

NORTHWEST C-21

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Portland, Oregon will host a full weekend of Corps Activity. Parade and preliminaries will be held Saturday, June 6 and finals on Sunday, June 7. This will be a two-state affair with Oregon and Washington battling for supremacy. Fifteen Junior and two Senior Corps are expected to enter field competition.

The Seattle Thunderbirds will host about 20 Junior and two Senior Corps at their standstill show April 18 at Seattle. The show will include individual, quartet, color guard and a standstill competition. This will be the first showing for the Washington Corps this year.

The subject of lowering the Senior Corps age from 21 to 19 was a hot issue at our last Washington State Drum Corps Association meeting. The Seniors were pleading for the life but were quickly denied by the negative attitude of the Junior Corps management. Many associations throughout the Country have accepted the lower age limit realizing that this may not be the absolute solution but could possibly sustain the life of the Seniors. The Seniors are not asking permission to draw from the Active Junior Corps ranks, but are interested in those who have left to enter the service and returned and

are no longer interested in playing with the Juniors. I guess it's the same old story of each group fighting for their own survival.

Bellingham, Washington has a new Junior Corps. They plan to enter competition by mid-summer. Mr. Sousa, founder and manager of the Seattle Blue Angels has relinquished his reign so he can spend more time with his business.

Seattle Thunderbirds will field a smaller horn line this year but those who have heard them say that they are real smooth. The Shamrocks held a surprise party for their manager, Albert Wittman, complete with stage show and the famous Beetels (Mimic).

Sincerely yours,

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