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## U BAND ACCORDED NATIONAL HONOR

The University of Montana Band is one of nine college bands selected to appear at the 14th national biennial convention of the College Band Directors Association at Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 9-13, 1967, Dean Charles W. Bolen of the School of Fine Arts announced.

The national selection committee's expressed intent was to pick the "finest nine bands from all the college bands in the United States." The University Band won a place in this select company on the basis of a tape recording of a recent concert, which was submitted for audition.

The other top bands chosen to perform at the convention are from California, Kansas, Mississippi, Ohio, Michigan and New York. The convention will be the largest of its kind to date, with 500 college band directors slated to attend.

Dr. David Whitwell, conductor of bands at the University, commented, "The selection of the University Band for this appearance reflects great credit upon the entire University and the music programs of the state itself. Building a great university band takes the efforts of many people. We have been most fortunate in having the unfailing support of President Johns, Dean Bolen and the members of the Music Department faculty."