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Bloomquist: He'll miss the band

Bloomquist to head Music Department

"Why have you done this?" the caller asked.

"I don't know . . . I don't know," responded Ken Bloomquist with a weary smile in his voice. "It was a vote of confidence from the faculty for which I am grateful."

What he had done was step down as director of bands — especially the Spartan Marching Band — to become chairman of the Music Department.

So this fall, for the first time since 1970, Ken Bloomquist will be sitting in the stands like the rest of us when the Spartan Marching Band, 250 strong, bursts through the tunnel at the north end of Spartan Stadium doing that famous 250-beat quick step.

"I'll miss it terribly," admits Bloomquist. "But I intend to stay very much involved in a supporting role."

Bloomquist's appointment is effective as of July 1 when he will succeed James Niblock as the chairman. Niblock plans to return to teaching full time. Meanwhile, Bloomquist is interviewing candidates to replace himself.

"Maybe," he said somewhat wistfully, "the new director of bands will allow me to conduct a march once in a while." ■

Students ticked-off over parking tickets

You might say that students are up to their axles in parking tickets. Last year the Department of Public Safety ticketed more than 100,000 cars for campus parking code violations. Last month, forty to fifty cars daily were not only ticketed but towed from their unauthorized parking spots.

Many of the ticket victims are students who protest that too few parking spaces on campus are allocated to students — and some students protest too much. Says DPS Officer Ferman Badgley, "Sometimes parking personnel have to call on the radio for someone to bail them out of trouble. Students have been known to throw rocks, bottles and cuss at them from dormitory windows." The biggest problem area, says Badgley, is "everywhere between Harrison and Hagadorn, and Grand River and Service Road."

Proceeds from three-quarters of the tickets issued (approximately \$102,000 from September 1977 to March 1978) go into the university improvement fund used to upgrade campus streets, sidewalks, parking lots and lighting. That money has only gone into university coffers since September when the DPS Parking Violations Bureau was expanded. Prior to that time, fines were processed by the City of East Lansing. "MSU for years was one of the few operations that wrote tickets only to control traffic and not make money," comments East Lansing City Treasurer Frank E. Warden.

Fines from breaches of the student parking code (approximately \$123,000 last year) go into the university law enforcement fund which is used to finance 90-day

— Cartoon by Phil Frank, '65, M.A., '70



interest free loans for students. Explains Assistant Director of Financial Aid Tom Scarlet, "The loan is quite useful for students in emergencies, when their other financial aid hasn't arrived yet and they need to register. The average loan given to eligible students is \$385, but some loans have exceeded \$1,000."

Nevertheless, students are put out. One letter writer to the *State News* recommended that students protest their parking fines by paying them with pennies. But, reminds Mary Murphy of the DPS Parking Violations Bureau, "More than 25 cents in pennies is not legal tender and doesn't have to be accepted." (The Department does accept pennies if they're counted and put in penny wrappers.) And for those who may be tempted to fill the pre-paid ticket envelope with pennies and return it through the mail, Murphy warns: "Any prepaid mail weighing more than one ounce will go to the dead letter office in Chicago." ■

Search Committee proceeds cautiously

"Proceed with caution" might have been the motto adopted by the 17 members of the Search and Selection Committee assigned the task of finding suitable applicants for the MSU presidency. The committee spent the last two months soliciting opinions from alumni, students, faculty members and other concerned groups about the qualities each would like MSU's 16th president to have.

They are now incorporating those opinions into a job description calling for dedication to the university community, alumni, people of Michigan, the nation and world; commitment to affirmative action and equal opportunity; ability to rep-

resent the university at educational, cultural, public service and athletic programs; ability to assume a leadership role within the university and among outside constituencies, and the ability to nurture positive relationships with state officials, foundation officers and public and private associations and agencies in regard to fund raising.

The committee plans to submit a final draft of the job description to the Board of Trustees at its June meeting. Accompanying the description will be a rating scale for evaluating and comparing candidates and a preamble to the job description explaining the land-grant philosophy and future problems facing the university.

The candidate screening process will proceed during the summer months. ■