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## COVER STORY:

by Kerry Barrage

### "WELCOME TO THE NINTH ANNUAL OPTIMISTS' OSCAR AWARDS"

That was the opening statement made by Al Baggs at the ninth Annual Optimists' Awards night. Tuesday, November 10th was the date and the Scarborough Knights of Columbus Hall was the place. To any normal person this statement doesn't mean much but to a drum corps person it means a lot. It means that the Rookies will be officially 'Old Guys' and it means that three special people will be awarded three very special awards.

The head table of the evening consisted of Mr. Tom Kendall, this year's speaker; Cliff Billington, the corps' Business Manager; Harold Coulson, Chairman of the corps' committee; Don Daber, the Corps' Director, Al Baggs, past Director of the Corps, Al Tierney, President of the York-Toronto Optimist Club; Vic Decloux, Club Secretary and Barry Bell, Music Arranger for the Corps and a member of the Club Board of Directors. Without anyone of these people there might be no corps.

An Optimist of 36 years, President of the London Optimist Club in 1940, a member of the Toronto Club for 26 years; this was our guest speaker of the evening. He is the President of the Kendall Oil Co. of Canada, Mr. Tom Kendall.

Mr. Kendall spoke tonight about Human Motivation and what it means to different people. To Webster it meant 'anything prompting or moving the will' The proper mental attitude is of utmost importance if you want to become successful at a particular hobby or job. As one man shapes stones for the sake of shaping stones and another man works for money, there is a third man who works for the sake of helping someone to accomplish an even greater task. The third man was most successful because he was dedicated to helping that person to do much greater tasks and not just concerned with the work part of it.

"It is not important if you are in front of a group such as this. It is not important that you be the leader and accept all the glory. But it is important that you are a part of the winning team no matter how large or small your job may be."

At the end of his talk, Mr. Kendall received a standing ovation from the corps members and guests present, as Mr.

Billington thanked him and presented him with a set of Sterling Optimist Club cuff links as a memo of the evening.

In the presentation part of the evening the year's certificates were presented to all members, tie tacks presented to the Rookies, including the Rookie Members of the equipment staff, Don Gannett, Bill Warren, Dave Gault, and Pete McGillen. This year the corps rings were presented to two members who are leaving this year and due for this Award, Vern Johansson, a 5 year ring and George Tamaki, a 3 year ring.

Mr. Al Tierney, President of the York-Toronto Optimist Club presented the rings and also made a special presentation from the corps on the occasion of the end of an era, with this, the last year of the Downtown Club sponsorship and as of Oct. 1st the sponsorship under the new Club. This presentation was made to Al Baggs, the corps' first Director who 'sold' the Downtown Club into sponsoring the corps 15 years ago.

When Mr. Daber, the present Corps' Director spoke to the corps he expressed his thanks for a job well done and added his every wish for an even more successful season next year. I'm sure that Don is not the only one who feels this way.

Next on the program, Derek Branton, the 1969 Rookie-of-the-year announced the 1970

Rookie-of-the-Year...after a short expression of thanks to Mr. Kendal. Doug Bass of the drum line was the Award winner... the first time in several years that a drummer has received this award!

Bernie Roelcke presented the Guardsman of the Year Award to John O'Leary. John seemed very surprised, he was rather pressed for words but accepted this trophy with a few humorous and thankful remarks.

Finally, the most awaited moment arrived the 1970 Corpsman-Of-The-Year...last years recipient, Ray Roussel made a flattering introduction, from which I quote...

"The person who won the trophy this year I think mostly displayed those qualities---stirling qualities, I should say---of the best person in the corps. The things that really impressed me about him was his loyalty and his excellent musicianship...George Tamaki."

George humbly accepted the Award saying, 'Thank you very much' to the entire corps.

Also announced that night was the new Drum Major for 1970. This decision was made not too long before it was announced and was an extremely difficult one to make. It included the elimination of five people from a group of seven. I must include that these seven people are all artists in their fields. Finally the elimination of one more person to leave just one person as the 1971 Drum Major. The person chosen to lead the corps to victory and even then bigger and better heights was the individual who mostly showed those qualities of a top-grade musician, a fine conductor of music and all-round good sport and a wonderful person to work under..Mike Arsenault. Vern congratulated Mike as the outgoing D.M. and Mike, somewhat stuck for words, expressed his desire to go, with everyone else in the corps, right to the top!

In closing, I would like to thank, on behalf of the entire corps, all the people who were in attendance at this 9th Annual Banquet...a special word of thanks to Mr. Kendall for his inspiring words; also a thank you to Vern Johansson for being a great Drum Major for us for so long; to Cliff Billington for booking some great trips and the utmost thanks to Don Daber for his persistence in molding and shaping the corps into a top notch unit over the years.

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FRONT COVER PHOTOS: George Tamaki, Ray Roussel & Corpsman-of-the-Yr. Trophy. Doug Bass, Rookie-of-the-Yr. from Derek

Eranton. Bern Roelcke presents Guardsman-of-the-Yr. Award to John O'Leary. Al Tierney congratulates Al Baggs and Tom Kendall, Speaker of the evening. Cover photos by Vic Score, Cadet Corps.



CADET REPORT

by Joe Renaud

NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE OPTIMIST CADETS...

AWARDS NIGHT '70

Awards Night '70 was a wonderful evening in October that started out with Mr. Stevenson, who introduced the head table, as follows: Al Baggs, Vic Daclouc, Dan Shimski, Bob Haid, & Al Tierney, Don Daber, Bud Jamet, Don McGregor and Dick Brown! Poor Mr. Stevenson. I bet he was nervous. Imagine standing up in front of 220 (approx.) people.

Dick Brown, the Director of the Lancers, talked about his corps, history, members, etc. When he was finished he handed out the certificates. The Cadets donated a trophy to the Lancer-of-the-Year, who was their Drum Major, Dave Burgess.

Mr. Stevenson then talked about the good ol' Cadets, when he was finished, (which I thought he never would) he gave out the trophies: Cadet-of-the-Year--Joe Renaud; Guardsman-of-the-Year, Greg Cunninq; Bugler-of-the-Year, Wayne Dillon (Pin Head) and Rookie-of-the-Yr, Eric Rockly (Rocky). My congratulations to all, for a job well done!!!

Then, there was an unexpected trophy this year. It was for the best SECTION of the Year. This went to the DRUM LINE for the 1970 season. I hope that next year we will have a drum line that did as well as the one this year. BETTER?

Yes, this was a night to remember. Our Drum Major even got a special Award before going up to the Jrs. Congratulations, Jim!

Next year wouldn't you want to win one of the above trophies. The only way to do it is work hard & do your best!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK:

THE NEED TO ACCEPT

DO YOU WANT YOUR CORPS TO BECOME A HAS BEEN, A RELIC OF SOME PAST ERA OF DRUM CORPS??? The automatic answer will be "NO"

I'm sure that most guys do sincerely answer NO to the question. I'm also sure that some of these same guys do not really consider the above question when they think or make outright statements wondering if the corps can make radical changes both internally and externally for 1971. They should be asking instead, "Can the corps become greater without these radical changes?" And again, the answer is no!

Drum corps are like societies, both are in perpetual change. If they do not or cannot change they become obsolete. Most changes evolve slowly and are rarely noticed. Others occur suddenly and shock some people. If the Optimists do not change suddenly, we run the chance of becoming a hasbeen, a relic of the past. The radical changes that the executive and instructors have planned can only be achieved if every member co-operates a 100%. If they are not willing to accept the new ideas and still want to be in corps we suggest they leave, we suggest they they join another corps.

WE NEED TO ACCEPT. We need to accept these new ideas or risk never rising to the Championship Class again.

NEW JUNIOR COUNCIL IN ACTION:

The new Junior Council is now in full operation. Those elected to the Board from the members of the corps were:

- Rick Roussel, representing the Drum Line.
  - Dennis Roussel representing the Bugles.
  - John O'Leary representing the Guard.
- Appointed to the Board were the Drum Major and the Guard Captain.

The first meeting of the Council was held after rehearsal, Sunday November 15th. and ran from 8:30PM till 10:30.

The first act of business was to appoint a Chairman for the year. The voting members asked Mike Arsenault, the D.M. to hold this position, which he accepted. It was also decided the the Guard Captain and Drum Major have voting rights. Calvin Johansson was appointed recording secretary. The first project for the Council---The Christmas Party!

- \* Cadet Report.....Joe Renaud.
- \* Lancer Report.....David Burgess.
- \* York-Talk...Al Tierney, Dick Day.
- \* Under The Lid.....Don Daber.
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OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF  
THE TORONTO OPTIMISTS  
DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

EDITOR'S  
COMMENTS...

THE NEW FORMAT  
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by Calvin Johansson, Editor.

At the beginning of October, the editorship of GCC was turned over to two very capable young men, Calvin Johansson & Kerry Burrage. These two are working in conjunction with the publisher, Don Daber to revitalize the G.C.C. The main purpose of this program is to increase the readership and generate a general interest in the GCC.

Parts of the new format can be seen in this issue. This editorial is part. The article by Vern Johansson is part. The reprint of an old drum corps contest breakdown sheet is part. We intend to have all of these as regular features.

In the near future we aim to have monthly articles from such top drum corps as The Troopers, the Boston Crusaders, the Cavaliers etc. The editorial section will be increased to include the viewpoints of anyone connected with the corps. We will have an article entitled 'The Profile of A Corpsman.'...someone who marches with the corps. In future issues too, we hope to have movie, book, record or drum corps contest reviews of interest to the corps written by someone in the corps. All of these new features combined with the older features, York-Talk, Cadet Report, Dictionary, Lancer & Cadet Report should total together to make GCC one of the best drum corps newsletters published by a corps.

We intend to work hard to make it so.

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# YorkTalk

## NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF YORK-TORONTO

**MEMBERSHIP IN THE CLUB:** Membership in the Optimist Club of York-Toronto is open to any father of members of the Jr. Corps, Lancers or Cadets. You are invited to attend a supper meeting as our guest. For further information and details, no obligation to join ...but the chance to receive first hand information phone or write the Recording Secretary:

Mr. Vic Decloux  
38 Oakridge Drive, Scarborough.  
Phone: 261-8492

The total membership in the Club to date is 47. The next General Meeting is at 7:00 PM. Tuesday, December 15th.

The Laird Drive Restaurant  
834 Eglinton Ave. East, Leaside.

On Eglinton East, north side, just west of Laird Drive.

Special guest at this dinner meeting will be Mr. Gordon Watson from Oakville, Ont. He attended our Charter Dinner but this will be his first official visit to our Club.

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**NEW MEETING TIMES FOR 1971:**

Beginning in January and for the remainder of 1971 the Board of Directors will meet the second Tuesday of each month and the General meetings will be the fourth Tuesday of each month.

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**OPTIMIST CLUB JACKET:** Our membership is divided into virtually four divisions, The Jr. "A" Corps, The Cadets, The Lancers and the Club itself. In order to do away with some of the confusion, particularly with the corps' members we are going to design a new jacket for all members who are not actively and directly involved in the day to day operation and management of the corps. Hopefully we will have a sample at the December 15th meeting.

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**SPECIAL THANKS TO:** A special thanks from the Club to Mr. Greg Tierney and Mr. Jack Cinning through whose efforts both corps were able to participate in the 1970 Grey Cup Parade of a few weeks back. Mr. Tierney made the arrangements with IAC Ltd. and Mr. Cinning the arrangements with Shoppers

Drug Mart. Lots of good publicity was developed for both corps. Thank you, Gentlemen.

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**ALL CORPS GOING NUTS FOR CHRISTMAS:** The new fund raising venture for all three of the Optimist Corps is the sale of cans of mixed nuts for the sum of \$1.00. The reports received to date from all three corps is more than Optimistic on the sales totals and for once the Jr. Corps is right up there in sales with the Cadets and Lancers...without being pushed too hard too, we understand. Congratulations guys! Keep up the good work. Money buys equipment!!!

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**THE JR. "A" TO CARRY TYMPANY DRUMS IN '71:**

The days of the big triple basses are over ...the Jrs. have ordered 4 new tymps to be delivered about the middle of December. If you wonder why we seem constantly to be stressing money making ventures, please note that these four drums will cost about \$1,260.00. In all likelihood one triple bass will be carried and a few straight bass along with our 4 new monsters.

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**CORPS MEMBERSHIP & CLUB BOY'S WORK:** At a recent Board of Directors Meeting the Lancers reported they had a membership of 68...about 25% girls. The Cadets report 95 with more joining each week. The Jrs. have 83 and need 12 to 15 more for the guard.

Count em. That's a lot of kids in our #1 Boys Work Project...or we should say, Youth Work Project...the Drum Corps.

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**CLUB DUES:** Club Dues are PAST DUE. Don't forget that all Charter Members owe \$12.00 as of October 1st...dues for the first 6 months of the current club year. The next \$12.00 will be due April 1st, for all members then enrolled. PLEASE FORWARD YOUR CHEQUE TO VIC DECLoux RIGHT NOW. Thanks.

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**DEPARTING JOKE:** Youngster to departing parent: "Daddy, please bring me home a rat from the race today..." \*\*\*\*\*



# Lancer Report...

by David Burgess,  
Drum Major, The Lancers

The best parade the Lancers have done to date, as I write this, was the College Bowl March in Toronto in October. At this event the drums sounded very well, extremely clean with a good firm beat. The bugles, though lacking somewhat in power, have improved tremendously in range of notes, and tone. They sounded especially good.

"Pierot" is now an excellent song for the corps as it displays not only our good execution but it is also a pleasant and relatively easy tune to march to.

"Red Sails" the Lancers second song is starting to sound better each time out. This number divides the bugles into sections as in Pierot the horns play relatively the same parts. Here the first soprano line (7 horns) plays the melody the seconds, the baritones and the french horns handle the accompaniment. This melts together to make a heart stirring tune which is very pleasing to hear. Our Corps Executive feels that with our new song "Blowin' In The Wind" our corps will progress to even greater heights. Thank you, musical instructors!

The Lancers have now switched schools for our weekly practices. The night has remained the same, Monday at 7:00PM but we now work out in the huge, ultra modern, Dixon Grove Middle School located at the corner of Kipling and the Westway in Etobicoke. This came as a pleasant change for all the members as our old school was much smaller and had less practice rooms.

Our corps thanks the Cadets for sharing their Awards Night with us. It was an enjoyable evening for all the Lancers who attended.

The Cadets dedicated a trophy to the Lancer, "Corpsman of the Year. Modesty almost forbids me to mention it but the first winner of this Award was, yours truly. Also presented that evening were

certificates to members who marched all summer. Congratulations to the ones receiving the honours and may you continue to collect more awards next year and in the years to come.

And on a closing note, contrary to rumours started by "people" like Candy Lintner, Debbie Gross or Lloyd (hot dog) Rambo, THE LANCER JACKETS DO NOT GLOW IN THE DARK. But they do show that we are united yet an independent cog in the fabulous Green Machine.

See you next Issue. And by the way, if you have any items of news about the corps you would like to see published under the Lancer banner speak to me at any rehearsal.

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Toni O'Kelley's 'Hap'nin's Column  
Drum Corps Digest, Dec. 1970 Issue.

... "It's perfectly safe to say a judge is unreasonable (unless you say it to him.)

... A fool and his money (are soon invited to play cards in the back of the corps bus)

... When things square up, take it like men (blame it on the colour guard)

... Chivalry is NOT dead 'cause if a guard girl drops something (almost any boy in a corps will kick it back to her.)

... Drill camp food is poison (and they do 'nt give us enough of it.)

... A Corps Manager is a fellow who can pat a guy on the head when he really feels like bashing it in...

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# NATIONALS 70

The Junior Corps breakdown sheets as judged at Nationals '70  
Varsity Stadium, Toronto, September 12, 1970.

	Content Anal.	GE	M&M	AVERAGE	GE	DRUMS	AVERAGE
CADETS LASALLE:	4.4	88	74	71	90	88	89
TORONTO OPTIMISTS:	3.8	79	65	72	82	76	79
DE LA SALLE:	4.6	76	70	73	82	82	82

	G.E.	Bugles	AVER.	TOTAL GE.	FIELD	M&M	AVERAGE
CADETS LASALLE:	91	80	85.5	24.55	22.5	25.3	23.9
TORONTO OPTIMISTS	85	64	74.5	22.55	20.7	26.3	23.5
DE LA SALLE	90	84	87	24.2	22.3	26.4	24.35

	Field Drums	Aver.	Field Bugles	Average	TOTAL	PEN	FINAL SCORE:
CADETS LASALLE	16.0 16.9	16.45	13.8 13.9	13.85	83.15	0	83.15
TORONTO OPTIMISTS:	15.5 17.7	16.6	13.4 13.4	13.4	79.85	2.1	77.75
DE LA SALLE	17.7 16.4	17.05	13.5 1. .	13.8	84.0	0	84.0

## NATIONALS 1966. MONTREAL. NIGHT FINALS:

	GE/M&M	GE/DRUMS	GE/Bugles	TOTAL GE	FIELD	M&M	TOTAL:
OPTIMISTS:	12.3	9.0	8.4	29.7	21.7	21.9	21.8
LASALLE CADETS:	11.8	8.8	8.3	28.9	20.5	20.7	20.6
YORK LIONS:	10.9	7.9	6.9	25.7	20.0	21.7	20.85
DE LA SALLE:	10.8	9.1	7.6	27.5	19.4	21.0	20.2

	FIELD DRUMS Tot;	FIELD BUGLES	TOTAL	TOTAL SCORE	PEN:	FINAL SCORE:	
OPTIMISTS::	17.8 18.0	17.9 17.5	16.1	16.8	86.2	.2	86.0
LASALLE CADETS:	16.2 17.5	16.85 17.8	17.0	17.4	83.75	.1	83.65
YORK LIONS:	15.7 15.3	15.5 15.1	14.2	14.65	76.7	0	76.70
DE LA SALLE:	16.3 16.9	16.6 16.3	15.2	15.75	80.05	0	80.05

## MRS. BURRAGE'S CROSSWORD CORNER:

### CLUES DOWN:

- 2--Exclamation.
- 3--Short for DeLaSalle.
- 4--Used for seeing.
- 5--9 across is a Beatle ----
- 6--A piece of poetry
- 7--French for "the"
- 8--Part of a ladder.
- 9--Optimists' D.M.
- 10--Governs corps activity in Ont.
- 11--Often seen on Yonge St.
- 12--Rebels from Kansas.
- 13--Kind of drum.
- 14--Mets off the field 1969.
- 15--English river.
- 16--Not in.
- 17--Subject of Optimists off-the-line in '67.
- 18--Famous garden.
- 19--Land measure.
- 20--Another name for 6 down.
- 21--Frisivolous girl in Optimists' concert 1967.
- 22--Toronto Symphony Orchestra.
- 23--Greetings.     24--Short form of 'senior.'

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# here & now!

**SCHEDULED EVENTS:**

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12----Bugle rehearsal 11:00AM till 1:00PM at General Crerar School
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13-----Complete Jr. Corps at armories 7:30PM till 10:30PM.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15-----General Dinner Meeting 7:00PM, Optimist Club of York-Toronto  
Laird Drive Restaurant, 834 Eglinton Ave. East.
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16---Optimist Club Bingo 7:30PM, White Shield Plaza, Kennedy & Lawrence
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17----Optimist Jr. Corps rehearsal, Wilkenson School, Donlands Ave &  
the Danforth. 7:30PM--10:00PM.
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19----Optimists Jr. Corps bugle rehearsal at General Crerar School  
11:00AM--1:00PM.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20-----Cadet's Christmas Party, K of C Hall, Kennedy Rd. at 1:00PM  
Jr. Corps drill at York Armories 7:30PM--10:30PM.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27th----Jr. Corps rehearsal schedule to be announced.
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd---Jr. Corps Christmas Party, Shrihe Temple, Lakeshore Blvd. and  
Dowling Ave. 7:30PM. Admission: One gift wrapped to value  
of 50¢ to \$1.00 item.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

NEW CORPS JACKETS FOR THE JR. CORPS to be available in January. These will be made by a new manufacturer and may be less in price than in the past. Place your order with the Director in January.

**STAR ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:**

- #98--Steve McNellan. #95--Jim Kane. #89--Paul Leblanc #78 Brian O'Sullivan. #70--Doug Bass. #66--Paul Bazinet. #47--John Thiffault
- #37--John Tierney. #36--Martin McVeigh. #29--Dana Burrage.
- #19--Kerry Burrage. #12--Ken Bain. #11--Berek Branton.

**CLUES ACROSS:**

- 4--Secret message is written in ----
- 5--Highway fee.
- 9--Concert of 15 down in 1969.
- 12--Not down.
- 14--Sierra -----.
- 15--Paid notice.
- 16--Catch.
- 18--He and ---.
- 19--Part of a circle.
- 20--Get bigger.
- 22--Name for a spy.
- 23--No special person should be ---body.
- 24--Flying saucer.
- 25--Nerves are sometimes on this.
- 26--Part of a fork.
- 28--Sign of Zodiac.
- 29--Cleopatra's snake.
- 31--Retreat comes at the ---.
- 32--Nazi police.
- 33--Hurry.
- 35--Shoe width.
- 36--Designed by Ben Burrage.
- 38--Corps have paraded many a ----.
- 39--Optimists' off the field 1967.

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THE POWER OF "I"

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*by Vern Johansson*

As an individual the word "I" should be all powerful. The ego, if used objectively will make reality of your most fanciful dreams.

It is a constant source of amazement to me, the number of perfectly intelligent realisms that are buried with a head on the pillow. All through the ages there have been the thinkers and the dreamers. On a few rare occasions an individual has combined both these attributes. When this occurs you will usually find a great achievement in the making.

Since the dawn of mankind the percentage of men who stood up and said; "I AM BETTER" and proved it, would be very small in comparison to the total population. Yet, people of this ilk do exist and through the course of history you can usually parallel a great individual mind with an equally great feat of human desire.

It was said a few years ago; "God help those born in interesting times, and these are, interesting times." That statement is quite correct. We are all involved in possibly the most interesting and definately the most complicated period in history.

Because of the communications system our world has developed we are, each one of us involved in the major issues of our time. You feel much closer to the problems that face our world and consequently think more along the lines of facing the problem, thinking about it and solving it.

The big problem that arises in our time is as follows: People try to mass together and say WE must do something to solve our problems. This is correct but they all seem to have omitted the first step which is: What can I do to solve our problems? With that first step omitted, all we have is a group of people saying, "what can we do?" and getting nowhere. It would appear that we are running out of enough individuals who will intellectually tackle an incident and break it into particles.

I recall years ago when I arrived at the fall training camp of the Optimists, I witnessed a small group of rather burly Old Guys off in a corner making robust gesticulations and verbal prattle amongst one another. I sauntered over the fringe of this hotly contested debate and found myself on the outskirts of an ego education. Each one of these corpsmen was pounding home the point that individually they had stomped the opposition into a large, wet clump of silly putty. The most prominent line was, "I DID IT."

From that point of time I impressed myself with the idea that I would do whatever was necessary to make me a winner. I would work myself into a position of dominant egoism. I would practice self-interest as a basis of behaviour and I would be a winner. I would be better than the next guy, thereby forcing him to either move up or lose.

The power of "I" is really not a different proposition. It would seem to me that it is easier to better yourself than it is to become inferior. When each person can say "I AM BETTER", then you can rest assured that we will be much closer to number 1.

FROM THE FILES OF G.C.C.

*As GCC begins its 11th year next month we find its an education (?) to look back in the old file copies and reproduce some items of interest then. So blow off the dust, here we go...*

In the May/June 1961 a guy names Colin Hedworth (one of Optimists best tenors) wrote some limericks, one was about Lorne Ferrazutti, who is still very much around, right Lancers...

OUR DRUM INSTRUCTOR'S NAME IS LORNE,  
HE PLAYS ON A DRUM, NOT A HORN...  
WHEN HE WALKS ON THE STREET  
HE DRUMS WITH HIS FEET  
NOW EACH OF HIS TOES HAS A CORN.

Or, on to our drill department then...

FOR DRILL WE HAVE DOUGLAS McPHAIL,  
(WE HEAR HE'S QUITE GOOD WITH AN ALE)  
WHEN ON THE FIELD HIS BULLHORN HE'D WIELD  
AND THE BRAVEST AMONG US GROW PALE.

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THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN IN THE CORPS,  
WHO'S MOUTH WAS AS BIG AS FOUR MORE  
HE MANAGED QUITE WELL,  
"TILL HE MET BARRY BELL,  
NOW FOURMORE, IN THE CORPS, IS NO MORE!!!

by Don Daber (and spies)

# under the lid



A TIP OF THE SHAKO TO OUR LEADER "T" SHIRT... WERN JOHANSSON, late D.M. of the Optimists now has a daughter. He is still on the scene doing a very active and good job with the Cadets drill dept. (knew he couldn't be out 100%)..MIKE ARSENAULT the new D.M. coming in to centre field at about 100 lbs lighter...JIM JEHU and group called back to aid the Cadets in their Christmas and Gey Cup Parades...DAVID BURGESS, D.M. for the Lancers and Corpsman-of-the-Year, a natural choice...JIM McKEOWN presented with the D.M. two ton shako box at a recent rehearsal and the above "Leader" T" Shirt passed down to MIKE ARSENAULT.

IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT... Rumour has it that AL TIERNEY to join St. John's Girls Corps as well as Optimists since he's only about 15 miles from their Exec pub headquarters. BILL KANE, on hearing this remarked "he won't look good in a skirt..."but its Green to Green! A new division for the Optimists...PERSONAL DIRECTOR, now held down by DON GANNETT. BILL KANE is back on rifle with his team of 7 with the new INVINCIBLE MARK I at 3.33 lbs vs. the old 303's at 9 lbs. Yes, the new rifle weighs 3.33 lbs but after you've carried it a while, the decimal point drops out. DON DABER is a pessimistic Optimist he wouldn't let the corps wear their plumes in the GREY CUP PARADE cause it looked like rain with a possible \$900.00 down the drain. It didn't rain. RAY ROUSSEL, BILL KANE, DENNIS ROUSSEL are Knights of the Round Table in their Davisville Penthouse. Its called Unfinished Northern Electric. Understand you can really get wound up sitting round that table! Does Mr. PRYOR of BELL know about this??? RON KAISER'S DRUM TEAM now totals 27 with 6 snare, 5 tenor, 3 rudimental, 4 tymps and 3 cymbals...CLIFF BILLINGTON, the Jr. Corps Mgr. now the ZIEGFELD of the football scene with his half time shows of at least 3 Grey Cup events. Is he out to Vancouver in '71??? VIC DECLoux, Mr. "Action Line" responsible for Optimists great writeup in the Telegram edition prior to Grey Cup. Note that RON KAISER is MR. STYLE '70 at rehearsals these days!

THE CORPS... Most popular vote getter in the corps as proven by the election to the Jr. Council, RICK ROUSSEL...also DENNIS ROUSSEL (bugles) and JOHN (Ireland) O'LEARY, (Guard & Rifle Crew) Big Jr. Social event coming up...THE CORPS CHRISTMAS PARTY, TUE., DEC. 22nd. Optimists nut campaign for Christmas headed by DON GANNETT who reports top seller to date is Rookie, WAYNE DILLON, but this could have changed since this report was given...When not eating NUTS the corps recently devoured 200 HOT DOGS courtesy of Optimist GORD (Shopsy) ROBINSON at the Shrine following the GREY CUP PARADE.... Hey, PAUL McDONALD, how about new white bucks...Glad to see GEORGE TAMAKI back & stompin round on the drill floor.

SHOWTIME... CADETS LASALLE on the field about 3 minutes to open GREY CUP rather than the scheduled 7 because of a TV presentation mixup which wasn't scheduled. SCARBOROUGH FIRE-FIGHTERS outstanding corps in their first Easton's tv Trans-Canada CHRISTMAS PARADE... OPTIMISTS D.M. HAD PERFECT TIMING, almost like it could have been rehearsed as the corps played O'Canada past the reviewing stands in the GREY CUP PARADE. Had the P.M.'s of Ontario and Canada on their feet in an instant which proves they weren't sleeping up there!!!Miracle Dept: DEL and OPTIMISTS sharing the same armories for drill on Sunday evenings. Yes, DEL is marching in



Ireland in March, we understand. If so, then they will be the first Ontario Corps to fly the Atlantic. It should be an exciting way to start '71...in the GREEN.

**CONTEST TIME...** Two big ones in Canada announced for 1971...June 19th., THE SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL and August 5-6-7th...THE CANADIAN OPEN in London to be set up along the lines of U.S. OPEN. After their win at WORLD OPEN last year the MIDLANDERS have the city of LONDON right there as far as backing and enthusiasm. They are the only centre in Canada that could pull this event off...size-wise, location-wise, enthusiasm etc, etc. RALPH HODGE and ELWOOD ROBERTS are the two wheels behind this at the moment. Go to it, gentlemen! No word as to the dates of the '71 NORTH AMERICAN as yet??? Interesting question, if and when the North American is run would Optimists be invited?? DEL to run a big contest in co-operation with the ALHAMBRA Convention in Toronto in August? Not sure. We haven't been invited. (sob)

**"ROUND THE CONFERENCE TABLE...** At the November CDCA meeting in Waterloo, DEL, OPTIMISTS, MIDLANDERS AND CADETS LASALLE in some earnest talk on the Jr."A" scene in Canada in '71. A few raised eyebrows at DEL and OPTIMISTS actually sitting at the same table but with the new exec of Del this could be a new era in corps' relations as proven DEC.5th at the CDCA National meeting in Kingston where all 6 Jr."A" Corps finally got together, Embrum, Del, Scarboro Firefighters, Optimists, Midlanders and Cadets LaSalle and reviewed the upcoming rules and bylaws and elections of the Saturday. Another meeting is planned for Saturday, January 9th in Toronto. Its time the Jr."A's" in Canada got together, and its finally happening right now!!!

**CDCA RULE CHANGES ETC...** Some of the major rule changes at this all day session in Kingston, Dec. 5th were: *"Life members and continuing Members of the Association no longer have a vote unless they are elected to office."* This means, unlike previously when they did have a vote, their vote could cancel out a corps vote, that represented 75-100 members as against their one membership.

This rule was deleted: *Under Field Rules: "No judge who is affiliated with any corps or group in any class that is competing in the Provincial or National Championships, may adjudicate at that contest."* This means, now if a CJA Judge is instructing a corps in one division he can judge corps in other divisions other than the one he instructs in.

Elected to the 1971-1972 National Board of Directors: President--Ron Worrall of London, Ont. Fred Blazey of Toronto, Vice-President. Secretary/Treasurer--Ray Bordeleau of Ottawa. Past President: Clare Reid of Toronto.

**CORPS REPORTERS DIVISION...** MIKE BOWMAN is no longer a reporter for DRUM CORPS NEWS beginning their new season edition of 1971. MARTY BARRECA of The Crusader Magazine is now on the staff of News.

*And thats it from UNDER THE LID for this issue...*

*TONI O'KELLEYS 'HAP'NINGS.....Courtesy of DRUM CORPS DIGEST Magazine.*

**MISTAKES...** are things Judges find pleasure in pointing out to us.

A DRUM CORPS LOVER BOY is like a 'detergent'...both work fast and leave no rings.

A PERSONNEL MAN is one who'll stand by you through troubles you wouldn't have had if you hadn't listened to him and joined a corps in the first place.

A CORPS MEMBER is a crazy animal that goes to bed when he isn't sleepy and gets up when he is.

A STALEMATE is last corps' seasons sweetheart.

CONFIDENCE is the assured feeling you had just before they announced last place.

A JUDGE is a fellow who can smile when everything else around him is going wrong.

DRUM CORPS is like 'love' if you don't

take it seriously its no groove, if you DO it'll blow your mind!

A PESSIMIST is a booster who yells, "Oh No" before the second place is announced.

RECRUITING DRIVE SPEEL is a technique that makes you think you've longed all your life for something you never even heard of before.

MANAGERS MEETING DIPLOMACY is to do and say the nastiest things in the nicest way.

THE CORPS TRIP HASH-HOUSE is a place where you can eat dirt cheap...but who wants to eat dirt?

PUNCTUALITY is the art of guessing how far behind schedule the corps bus is going to leave...

JUDGE: "Are you the manager of this corps?"

CORPS MEMBER: "No sir."

JUDGE: "Then don't talk like an idiot!"

MISERY is: Open horn cases in the rain.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The Editor,  
Green Capsule Comments,  
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Dear Sir:

Through past issues of GCC I've noticed you have had some talk on 'Corps Spirit.' This is just fine but I'd like to speak of Corps' Spirit, but of a different kind. I call it RIVAL CORPS SPIRIT. By this I mean a feeling of friendly competition. Its all right to have the will to win but when it builds up to hatred, then there's something wrong.

In my opinion its mainly the fault of the younger members of the corps, but the seniors are not entirely blameless. The younger fellows have a tendency to "mouth off" and when they do its almost always in front of members of rival corps. On the other hand the older members add to the hatred because they just can't take a beating. I have, to my disgust, noticed it too many times in both Optimists and DeLaSalle.

You might ask the question, "what do you mean I can't take a beating?" Well, if you think about it you'll realize that no one likes to be beaten. If we analyze the situation we realize that we were beaten only because the other corps were better. You, the Optimists were beaten, especially in the USA because the Jr. American Corps were better. There's no reason to show disgust towards the other corps or speak out against the judges, but there is reason to work harder next time.

One of the best ways to prevent this would be to try and get to know some of the guys in other corps. I may not know many guys in Optimists but the guys I do know I couldn't hate. If everyone got to know a few fellows from other corps then there would be no chance of an out-and-out brawl. But now that the contests are becoming close and there are about three corps in the running, its no time for bad feelings. When the Champions are crowned they should be congratulated and not scorned upon.

I would like to thank those connected with GCC for allowing me this opportunity to show my feelings on the matter. If anyone has any grievances or ideas I would very much like to hear from them.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Kelly, Guard Captain, DeLaSalle.

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PUBLISHERS NOTE:

The above letter was sent to the Optimists on May 24th., 1961. Tom Kelly at that time was Guard Captain of DeLaSalle and needless to say he has long left the corps as an active marching member. He was one of the fine members of 'Del' that it was my pleasure to know and he was very sincere in his letter to the corps.

Since that letter was written in 1961, the Optimists went on to win 8 more National Titles in Canada. Now the situation has changed and Del is National Champion but many of the things Tom Kelly wrote about 9 years ago haven't changed. Only the players have. His letter still applies.

After nine years isn't it time both corps did something about his suggestions? Think about it.

Don Daber.

# The Corpsman



Your horn is poised for the fanfare... over the gleaming bell you see the crowd; expectant faces filled either with hope or animosity; and they are watching you. You see the Drum Major positioning himself and you catch fleeting glimpses of polished brass, spotless white gloves, shimmering satin, the determined faces beside you.

You hit the first note and it comes out clear, full and powerful; you're off the line and the front is straight; you feel the man beside you marking time and you can tell by the drive that they are there, as you are, to thrill the crowd and please the judges.

For these fantastic few moments on the Contest Field you griped about horn rehearsals, soundly cursed your Drill Instructor, stayed awake half the night from excitement, but above all you practiced! You check your horn angle and straighten your back to display all the Pride you have in YOUR CORPS and you can hardly seem to be perfect enough. You're still driving when you hit the finish line and when you turn around for the finale you want to say...."try THAT for size!!!" to the crowd who begin cheering as you come past the stands with even more pride.

This is why I am in MY CORPS and I wouldn't trade that sensation for the world.

