



George F. Vaught

Born in Indianapolis in 1921, George Vaught is a graduate of Culver Military Academy. He received the BPSM degree from Indiana University and the MS degree from Indiana State Teachers College. His teaching experience included three years at Bedford High School where he taught instrumental and vocal music with the Lawrence County Schools, six years at Salem Schools, and fourteen years, beginning in 1954, at Anderson High School. His Anderson band at the time was the only band to have won three consecutive first place trophies (1957, 1958, 1959) at the State Fair competition. During his fourteen years at Anderson only twice did his band place out of the top five, and on both these occasions they placed in the top ten. The Indianettes, several times State Champions, also took runner-up honors at the 1964 USGA National Twirling Contest.

The Anderson High School concert and jazz bands were consistent 'Superior' rated bands at the ISMA Contests. The Anderson Indian Marching Band was a 'Feature' band in the "500" Festival Parade and was selected to play at the Canadian Bandmasters Festival. They also appeared at numerous college band days. The jazz band appeared at the Elmhurst and Notre Dame Jazz Festivals. In 1971 he left the position of band director to become Secondary School Band Supervisor. In 1974 he became Supervision of Secondary Music Education for the entire Anderson School system of Anderson, Anderson Highland, and Pendleton Heights schools.

Mr. Vaught served on the board of directors of ISMA. A Charter Member of Gamma Chapter, he held the offices of President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer of Phi Beta Mu. He was most active in national, regional, and state twirling associations and served as state secretary for the U.S. Twirling Association. Mr. Vaught served as Head of the Music Department for the Anderson Public Schools in addition to his duties as Director of Bands. He was a member of IMEA, the State Fair Band Day Board, and the National Bandmasters Association. Mr. Vaught was also a member of the band selection committee for the "500" Festival Parade and a consultant for the Ohio State Fair Band Day.

His wife, Virginia, was not only one of the bands biggest boosters, but also assisted in costume design for the many Anderson band productions. One of his greatest accomplishments was producing and conducting three variety shows in the Anderson 'Wigwam' with over 10,000 in attendance each year. His assistant directors at Anderson were Gerald Bordner, Joe Haboush, Donald Hoffman, and Sam Rhinesmith – all members of Phi Beta Mu. Mr. Vaught died in 1975.