Classic" in Stockton on Saturday, July 1 will be the next show. Check out the enclosed map if you are planning to attend our pre-show BBQ. Simple, casual and just a time to get together – nothing fancy – just bring a sharing dish of some sort.

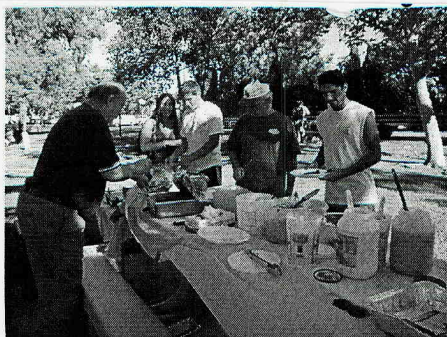
If you are in the area on the Fourth of July, our "C" Corps will be participating in the Pleasant Hill, CA parade (starting at 9:30 am) and the "B" Corps will be in the Concord parade (starting at 12:00 noon). What better way to spend the holiday.

2006 CORPS STATISTICS – AS OF RIGHT NOW – Subject to change at a moment's notice!

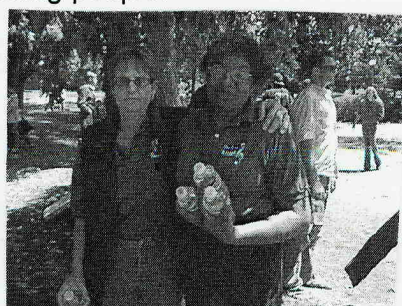
The make-up of the Corps is: Drum Majors: 2 (m) - Contras/Tubas: 10 (m) – Mellophones: 12 (10m/2f) – Euphoniums: 16 (15m/1f) – Sopranos/Trumpets: 24 (23m/1f) - Baritones: 9 (8m/1f) – Bass (5 (4m/1f) – Pit – 10 (7m/3f) – Snare: 8 (m) – Tenor/Quad: 4 (m) – Guard: 36 (18m/18f) TOTAL: 136 (We have 1 alternate at this time).

We'll get the total Age-Out count as soon as possible. We are still having some changes, etc. within the Corps. Right we now anticipate between 46 and 50, with many of these being multi-year age-outs!

CORPS BBQ: Your Booster Club was pleased that we were able to sponsor an all-you-can-eat steak BBQ for members of the Corps and staff. Due to time schedules, we have not been able to do this for the past couple of years. Mary Cloyd and Jim Serena worked very hard to make sure things happened as they were supposed to. The Corps members were very appreciative of the delicious spread provided and the chance to relax and have a great dinner at the park -- and they certainly let us know it. Thanks to K.C. Collmer, Yvonne Moss and Maureen Scherzberg for being such great help.

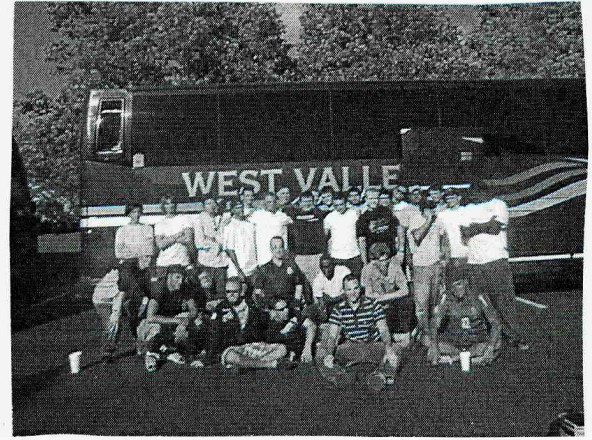


FAMILY DAY Sunday, June 11: Talk about a busy, busy day (but it always is)! The day started off with all the Corps having group and individual pictures taken by our favorite photographer from Jolesch/Champion Photo, Alan Parker and his crew. (Photos can be seen on-line – Jolesch.com) Thank you Charlotte Hollenbeck, Maureen Scherzberg, Norma Merrill and Yvonne Moss for being so good at this. After picture time we (and what felt like half of Concord) took off for the superb BBQ at the park. We cannot say thank you enough to the great job that Booster Club President Mary Cloyd did in getting everything organized and to everyone who pitched in and helped with the set up, cooking and cleaning up. And then - the highlight of the day! We went to the stadium for the performances of the Corps. The family of Micky Berkowski established an annual award for the member writing the best essay of what it meant to be a Blue Devil and how doing so affected their life. "C" Corps member, Ally Wood, won the award with an outstanding essay. (Micky was the son of former guard member, Joan Valenti, and was killed in Iraq.) In memory of Booster Club Treasurer, Bill Cecil, members of the family presented a scholarship award to "A" Corps member Lisa Lizanec. Although the day was pretty warm and the evening pretty cold, due to the efficient help with the pictures, the great BBQ and an especially well-run Family Night schedule, in our opinion, this had to be the best Family Day ever. We were extremely tired, but oh so proud of our young people.



FAREWELL TO 'MARS' & OFF TO SUMMERVILLE:

FYI: The last evening at "Mars" is always a mixture of emotions as almost every member winds up having a love/hate relationship with the field. What is fun is members of the previous Corps getting together for a "Hack Fest" performance of their previous show. No early rehearsal is allowed and, of course, they do a lot of improving with the show – to say the least! Summerville High School is located in the Gold Country of Northern California and is pretty much out in the "boonies." The Blue Devils used to have camps there quite often. Here are a few of the kids getting ready to board the bus. Our first bus ride as a Corps.



2006 MAIL STOPS and HOUSING INFORMATION: As mentioned earlier, we have had difficulties firming up some of the housing and have not been able to establish a complete listing of the various Post Offices where Corps members can receive all those letters and care packages that everyone will be mailing. The list(s) as we have them so far are on the Blue Devils web site. As locations are firming up, this information will be updated. Again, remember, all mail must be sent to **General Delivery via the U. S. Postal Service**; absolutely nothing should be sent via DHL, Fed-Ex, etc. as the item(s) will not be accepted. Information regarding the shows can also be accessed on the site now by going to the calendar on bluedevils.org. Even if you don't have anyone in the Corps, a letter or post card of encouragement sent to individual sections or the Corps is so welcome on tour.

JOANIE "MA" DOEBLER: We were sorry to hear of the passing of Joanie Doebler and send our deepest sympathy to her husband, Dale, and daughters, Lee and Beth. "Ma" Doebler was the Head Bus Mom for several years and publisher of the annual yearbook. Lee and Beth were members of the Blue Devil's Color Guard during the latter part of the 70s and the early part of the 80s.

TO REMEMBER: We would like to send our appreciation to our dear friend Thom Lamberston for sponsoring the postage for the June newsletter. This is done in honor and to remember his brother Bob. Bob was an avid music lover and drum corps fan who especially liked the Madison Scouts, Cavaliers and, of course, the Blue Devils. Bob was a very good friend and is missed greatly.

PLEASE NOTE THE MEETING DATE CHANGE:

NEXT BOOSTER CLUB MEETING - TUESDAY – June 27, 2006 – 7-9 p.m.
I-HOP RESTAURANT – Martinez, CA

2006 Booster Club Officers

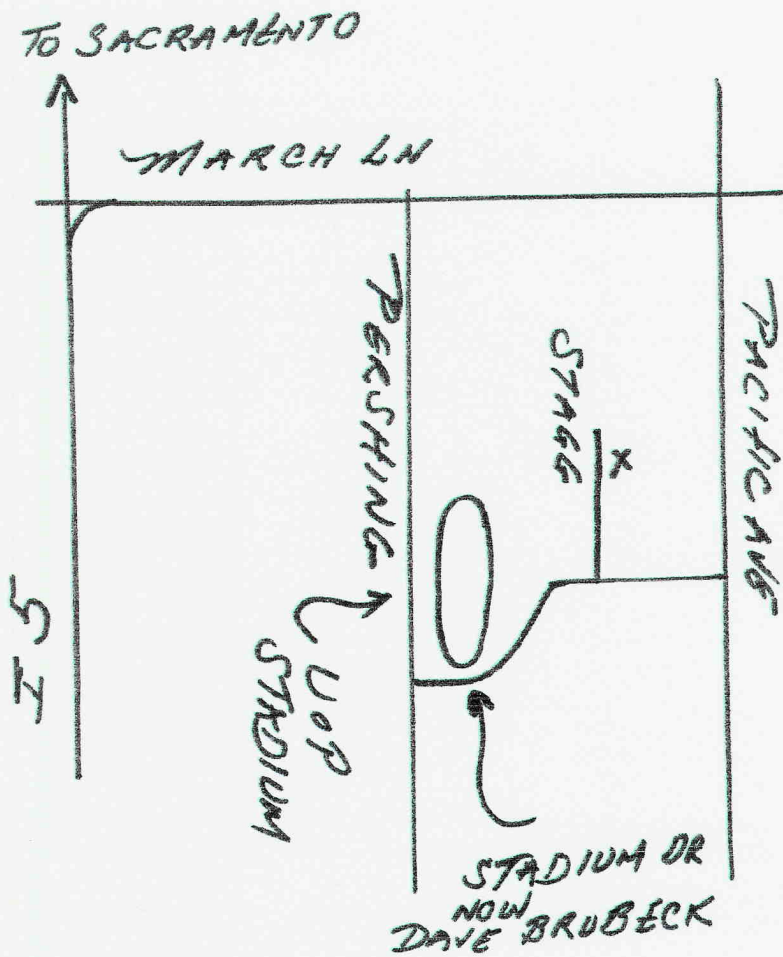
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Directions to the Stockton pre-show BBQ. Any questions, give Jim Serena a call - (925) 689-2641

Remember to bring a small sharing dish of some sort if possible.