

THE BLUGOLD BAND

Homecoming (La Crosse) 10/19/57

Narrator: begin reading the "Introduction" and "Fanfare and Entrance" after the band is in entrance formation. Anticipate the maneuvers with related commentary during bell interludes or the given cues.

INTRODUCTION

"Good evening football fans of Wisconsin State College. This is John Meyer bringing you a description of the half-time pageantry for tonight's game. You will now be entertained by the Blugold Band. The director is Dr. Leo Christy. Chuck Mehls is the drum major, and the baton twirlers are Laverne Munding and Marge Canar."

FANFARE and ENTRANCE (Read before band starts)

"The Blugold Band is now in its entrance formation on the south sidelines and begins ^{our} Fridiron show with a brilliant fanfare and fast-stepping march across the field to the music of 'Marching Along Together'."

HI-FORMATION (Two parts--begin when band reaches centerfield)

"The band greets its Eau Claire fans by forming HI." (Pause)

"The Hi formation now reverses and greets the visiting fans from La Crosse."

ALUMNI GREETING and SKIT (Read first part while Hi changes to Schoolhouse. Follow cues)

"For the homecoming alumni the band now forms an outline of a schoolhouse and plays a swing version of 'School Days'." (Wait entry of grade school actor)

"Do you remember those carefree days in grade school?" (Wait entry of H.S. actor)

"And those exciting and unforgettable high school years?" (Wait entry college actor)

"And best of all, your wonderful college years at Eau Claire State and that coveted degree?" ---- "These memories will surely come back as the band plays 'Auld Lang Syne'."

L-X and E FORMATIONS (Two parts--synchronize to maneuvers)

"Cross out La Crosse is the theme of our homecoming, so the band spells this out for us with an L and X and plays 'Happy Days are Here Again'." (Wait--letters change)

"The L-X now changes to an E for the Blugold fans and the music is our Alma Mater. Let's all sing it!"

QUEENS PRESENTATION (Start after band is in block formation)

"The presentation of the Homecoming Queen and her court is the highlight of tonight's pageantry. The band now forms a coronation crown and plays, 'A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody'." (Introduce queen and court after band stops playing)

EXIT (As band leaves field)

"Drum major Chuck Mehls now leads the Marching Blugolds off the field."

"LET'S GIVE THE BAND A BIG HAND FOR A FINE PERFORMANCE."