

Chapter 10 by Steve Vickers

Over the past six decades or so, there have been many different newspapers and magazines devoted to the subject of drum and bugle corps. Some have been very professionally designed and some have been the hobby of a small group of individuals or representative, of a circuit or association.

What follows is a review of the majority of the periodicals that have existed since the late 1940s. All of the illustrations and information have been gathered from the archives of Sights & Sounds, Inc., publishers of *Drum* Corps World since 1974, located in Madison, WI.

Since this collection was assembled, it has been used for research by corps planning reunions, individuals compiling the history of the corps they marched with and, of course, research for the production of "A History of Drum & Bugle Corps,' volumes 1 and 2.



- Badgerland Corps News ■ Pageantry Life
- **Corps Life**

Published monthly in Milwaukee, WI, by



Association, Inc. between 1958-1962 as a 6 3/4" x 9 1/4" magazine, the publisher was Arnold C. Lauer. In 1963, the format was changed to an 8 1/2" x 11" magazine and the name was

CORPS



ends in December 1963, it is quite possible that the association continued producing the magazine for at least another 10 years since the circuit was quite active into the early 1970s.

■ British Drum Corps News ■ Marching Band and Drum Corps Quarterly Review

Published quarterly in Wickford, Essex, U.K. by Stephen Johnson as an independent magazine for members of the British Youth



EAGLES FLY HIGH N EUROPEAN



"The Big One"

Featured in this issue...

Cadet Corner
The Season So Far
European News
Membership News
DCUK Corps in Holla
Corps Profile

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Band Association, Drum Corps United Kingdom and the Traditional Youth Marching Band Association, only a few issues were produced in the 8 1/4" x 11 1/2" format during 1992. It later changed to *Marching* Band and Drum Corps Quarterly Review and was produceď as a 5 3/4" x 8 1/4"

magazine until 2001. Johnson was an independent promoter of shows, and in the early years of DCUK he ran an event called the "British Marching Band Championships," held at Wembley Arena from

changed to **Pageantry** Life. Later that same year it was retitled Corps Life.

While the collection

about 1978 until the late 1980s. The event featured a wide variety of marching groups, including drum and bugle corps, traditional marching bands, brass bands, drum and trumpet corps, drum and bell corps and valveless bugle bands.

■ The Bugle and Drum Corps Times

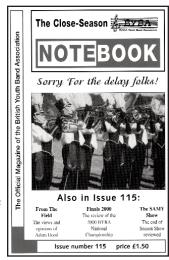
Published in Philadelphia, PA, this 8 1/2" x 11" magazine came out from January 1947 until at least October 1949 when the Sights &



Sounds, Inc. collection stops. The editor and publisher was John Dowlan.

■ BYBA Notebook

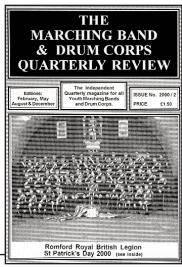
Published quarterly in the United Kingdom by the British Youth Band Association since 1973, it was first

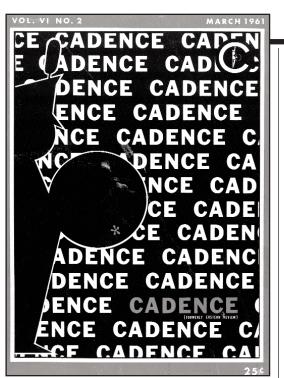


an 8 1/4" x 11 1/2" newsletter and then a 5 3/4" x 8 1/4" magazine.

■ Cadence

Published monthly in Forest Hills, NY, beginning in 1961 by Drum Corps Associates, Inc. (not the circuit) in an 8 1/2" x 11" magazine format, it was affiliated with *Eastern* Review (see description later in this chapter) that had been started in 1955.





The managing editor was Carman Cluna, a well-known New York drill designer and a writer for *Drum Corps World* during the 1980s and 1990s.

Some of the prominent writers included Daniel Feldstein, Bob BellaRosa, Frank Pamper, Truman Crawford and Harvey Berish.



DCI MANAGEMENT SEMINAR A HUGE SUCCESS

The first-annual DCI Management Saminer hald at Chicago's Hyett Regency O'Hare Hotel, Movember 15-17; was an unqualified success. Over 500, down corps menagers, staff members, comest and association disacrose were is attendance. Chestman John Taipo put together one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken by DCI and it may wall prove to be one of the most amportant.

Six major seminar sections, were held concurrently during, the three-day meeting. They were divided into Drum Corps Management - Structure, Dram Corps Management - Policy, Quartermesters and Equipment, Boster Cub - Fund Rissing, Drum Corps Association Administration, and Judges Association Administration. These is turn were broken down into four modules each covering many different fields of interest. The four topics under Drum Corps Management - Structure will give you schedides of the various modules are the Legal Responsibilities of Drum Corps, "Publicity, Promotion and Public Relations," "Drum Corps on the Rosaf" and "Internal Besiness Administration." The Quartermester sociolo see veguipment includes from the Medical Size of Medical Size of Cavallers and Phanton Regiment period in the hotality pricting for it was a way successful first evers with giber absect inderevery for hotaling store registerial management seminars in 1975, if you want more information raid your division drum corps publication or ask a corps staff member or neareger who attended.

In 1996, Sights & Sounds, Inc. began producing *DCI Today* and the schedule was reduced to three times per year. The format was also changed to an 8 1/2" x 11" magazine printed on newsprint with a color cover.

A four-color, 8 1/2" x 11" magazine began being published by DCI in 1998 and the three-times-per-year schedule continues in 2003.

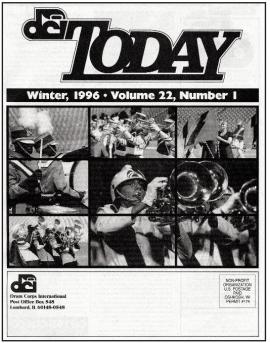
DCI Today has always been aimed at fans of the junior corps activity and provides feature articles and advertising related to contests and clinics run by DCI.

■ Drum Corps 5 - 6 - 7

Published in Malden, MA, by Tom Healey as an 8 1/2" x 11" newsletter, it was started in January 1993 and originally produced monthly. Subsequently, it was changed to six times per year, then quarterly in 2003.

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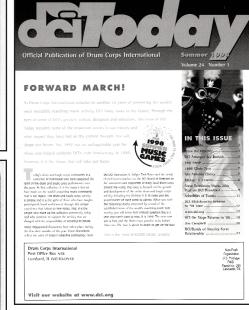


primarily in the eastern United States. Healey marched in St. Mary's of Charlestown, MA, and many of his

contemporaries from other Boston-area corps contribute to the publication.

He started the Massachusetts Drum Corps Hall of Fame that annually inducts worthly individuals and organizations in a variety of categories at a banquet attended by more than 500 people each spring.

Out of the newsletter and banquet project has come a performing group called the Legends of Drum Corps that also appears at the banquet and other standstills, as well as like halls of fame in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

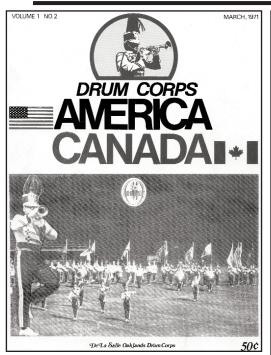


■ Contest Guild ■ DCI Today

Published by Drum Corps International beginning in 1974, it started as a 7" x 8 1/2" newsletter called *Contest Guild,* produced quarterly, that changed to a tabloid newspaper (11 1/2" x 15"), printed six times per year, in 1977.

The name was changed to *DCI Today* in 1978 and it continued to be produced as a tabloid newspaper six times per year through the end of 1995.





■ Drum Corps America ■ Marching Musician

Published monthly in Racine, WI, by Drum Corps America Enterprises, Inc. beginning in April 1971, *Drum Corps America* existed until April 1976 when it was moved to Ridgeway, PA, and the name was changed to *The Marching Musician*.

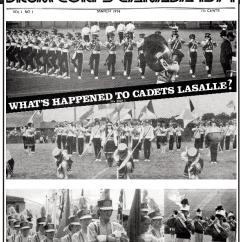
The publisher of *Drum Corps America* was Edward Porcaro, who was director of the Racine Kilties at the time.

Porcaro moved the publication to Pennsylvania after he left the Kilties and converted it into a magazine that catered to not only drum and bugle corps, but also marching bands. The first issue of *The Marching Musician* was dated May 1976.

The publisher was Command Performance, Inc. and former *Drum Corps News* editor Dick Blake was named the advertising and creative director. It ceased publishing in 1977 after only eight issues.



DRUM CORPS CANADA 1974 |



■ Drum Corps Canada

Published in Rexdale, ONT, by Drum Corps Canada Enterprises as a monthly 8 1/2" x 11" magazine, only a few issues were printed in 1974 before the publication ended later the same year.

The managing editor was David Burleigh, and Don Daber was the art director.

■ Drum Corps Digest

Published in Glenview, IL, by the Drum Corps Digest Association, this monthly 8 1/2" x 11" magazine began in January 1965 and existed until 1973.

Larry Grabowski was editor-in-chief and the managing editor was Clarice Rutter. She used to travel all over the country attending shows and being introduced as representing the publication.

Early in the magazine's existence, Canadian David Ross-

Robertson was brought onto the staff to do layout for the publication. *Drum Corps Digest* was one of the most exciting and well-designed periodicals in the history of the drum and bugle corps activity, using white space, reverses (black type on a black background), unusual page designs and a variety of large headline typefaces to call attention to features.

Rutter became the owner of the publication shortly after it started and ran it until her health began to decline in 1971. She sold it to Gary Lee in 1972 and it was moved to Cincinnati, OH.

Unfortunately, only a handful of issues

were produced after the change in ownership. The final issue was produced in the summer of 1973

Several significant contributions to the drum and bugle corps activity were made by *Drum Corps Digest*. One was sponsorship of two winter concerts, called "Fantasy in Brass," held at the Chicago Civic Opera

House in 1967 and 1968. At the 1968 event, the Velvet Knights from California were one of the headliners and they featured a set of Olds brand bugles which were not available to the general drum corps activity prior to that time, designed by



DRUM CORPS DIGEST

A Publication With Imagination

Volume 1 — Number 1 January, 1965

Other corps in attendance were the Maple City Cadets. Vacationland Sweethearts, Kenosha Queensmen, First Federal Blue Stars, Des Plaines Vanguard, St. Andrew's Hornets, Imperials of St. Patrick, Nisei **Ambassadors** and the Chicago Cavaliers.

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Kanstul.

The other innovation was the first Drum Corps Hall of Fame started at

the same time as the publication in 1965.

The Cavalier Story • Drum Corps Hall of Fame • U.D.C. Report

■ Drum Corps Europe

Published in Chelmsford, Essex, U.K. by Drum Corps Developments, this monthly 8 1/4" x 11 1/2" magazine was produced from May 1979 until the fall of 1981.

■ Drum Corps Herald

Published in Beacon, NY, by Harry W. Phillips, the 11 1/4" x 16" tabloid newspaper was established in 1940 and produced monthly until 1953.



BEACON, N. Y., SEPTEMBER 1948

Osmond Cadets of Philadelphia Take Junior Honors at St. Loui OST 226 OF BAYONNE, N. J. 1947 WINNERS TAK SECOND PLACE IN THE JUNIOR CONTEST

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California Corps
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It was the official publication of the Hudson Valley Drum Corps Association, the Mohawk Valley Junior Drum Corps Association, the State of New York All-American Contest Judges and the Upstate New York Senior American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps Association.

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ST. VINNIE'S WINS AT NEWARK

that was produced

continuously until

years off, then

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started up again in

1988 and ran into

In August 1994,

BellaRosa restarted

as a small 8 1/2" x

11" newsletter and

publishing monthly

has been

ever since.

the early 1990s.



Published in Brooklyn, NY, by Bob BellaRosa, Eastern Review began in March 1955 as a 7" x 10' newsletter

photographs and a wealth of other activity memorabilia.

Among his extensive collections are recordings of junior and senior corps beginning in the late 1940s and running through the 1950s.

It isn't unusual for BellaRosa to make an appearance at a Great Alliance of Seniors reunion wearing the uniform of some famous corps from 50 years ago. He's a true drum corps legend.

A number of vintage photographs in this book were provided from his extensive collection.



drum corps



Published in 1967 by this Niles, IL, organization, it appears there may have only been one issue actually produced. The 8 1/2" x 11" magazine was announced as a monthly, but Sights & Sounds, Inc. has only one copy in its collection. This company has no connection to the DCI non-profit



the publication started because there is no volume number on the single issue in the Sights & Sounds, Inc. collection pictured below.

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■ Drum Corps Ledger

This monthly 8 1/2" x 11" magazine was published from 1961 until 1964 in Paterson, NJ. The editor was Ron Clark and photography was provided by

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Brooklyn is an old American Legion post and is a veritable drum and bugle corps museum, full of trophies, uniforms, instruments, recordings,

organization that was established in October 1971.

The major part of the first issue's editorial space was taken up with coverage of House Resolution 985, submitted on August 24, 1966, by Illinois

Representative Roman Pucinski. recognizing the drum and bugle corps activity as

excellent entertainment and a place for boys and girls to serve as ambassadors of good will for travel to foreign countries, paid for by the Department of State.

■ Drum Corps Journal

Published in Fenton, MI, it

■ Drum Corps News

Ron Da Silva.

Published in Lynn, MA, by Raymond Samora originally, and several subsequent owners, this is the second-longest-running drum corps publication (next to the Madison,





WI-based *Drum Corps* World) in history. existing from 1961 until 1985.

Vol. 1 No. 1

The 11" x 17" tabloid newspaper sponsored the World Open Drum & Bugle Corps Championships from the early 1960s into the mid-1970s and was also associated with Fleetwood Records, producers of almost 400 long-playing record albums between 1958 and 1975.

■ Drum Corps on the Marche

Published in Ottawa, ONT, from February 1970 until January 1973, this 11 1/2" x 16 1/2" tabloid newspaper primarily covered drum and bugle corps news and events in Canada, but also had news from the United

Editor Claude Brisebois presented some of the content in French.

■ Drum Corps Quarterly

Published in Basildon. Essex, U.K., this 8 1/2" x 12" magazine was produced for only a short time in 1984 and 1985 by Steve Hars. It presented information on Drum Corps United Kingdom.

Drumfest To Open N. E. Season



Blessed Sacrament Juniors

Win Reilly Individuals

PHILADELPHIA, March 25 - Blessed Sacra

Sorps program receives its 1961 premiere showi Suturday night, April 15, when the Lt. Norman Prin Sr. Drum and Bugle Corps of Boston presents i Sr. Drum and Bugle Corps of Boston present fifth annual DRUMFEST tournament at the Be

compete in this indoor classic that will se forerunner to the first six-month field o season ever attempted in Bay State corp



■ Drum Corps World ■ Midwest Corps News

Highlights

Of The Week

Published in Chicago, IL, and produced from January 1950 until July 1966, it started



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Editorial

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Editor's Note

Green Lancers

victorious at Fartown

out being called *Midwest Corps News*. The original editor was Larry Grabowski who was

a founder of Drum Corps Digest 16 years later. It started out as an 11" x 17" tabloid newspaper, but changed to an 8 1/2" x 11" magazine format in May 1951.

The name changed to *Drum Corps* World in January 1955. Throughout the rest of the 1950s and into the early 1960s, the Tarsitano and Harman families owned the magazine.

In the early 1960s, ownership changed to Joseph Kalady. He ran the business out of the back of his mother's beauty shop in Chicago and in early 1965 purchased his own printing press and added color covers. The Racine Scouts' brand-new red, white and blue uniforms were debuted on the first color cover in August 1964.

The publication had the contract to record the 1965 VFW Nationals to be held at Soldier Field, but a torrential rainstorm forced the show to be







BRASS REVIEW

moved indoors to McCormick Place, the city's huge convention center on the shores of Lake Michigan.

Drum Corps World also instituted a new winter concert in 1965 at the Civic Opera House. The Hawthorne Caballeros, Toronto Optimists and St. Kevin's Emerald Knights traveled to Chicago to participate and a double set of record albums





SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH COLOR GUARD 1954 MASSACHUSETTS STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONS was produced on the publication's label.

The following year, another concert was held that featured the New York Skyliners and the Sarnia Sertomanaires from Canada. A two-volume set of albums was also produced of the 1966 Midwest Dream show.

In June 1966, the final issue was printed.

■ Drum Corps World

Published originally in Denver, CO, the tabloid newspaper was originally intended to

1972 and the "Western Preview" two-album set at the beginning of 1973.

In late 1972, Blake was replaced as editor

by Jack Russalisi. He ran the newspaper from Casper, WY, while business manager Jackie Price operated the business in Denver.

Publisher Whiteley replaced Russalisi in June 1973 with Steve financial difficulties and the printer, Dick Wentland, director of the Blue Knights, took over. There was a short period in the spring



PRE-RELEASE EDITION

DRUM CORPS WORLD

SPECIAL PRE-RELEASE EDITION

DCW Starts December 8

Denver, Colorado, October 14. The rebirth of a drund corps tradition comes in the form of this very species per release issue of Drum Corps World. On December 8, 1971 the first issues will mark the beginning of a new era in drum corps journalism. These pages will bring forth fast factual reporting by the most talented pros in the field today.

This paper is pledged to it factual reporting of events and shoot drum corps. The e-torial segments will be design to enlarge the scope of dru corps: thinking and in doing z to offer constructive ideas it will benefit all. A part of o masthead reads, In service drum corps and that's just when the service drum corps are serviced to the service drum corps and that's just when the service drum corps are serviced to the service drum corps.

will produce a series of the finecorps recordings available today. Drum Corps World begins i December and will offer dru corps and drum corps follower the A to Z or everything the could possibly want. The editorial on page 2 list

The selitoral on pure 2 links V.F.W. CHAMPIONS. The great Stants of an east, in service to just a free of the writers that will be found on these pages in the Whole Composition of the new Drum Corps International organization. It was founded by Trooper founder/director Jim Jones and Don

the ABC affiliate in Denver.

The first issue was distributed at the October 1971 American Legion Uniformed Groups Congress in Indianapolis, IN, where directors of the Combine and United Organization of Junior Corps announced the formation of DCI. The first official issue was produced two months later, in December 1971.

Whiteley, public relations director at KBTV,

Jones and Whiteley hired Richard Blake to

run the publication. He had been editor of Drum Corps News in Lynn, MA, for the previous 10 years and was also the recording engineer for Fleetwood Records throughout the 1960s and early 1970s.

A new recording company, db Records, was established and had the contract to record the first season of DCI in Vickers, who had been writing for the newspaper since the beginning. He moved to Denver from Hutchinson, KS, and began work on the third summer issue.

Shortly after Vickers was hired, the publication had some serious

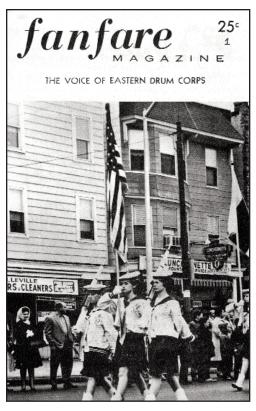
Crum Corosta World Volume II-Number 22 October 12, 1973

of 1974 when no issues were produced.

In May, Vickers purchased the business and continues in 2003 after more than three decades. *Drum Corps World* has existed longer than any other drum and bugle corps publication -- for 32 years.

It has been published as both a magazine and a tabloid newspaper over the years. Upon assuming ownership on July 1, 1974, Vickers produced it as a magazine until January 1977

when the present format was adopted.



■ Fanfare

Published from 1965 until 1975 by Fred Thiedeitz in Carlstadt, NJ, it was a 5 1/2" x 8 1/2" magazine produced on a typewriter that covered primarily corps in the mid-Atlantic area from Washington, D.C., north to Connecticut. It was produced semi-monthly.

Thiedeitz's son Karl marched in the Garfield Cadets and was a photographer for Drum Corps World in Madison, WI, during the mid-1970s. VOL. I NO. I FALL, 1996

■ Marching Bands and Corps

This monthly magazine was published in Florida and was produced for part of one year, but I could find no copies in the Sights & Sounds, Inc. collection.

It covered both youth marching music activities with news, features and color photography. The time period it came out was approximately in the mid-1980s.

■ Masters of the **Marching Arts**

Published in Northbridge, MA, this quarterly 8 1/2" x 11" magazine is owned by Rick Connor. It was started in



the fall of 1966 and is still published in 2003.

It features articles by informed and intelligent individuals from across a wide spectrum of involvement and experience. There is current news and photography, as well as interesting historical material, plus some humerous columns.

■ Off the Line

Published in Rochester, NY, this monthly 7" x 8 1/2" magazine started in 1958 and ran for roughly four years. The Sights & Sounds, Inc. collection does not contain a complete set, so it is unknown when the publication ceased to exist.

The publisher was Mrs. Frank Schockow and her husband, Frank, was the editor. It was produced on a typewriter and run off on a mimeograph machine with an orange paper cover.

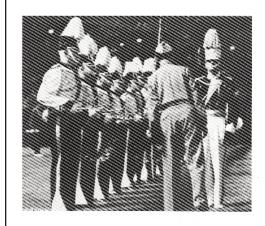
Its scope included scores and reports from the western

United States, as well as the Canadian and Eastern Seaboard activities.

■ On Parade

The All-American Drum and Bugle Corps and Band Association had a long history of involvement in the activity, beginning in the 1940s. This publication, produced by the national headquarters in Chicago, began around the time World War II was ending.

MASTERS of the MARCHING ARTS



AL SAIA INDUCTED INTO WORLD DRUM CORPS HALL OF FAME!!!



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Originally a monthly, oversize 9 1/2" x 12" newsletter started in 1945, it was changed to a semi-monthly 8 1/2" x 11" magazine in 1966 with a four-color cover.

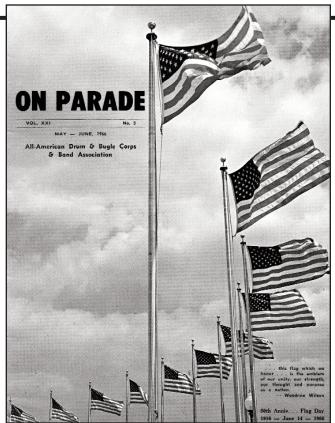
It did not cover shows as such, but did contain detailed information on the various chapters of the association located all over the United States. The organization had its own judges and news about that segment of the All-American was also included.

While the All-American still exists, the Sights & Sounds, Inc. collection ends in the late 1970s.

■ On the Starting Line

Only one issue of this Ohio-based publication was produced in August 1992. It was an impressive four-color, 8 1/2" x 11" magazine containing feature articles and news. The individuals who were responsible had been associated with the Canton Bluecoats and they distributed several thousand copies at the 20th anniversary Drum Corps International Championships in Madison, WI.

Unfortunately, the magazine apparently did not get sufficient support from drum corps fans or advertisers and a second issue was never produced.



■ World of Pageantry

Published in Anaheim, CA, by Harvey Berish, this regional 8 1/2" x 11" monthly magazine is distributed among drum corps and marching band students on the West Coast and in Hawaii.

Berish, who moved to California in the early 1970s, was director of the New York City Knickerbockers Drum & Bugle Corps and wrote for *Drum Corps News* for many years throughout the 1960s and into the early 1970s.

In addition to the magazine, Berish runs a major band competition in Hawaii each year and also produces extra copies of his publication for distribution to students in the participating marching bands at the Tournament of Roses Parade and Band Contest in Pasadena, CA, on New Year's Day each year.

Over nearly all of the drum and bugle corps activity's eight-decade history, there have been a variety of newsletters, newspapers and magazines published for members, fans, alumni, judges and parents. Literally hundreds of thousands of pages of features, interviews, news, advertising, photgraphy, cartoons, editorials and many other forms of expression have been printed.

Drum Corps World alone, in the last 32 years, has offered somewhere between 12,000 and 13,000 tabloid pages of material, supported by manufacturers, service providers, show sponsors and drum and bugle corps with advertising, and people who have a passion for drum corps as subscribers. The other publications outlined in this chapter have had similar experiences.

Every one of them had pride in having been involved in this youth movement and able to extend their involvement beyond just being paying spectators.

The owners of all of these periodicals have "put their money where their mouth is" and produced this form of communication for you, often with significant time and financial sacrifices, and with little reward beyond the satisfaction of sharing newsworthy and interesting details of this great activity.

Now with the rapidly expanding possibilities of computers and the Internet, there is a great deal of information available instantiously. Hopefully the future will have room for both the printed page as well as the electronic images of a computer screen as the drum and bugle corps activity moves further into the 21st century.

For a photo and bio of Steve Vickers, turn to page 359.



THE SUMMER OF 1998 – CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES & PHOTOS CADETS OF BERGEN COUNTY N.J. TAKE 7TH DCI TITLE! EDMONTON CRUSADERS '98 SUMMER BAND CHAMPIONS! < NEWS@WORLDOFPAGEANTRY.COM > (A NEW FEATURE!) COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING FALL EVENTS!







