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Blue Hawks land at Lodge Friday

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Many Missoulians will be stirred to nostalgia for the recent past when a covey of Blue Hawks from various points of the compass zero in on the University of Montana campus Friday (July 28).

At a kind of revival meeting in front of the Lodge at 8 p.m. the hawks will bring back to life one of the most popular local bands of the past decade.

The Blue Hawks organized in 1956 and for the next 10 years played innumerable engagements in Missoula. The band had six leaders and many personnel changes over the years but did not break up until 1966.

The leader of the band, Jim Snyder of the Livingston Park County High School music faculty, said 16 one-time members of the Blue Hawks will play for the reunion program Friday.

The jazz concert will feature the sounds of the big bands of the Dorsey era, Snyder said. Winging off on solo flights will be Ernie Carlson, trombonist, and Harold Herbig, saxophonist, both of Missoula; Wayne Peterson, trumpeter, Geraldine, and Snyder, saxophonist.