

# BAND STORAGE



Fig. 1. The Band Storage building, 1995. The building is one story 36 by 100 feet of reinforced concrete with plywood siding and cedar shingles. It was designed to require minimum maintenance, and has an estimated 50 year lifespan. [Author Photo, AP-60]

**D**iscussion of a facility to house marching band instruments began in 1984 when Harry Peterson of the Chancellor's office asked David Berge, Mike Leckrone, and Dick Tipple to plan a facility to house band instruments. By June 1985 this committee had begun negotiations with the Forest Products Lab's (FPL) director John Erickson with the aim of securing ownership of the FPL building on campus for the storage space needed. The FPL had purchased the land holding its four experimental buildings in the early 1960s, then returned the land to the University in the early 1970s as part of a three way land exchange with the University and WARF. The FPL retained the ownership of the buildings and some rights to use the land.

In 1966 the FPL constructed on this land a storage building intended for very long objects, like wooden trusses and beams. When the University approached them about using the building for band instruments, the FPL pointed out that they still needed the kind of storage that the building provided, and that because of Federal constraints were not allowed to accept a cash donation for the building. FPL's Erickson suggested that the University erect a new building for the use of the FPL on its own property and exchange that new facility as a gift-in-kind for the existing one on the University's property. In December 1986 the University's Tipple produced an estimate of \$20,000 to build a new 40 by 80 foot building for the FPL on their property near 502 Walnut Street. On June 25, 1987 the National "W" Club became involved in order to provide funding for the project. The club formally offered to construct a 40 by 80 foot building for the FPL in exchange for the gift-in-kind of the old storage building to the University. The FPL agreed to this arrangement on July 1, 1987. The new building was completed in early 1988 at which time the FPL turned over occupancy of the old building to the University Athletic Department.

Since the smaller experimental buildings had already been given to the University, and were in use as a day care center, the release of the band storage building marked the end of the occupancy of the Forest Products Lab on campus property.

1) Person to Berge, Leckrone and Tipple, August 6, 1984, Berge to Bower, June 4, 1985, Erickson to Berge, February 25, 1987, Murawski to Erickson, June 25, 1987, Erickson to Murawski, July 1, 1987, Neale to Paulson, August 13, 1987, series 4/31/9-3 box 1.