

# Craver Hall of Fame Application

My name is Clark Townsend, and I am applying to the Cravers Hall of Fame in service to the Purdue "All-American" Marching Band Sousaphone Section, or as we like to call ourselves, the 'Purdoobahs.' For almost 20 years, the "All-American" Marching Sousaphones have been craving White Castle Sliders as a pregame tradition known to many at Purdue as 'Slider Day'.

Every homecoming game, the Sousaphone section gathers in the basement of Elliot Hall of Music to partake in the tradition. Second year marchers in the section supply the massive amounts of Sliders every year; usually between 300 and 450 will have to be supplied. Tradition states that the smallest member of the section then creates a recommended number of sliders for a section member to eat. Over the years, recommendations have ranged from 8 to 14 sliders to be eaten that morning!

Other parts to a traditional Slider Day would be to deliver a single White Castle Slider to each of the directors of the "All-American" Marching Band. The rationale behind this gesture is to include the directors and staff into our "All-American" tradition, and to bond over the amazing taste of White Castle sliders. We love the Purdue family we are members of, and we love to give thanks and break bread (or in this case, sliders) in Boilermaker Spirit.

An additional tradition performed on Slider Day is for a Senior Sousaphone to eat a White Castle Slider during the performance of the halftime show. This tradition started during the first Slider Day, when a member of the section was overcome with a craving and decided to eat a Slider during the halftime show. Needless to say, the rest is history.

With thrifty prices for such high-quality American food, it was obvious for us to choose White Castle Sliders. We thoroughly enjoy every Slider Day, as it allows us to bond over the American tradition of excellence that White Castle continues to exemplify. We, the Purdue "All-American" Marching Sousaphones, are proud to have served this tradition for over two decades and are happy to have White Castle as part of our family.

Boiler Up! Hammer Down!

The Purdoobahs

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