2017 DRUM MAJOR AUDITION PROCEDURE

From the SIU Marching Band Handbook (page 2):

**DRUM MAJORS**

The Marching Salukis Drum Majors, in addition to performing, act as field assistants during rehearsal. They help correct individual errors and style problems, and review fundamentals with the band prior to each practice as requested. The Drum Majors serve as the principle liaisons between the Director and the band proper. A detailed and complete description of the audition procedures is printed and available upon request in the Band Office at the beginning of the spring semester. Drum Major auditions are held each spring, with workshops held during the winter to prepare for auditions.

Auditions are open to all members of the SIU student body, regardless of his/her declared major. No preference is given to music majors over non-music major candidates. Candidates for Drum Major must have been a member in good standing of the Marching Salukis for at least one (1) year.

**PROCEDURES:**

The audition process will consist of two separate segments:

1. Interview (Dr. Brozak’s office, arranged time)
2. Conducting (Altgeld 112, 3:30 PM)

1. **INTERVIEW (Tuesday, May 2nd – Dr. Brozak’s Office (Room 118))**

   Sign-up for a ten-minute interview on the sheet outside of the band office (School of Music, Room 118). The interviews will take place during the afternoon of May 2nd, 2017.

2. **CONDUCTING (Tuesday, May 2nd – 3:30 PM – School of Music, Room 112)**

   “The Star Spangled Banner” – the Symphonic Band will be the performance ensemble. A score will be provided to you in advance.

3. **DRUM MAJOR CAMP**

   The selected Drum Major(s) will be expected to attend Smith Walbridge Drum Major Clinic (www.swclinics.com) for instruction in conducting, marching, leadership, etc. Camp is held at Eastern Illinois University during the week(s) of July 9-14, 2017, or July 16-21, 2017, and the successful candidate(s) should coordinate with other Drum Major(s) from SIU to attend at the same time. Selected Drum Major(s) should also plan to attend the Mace Clinic (July 14-16.)

   Clinic fees will be paid by SIU Bands. Attendance at this camp is mandatory. Prospective Drum Majors who cannot attend this camp should not audition. If you are selected as Drum Major and elect not to attend, you will be replaced with another candidate.