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# Adelphi band to watch inaugural parade

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ADELPHI — The jowls of tuba players in the Adelphi Community Band may be hanging a little lower today. Their high expectations about being selected to represent Ohio in the 50th American Presidential Inaugural Parade were dampened with a letter from the national nominating committee.

"It's no go," said Herman "Bill" Hinton, director of the 104-year-old village band. Hinton reported today that the inaugural committee for

President Reagan has decided on another band to represent Ohio.

Adelphi tuba player Ed Bennett said, "Well, we're rather disappointed. . . . But we're just real pleased that we were nominated as one of the top five bands in the state of Ohio."

Hinton agreed, saying the that honor bestowed upon them in late December was a "good accomplishment."

Norm Cummings, political director of the GOP Ohio Republican Party headquarters in Columbus, said today that a Civil War drill team called

the Mud Sills of Dalton, Ohio, has been selected to walk the inaugural parade route Jan. 21 in Washington D.C. with 49 other bands from across the United States.

ALSO REPRESENTING Ohio will be a nine-member equestrian unit from the Medina County Sheriff's Department. A second Medina County group, the Brunswick High School band also has been selected to perform in inaugural activities. The 215-member band is one of six high school bands accepted.

The band and the mounted patrol

are trying to raise money to make the trip. Travel and expenses for both groups are estimated at \$30,000.

"We're not crying sour grapes or anything like that, but we would like to know the criteria of their selection. If they wanted so many bands, so many floats, so many equestrian units. . ." Bennett said, indicating that the letter received from the nominating committee did not tell them who was selected or how.

"It has been confusing...It's been a difficult thing to throw together in a short period of time," Cummings

said. He believes that the Dalton band may have been selected because few drill teams applied and that the committee is trying to get a mixture of entertainment.

If Adelphi's band had been selected, Bennett said, "Bill had the bus standing by. . ."

Hinton added, "I think they'd (local band members) all been ready to go if we'd been accepted."

"We'll just have to think of something else to get into this year to celebrate our existence," Bennett said.

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