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Camellia Bowl trip prompts local concert by UM band

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The University of Montana Concert Band will present an Appreciation Concert Tuesday (Feb. 24) in recognition of the band's trip to the Camellia Bowl in Sacramento, Calif., in December.

Butler R. Eitel, professor of music and director of bands at UM, said the concert is open to the public without charge. The program begins at 8 p.m. in the University Theater.

The concert is sponsored by the UM School of Fine Arts and Department of Music.

Eitel said the performance by the 70-member band will honor the various University and civic groups which were instrumental in raising the $12,000 needed to send the band, Grizzly football team, UM cheerleaders and two student leaders from the Associated Students of UM to the Camellia Bowl contest.

Assisting Eitel during Tuesday's performance will be Lance Boyd, a graduate assistant in music at UM, who was band director at the Camellia Bowl.

The Grizzlies lost the Dec. 13 game to the North Dakota State University Bison 30-3 after posting a perfect 10-0 record during the regular season.

The $12,000 fund drive was launched by the Century Club Camellia Bowl Boosters Committee under the direction of Earl Morgenroth, Missoula, committee chairman.

Honored guests at Tuesday's concert will include members of the UM administration, the UM coaching staff, Century Club, UM Alumni Association, ASUM officers, UM Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce Mavericks.

Included in the concert's program will be such compositions as "Semper Fidelis March" by Sousa, "Overture 1812" by Tschaikowsky, Prologue from "West Side Story" by Bernstein and "Incantation and Dance" by Chance.

Highlighting Tuesday's performance will be a medley of University of Montana songs and Camellia Bowl favorites.