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The Montana State University Band appeared in concert this week, outfitted in new uniforms, which were designed exclusively for MSU to replace uniforms that have been worn for the past 20 years.

The new dark, navy blue uniforms were uniquely designed to give a different appearance for indoor and outdoor performances. For concerts the uniforms will include formal white shirts, black ties and tails.

With a few quick accessory changes the uniforms can be ready to wear for marching. A metallic silver and gold overlay will cover the front and back of the jacket. The overlay is styled with an "M" on the front and a grizzly on the back. The "M" and the bear were appliqued entirely by hand.

White shakos with navy blue plumes, white gloves and spats, and gold braid at both shoulders of the jackets will complete the uniform for marching.

The normal life of a uniform is about 10 years, half the age of the gray MSU uniforms which are just being replaced, according to Dr. David Whitwell, band director. The Associated Students of MSU, who sponsor the school band, are paying for the new uniforms. It is important that the band have good uniforms because it represents MSU before more persons each year than any other organization on campus, Dr. Whitwell said.

The original design and tailoring of the uniforms were done by the same company that designed uniforms for Gen. George Custer of Battle of the Little Big Horn fame. Before MSU's uniforms had been completed several requests were received for permission to copy their unique style.

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A NEW LOOK IN BAND WEAR--Members of the Montana State University Band model new uniforms which they wore for the first time this week. At left John Wilson of Great Falls shows the concert uniform. Second from left, Jim Robertson of Three Forks, and right, John Stratman of Havre, wear the uniforms with accessories for marching. Second from right is Alan Caldwell of Missoula, drum major in his new uniform.

(MSU photos by Cyrile Van Duser.)