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Hello to all of you fanatics out there in drum-corps land! I am writing to you from the state of Oregon, which this column is all about. By the way, I am Barrett Tillman and I am with the Falcons Jr. Drum and Bugle Corps of Athena, Weston and Helix. (Ever heard of us?) You will be, and hope we are welcomed into the circle. The total population of these three towns in roughly 1800 people. And soon we will all be subscribers to this wonderful magazine of DCWorld. This is my second column for this magazine and already I have been welcomed by many of my fellow writers. Last month, Tim Grobert and Rick Nieman started their column which deals also with Washington.

There are eight junior corps in the State of Oregon. They are as follows: The Lancers from Portland, the Hawks from Portland, the Flamingos from Salem, The Mariners from Astoria, The Rangers from Pendleton, the Baker Scouts from Baker, The Mc Laren corps from Woodburn Boy's School, and the Falcons. There are two senior corps in the State, The Leathernecks from Portland and the Pendleton Sr. corps from Pendleton. There are few competitions around here, averaging about three or four a year. We all hope to see competitions become more common, because most corps directors and members feel that they would benefit from it. And knowing how much good this magazine has done for us getting started, we know our competition season will grow rapidly.

The people in general of this State are most responsive to Drum Corps. The only real trouble that I can think of would have been last year when the Rangers were first formed. Everyone was most co-operative towards this effort until a few band directors objected. (Due to lack of knowledge what a DRUM CORPS really is). This was most unfortunate, because they could add a lot to the basic composition of a new corps. There was quite a dispute in the newspapers over it, but today the Rangers are doing quite well. This can be attributed to one man Mr. Lee Allen of Pendleton. To me and to many people he is Mr. Drum Corps in our State. His son, Roger, is in-structing the Pendleton Senior Corp's drum line. Roger is a NARD and is fast becoming known as the lone ranger.

I would like to extend my warmest thanks to the members and directors of the Portland Lancers. The last time I was in Portland I went to one of their practices and theyreally made an effort to make us feel at home. You might remember Portland as the famous "BabyElephant Capital of the World."

The Eastern Oregon chapter of the Jr. All-American Drum and Bugle and Band Association will be forming soon. My Mother, Mrs. Jack Tillman, will be the temporarychairman until we can get go-

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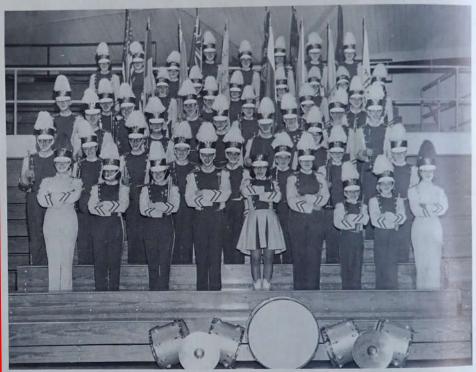
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THE MARAUERS - MADISON HEIGHTS, MICHIGAN.....

The history of the Corps has been so far relatively brief - but rather exciting. The organization was founded in the fall of 1959. A winter of hard work and desire saw the group emerge in 1960 as an eager but inexperienced competing corps.

Indiana, Ohio, Minesota, Ontario, and all over the State of Michigan have been

ing on our own. If anyone is interested, please write me for information.

Well. I guess that wraps up my first column. Until then, take care and I'll see you next month. I'd like to hear from any drum corps fan. Write to.....

Barrett Tillman Box 135 Athena Oregon 97813 the scenes of the Marauders parades, exhibitions, and competitions. They are anxious to please you, and consequently their show and music have been written for your enjoyment.

The corps is dressed in beautiful blue and white cadet style uniforms, which just recently became all theirs. Precision marching and playing are two of the things the Marauders are noted for. This in addition to their reputation of being an extremely well-mannered group makes them welcome wherever they appear.

