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WELCOME TO THE 35th EDITION OF THE MARCHING VIRGINIANS!

It's hard to believe that summer is halfway over and we're deep into preparations for the coming season of Hokie football. I hope your summer has been enjoyable and profitable. This packet contains detailed information about the coming year and your participation in The Marching Virginians.

We've got a terrific season lined up for with plenty of performances and highlights. Six home games, run-outs to Charlotte and Chapel Hill, an exhibition tour to Hanover/Oakton, and recording our 35th anniversary CD – it should be a lot of fun! For even more fun, we have events like Homecoming, Band Parents Day, and the third Marching Virginians Band-A-Rama Scholarship Benefit Spectacular.

For old-timers, you know the routine - get your chops back in shape and put those smiles back on your faces! For rookies, get set for an incredible experience – you'll be amazed as 330 band members prepare an array of shows for an exciting season of college football performing in front of over half a million football fans.

Your date of arrival is clearly indicated in the enclosed information. **The registration form is due by August 10!** If you are living ON campus, please mark your DATE OF ARRIVAL across the top of your registration form. Please note that the schedule is very tight on check-in day, so plan your arrival in Blacksburg accordingly.

Executive Officer Jason Christensen and his officers have been working hard throughout the summer to prepare for the season.

Whether it's your first or fifth year with the MVs, please print all the pertinent information on this site and respond accordingly. Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I'll see you next month with *The Spirit of Tech*, THE MARCHING VIRGINIANS.

Regards,

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