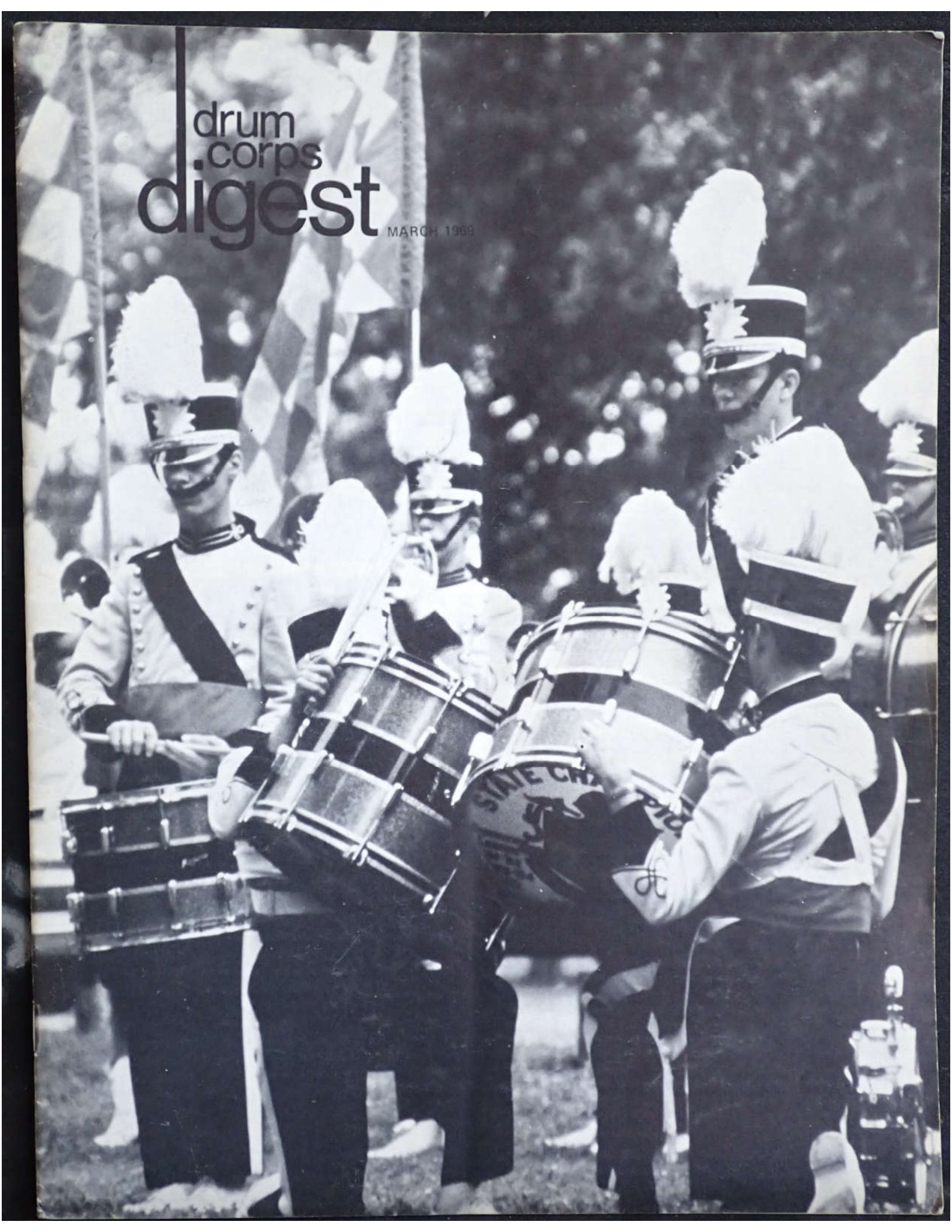


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What has to be the roughest penalty handed out by the Northwest Drum Corps Association to date was leveled at the Imperials Drum and Bugle Corps of Seattle, the whole situation was caused by illegal recruiting of persons from association corps. This drew an irrevocable suspension of two years from all competition in the association and also penalized all corps personnel for two years. This means that none of them will be able to transfer to another corps during the two year period. The Imperials had written a letter of resignation prior to the week-end meetings but the association was in the process of handing down a penalty suggested by the executive board.

It is too bad this had to happen because the Imperials were on the rise and could have been the top corps in the northwest this year. Of course they would have to defeat the Shamrocks and Royal Lancers, which would have been a monumental task this year. Both of these highly successful corps are sounding exceptionally good for this time of year. This will relegate the Imperials to a parade corps in the northwest, only the V.F.W. and American Legion State contests will be available for them to compete in. Of course they may choose to travel to the south through the State of California which is their prerogative.

With the Imperials out of the association and the Thunderbirds having a rebuilding year, that will leave us with possibly three corps battling for the Northwest title; The Shamrocks, Royal Lancers and the Sentinels. Although the Thunderbirds are still an "A" corps they aren't figured to be a threat to the others because of the loss of so many of their older members. There are rumors that the Thunderbirds were going to disband, but they were strictly rumors. At the present time they are working on a big recruiting program to bring in new members. Most of us were delighted to hear that they plan to rebuild. Good luck T-Birds.

This month I would like to introduce the Pendleton Rangers Drum and Bugle Corps of Umatilla County, Oregon. The



Rangers I believe are the smallest corps in the Association, but what they lack in size they excel in spirit. This fine corps was organized in November 1963 under the direction of the late Mr. Lee Allen and Mr. Ted White and other interested citizens of Pendleton.

During September, the corps has a four day performance at the world famous Pendleton Round Up. They open the rodeo all four days, and the last two days do shows on main street during dinner hour.

This year the corps plans on attending most of the major Northwest competitions. They have some very talented playing members along with a good color guard. Their rifle quartet has been Oregon State Champions for two years running, Cinda Heckeroth, rifle soloist has also been Oregon State champion in her division for two years.

Director of the Corps is Mr. Ted

White, color guard instructor is Dave Heckeroth. Their Drum major is Jay Seale, color guard commander is Sandy Perryman. The corps is governed by a seven man board of governors and they have a corps council consisting of all squad leaders, the Drum Major, and Color Guard Commander to act as an intercedent between the board and the members.

The Rangers are one of the few corps in the association that has its own corps paper "The Corps Council Blast". Miss Tedde White is editor of this fine paper and also publicity manager of the corps.

I would like to congratulate Miss White on being elected to the position of National Junior Vice-Commander for the Pacific Division of the All-American Assoc.

Keep those cards and letters coming, without them no one knows you even exist.