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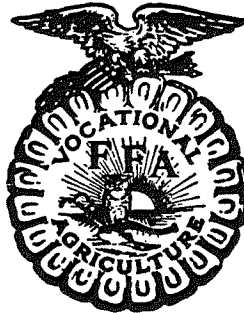
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Many people have influenced me through the years namely Wayne Rapier my good high school oboist friend with the Boston Symphony, Roy Wallace my high school band director, Dr. Lee Gibson U. of N.T., my clarinet teacher, Maurice McAdow, my university band director, Marion Busby and Bryce Taylor to name a few. My greatest asset has always been my wife, Elizabeth, who for 54 years has made ever step with me. Our wonderful children Steve, Susan and Lee were great musicians and contant supporters as well as our grandchildren Cathrine, Neal, Laura and Brent who are also fine musicians. During my fifty years of teaching I have observed the amazing development of our band programs from the early "one town - one director" stage to the best bands in the world. It has been a

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wonderful life! I am still enjoying it in retirement!

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP
of the
Texas Association of Future Farmers of America



The Honorary Lone Star Farmer Degree is awarded to

Sherry Albritton

*in recognition of outstanding service to vocational agriculture and the
Future Farmers of America*

July 16, 1959
Date

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State Advisor

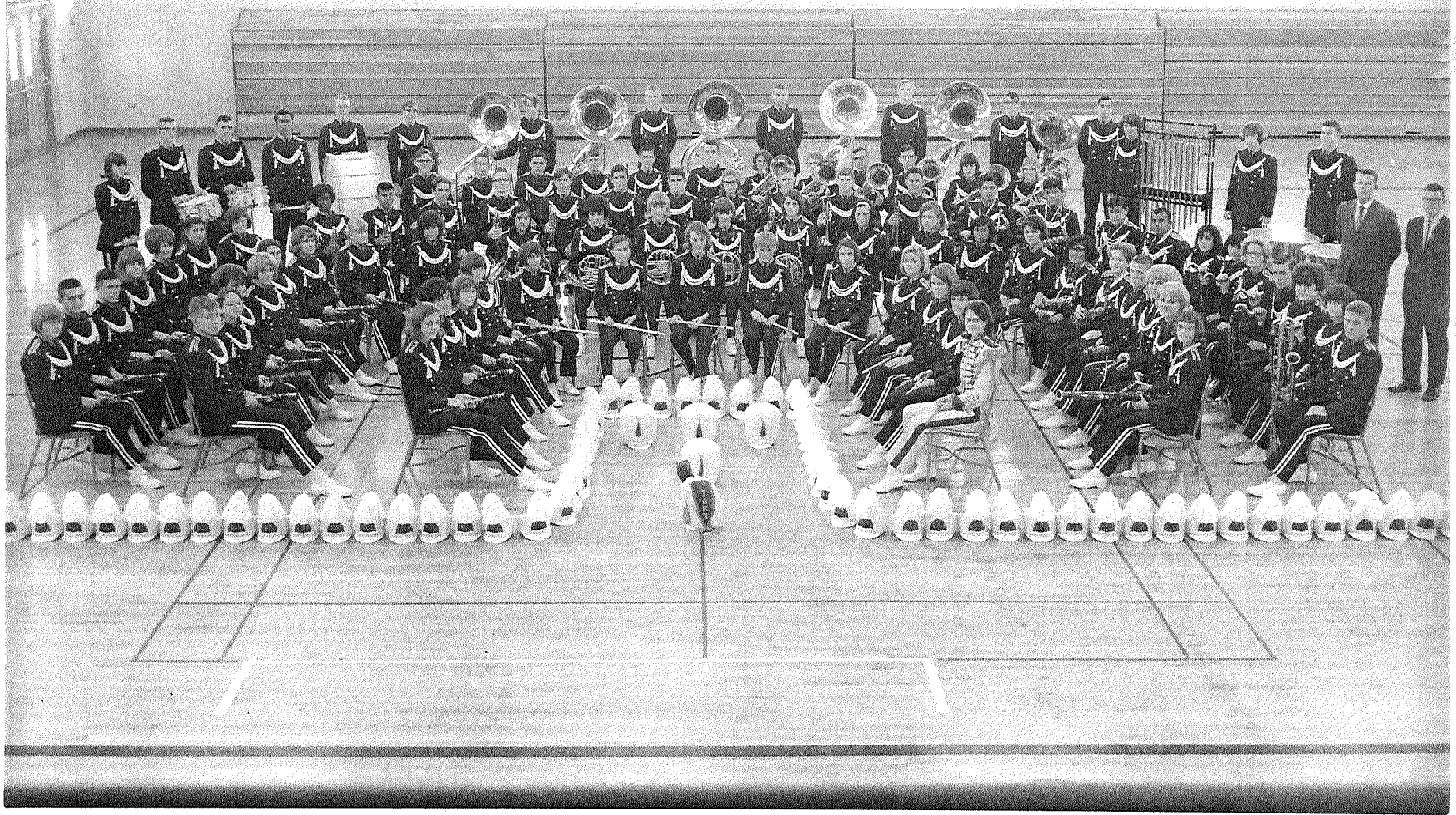
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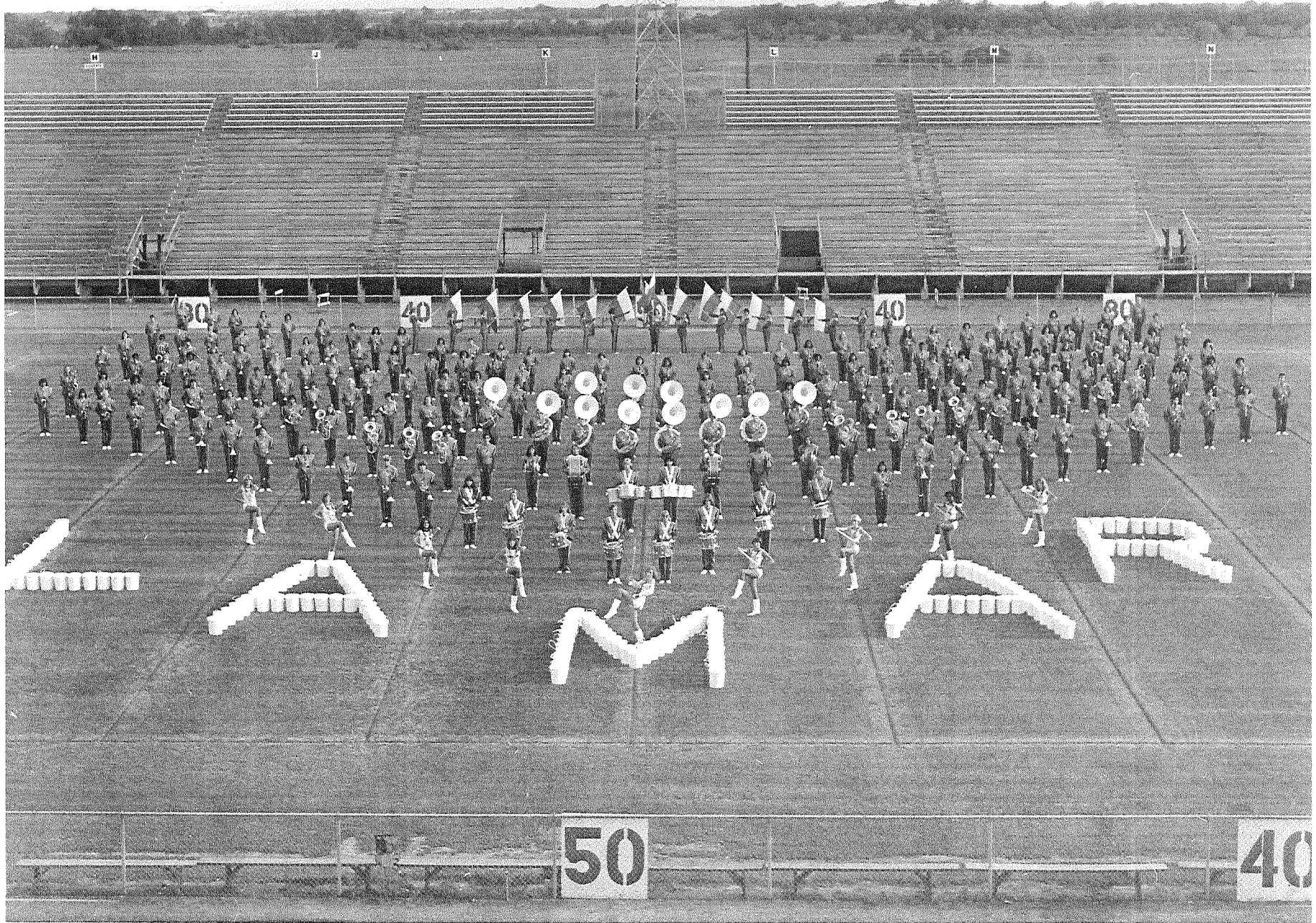
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Executive Secretary



TAFT HIGH SCHOOL BAND

THE TAFT GREYHOUNDS



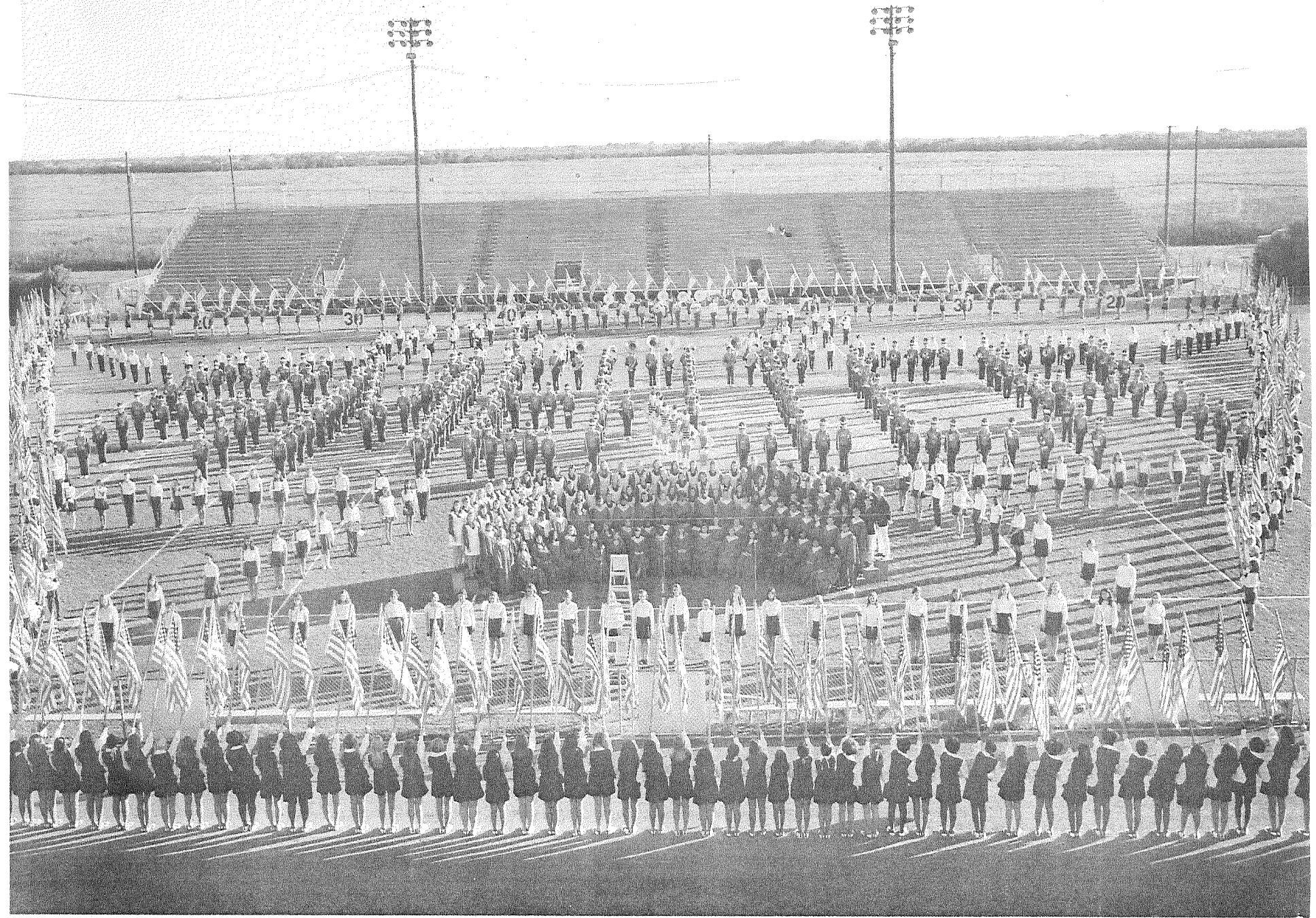




LAMAR MUSTANG BAND



PATRIOTIC HALF-TIME SHOW





THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
THE COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78712

Department of Music

November 20, 1967

Mr. S. L. Albritton
Band director
Taft High School
Taft, Texas

Dear Albritton:

To you and members of the Taft High School Band, I offer my sincerest congratulations for the fine musicianship and showmanship shown last Saturday at the Region XIV Marching Contest. There was more spirit and enthusiasm displayed at this contest by directors, students and audience than I have witnessed at any of the other fine contests that I have visited.

Especially do I want to congratulate you and your band for your contribution. Your performance was musical, interesting and tastefully presented with a dignity in keeping with the status of the band as an educational media.

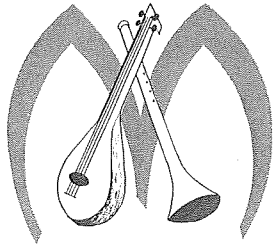
My best wishes for your continued success.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nelson G. Patrick".

Nelson G. Patrick,
Associate Professor
in Music Education

NGP:dq



Music Department

Sam Houston State University

Huntsville, Texas 77340

FISHER A. TULL - Director

February 12, 1973

Mr. S. L. Albritton
Director of Bands
Lamar Consolidated High School
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Dear Mr. Albritton:

Today I received a copy of a recording of the 1971-72 Lamar Consolidated Bands containing the performance of my TOCCATO. I want to take this opportunity to tell you how delighted I was with the performance of this most difficult work. When I was writing this piece two years ago, I had in mind that it would only be playable by some of the better university bands in that nation. Over the past year, I have received numerous tape recordings of college band performances, and I want you to know that your recording ranks among the best of these I have heard. I wish I could thank each of your students personally, but since this is impossible, I hope you will pass along to them my highest respect for their accomplishments. It goes without saying that their efforts would be meaningless without the expertness and leadership from you and your instructional staff.

My sincere thanks to all of you, and my best wishes for your continued excellence in music.

Yours truly,

F. A. Tull, Director
Department of Music

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cc: Principal, Lamar Consolidated High School

First All-Texas Bandmasters Band

CITATION

presented to

Sherry Albritton

for his contribution to an outstanding performance.

Presented this 21st day of February, 1958 at the

Moody Center, Galveston, Texas

Texas Music Educators Association Convention

Robert S. Kennerly
State Band Chairman

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President

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Executive Secretary

Jack Mary
Organizer

"TO PROMOTE THE MUSICAL AND EDUCATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OF BANDS"

S. L. ALBRILTON

is a MEMBER of the

NATIONAL BAND ASSOCIATION

President

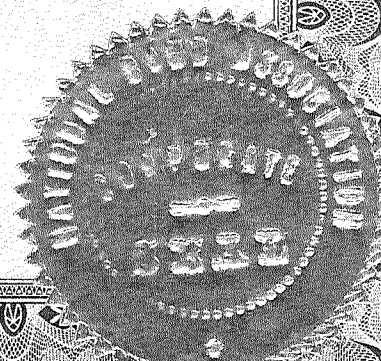
William J. Moody

Secretary

Maxine Lepore

Date

July 25, 1969



THE PRICELESS GIFT

Now that band is a memory
all the melodies are sweeter.

The great big blue-gray group
seems more a family
And Mr. "A" is more a father
because we suddenly have to leave him.

I'll remember climbing on the bus
in search of some new fantasy
And I'll never forget how proud he was
when we finally reached the top,
Or how very sympathetic
when our best wasn't good enough.

Perhaps it's all so valuable
because music lives forever
And even when the medals fade
and the trophies turn to dust
The song of love he taught
will live on in our hearts.

Mr. "A" was always there
to push us a little harder
And to offer a hug and a smile
whenever things got sentimental
And the music was so good it hurt.

We can never go back
to the happy group we were
But we may never leave
the spirit and the exaltation
Of the concerts and rehearsals
and the crescendos without end.

This is not a good-bye
or a final thank-you note...
Just a reminder to those who remain
that all the work is worthwhile
And every melody is priceless
just because it's TODAY.

Lisa Schultz, 1979

5/3/87

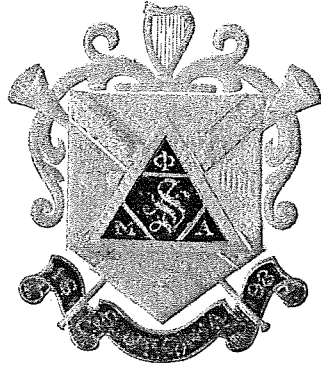
Sherry:

As usual, you and the "Mustang" team brought honor and praise to our school and community. I'm extremely pleased that you'll win "Sweepstakes" for several reasons, but the most important reason is that you deserve "one last big one" to exit on.

In my twenty years of educational service, I have never seen a harder working, more caring, and more successful band leader. There may be someone else in your shoes next year, but they will not replace you. For your years of service, success, and caring, I say "Thanks." I know you will work just as hard in the future and the entire music program will benefit.

with respect,

Richard Smith



This is to certify that

Sherry Lee Albritton

*has been duly elected a brother of
Gamma Theta Chapter*

Sinsonia Fraternity

of America

December 19, 1949

Albert Lukken
National President


Chas. E. Sutton
National Secretary

University Interscholastic League

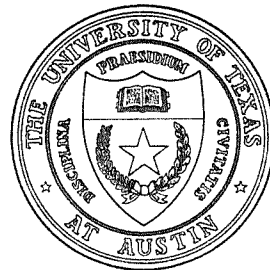
This is to Certify that

S. L. ALBRITTON

Having met the requirements as set forth by the
Committee for Music Contests Adjudication and Performance Standards,
has been approved to judge
U. I. L. Music Contests
1977 to 1978



Director of League





Director Music Activities

Kelly Grems, Chairman
Region XIX Jr. High Band
15545 El Camino Real
Houston, Texas 77062

Mr. S. L. Albritton
Lamar Consolidated ISD
930 E. Stadium Drive
Rosenberg, Texas 77471

Dear Sherry,

Thank you for being the clinician this year for the Region XIX Jr. High South Band. You did a very thorough job of preparing our students in such a short time for their evening concert.

I was very pleased with your selection of music. It was challenging and interesting for the students and, considering the standing ovation given by the audience, it was enjoyable to listen to also. A record of the concert has been ordered for you and should be mailed in about 6-8 weeks.

Hopefully, you will be able to join us again in the future as clinician.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Grems". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

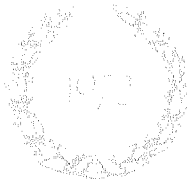
Kelly Grems

*Leaders of
American Secondary Education*

This is to certify that

S. L. ALBRITTON

has been selected as a *Leader of American Secondary Education*
for 1972 in recognition of contributions to the advancement of
secondary education and service to community.



V Gilbert Beers
V. Gilbert Beers, Ph.D.
Director

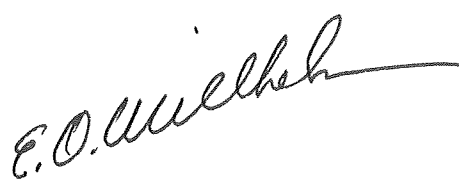
LAMAR CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEMO: December 13, 1978

TO: Sherry Albritton ✓
Leroy Gerdes
Pete Sposota
Victor Williams
Carlton Marsh

FROM: E. O. Wilhelm, Superintendent

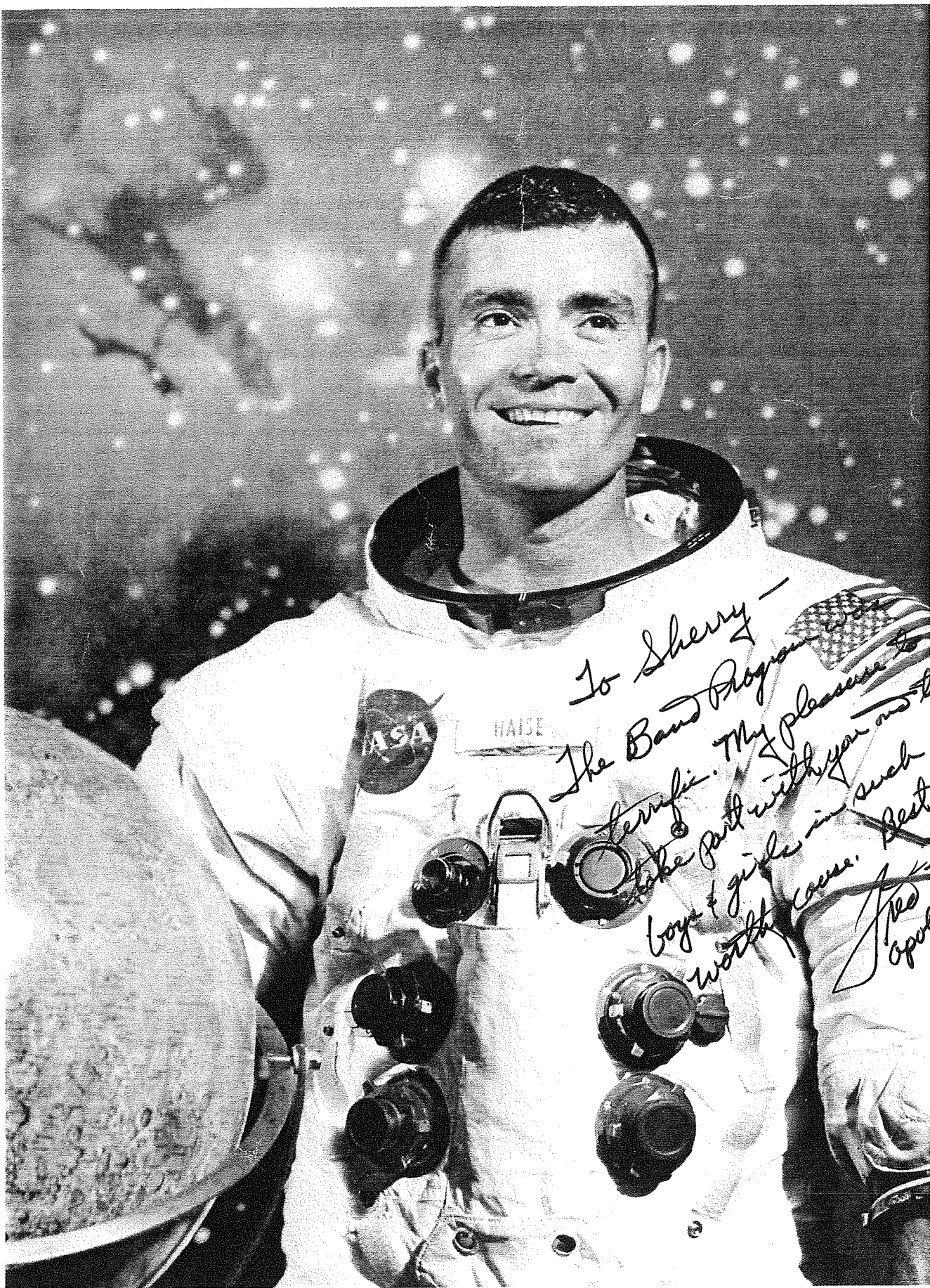
SUBJECT: Band Performance at the Astrodome



The performance of the marching band in the Astrodome last Saturday night was excellent. I am very proud of the band, because I can always count on a performance that "wins" the half-time. You won the half-time at the Dome against excellent competition.

I appreciate your dedicated effort, the long days of practice, and the originality of all the shows this past season. Even though the football team didn't win state, I can say with confidence that the Lamar Band is the state champions of 1978.

Thanks for a good season of half-time shows.



To Sherry -
The Band Program was
terrific. My pleasure to
take part with you and
boys & girls in such
worth while course. Best
Fred Haise

FRED W. HAISE, JR.



Richmond Sesquicentennial Committee

presents this

Certificate of Appreciation

to

S. L. Albritton

*for participating in
Sesquicentennial Activities
a Commemorative Celebration*

*during
Texas's 150th Birthday*

Thelmas B. Moore
Richmond Mayor



Mildred Walker
Sesquicentennial Committee Chairman

March 9, 1986
Date



Carlsbad Municipal Schools


CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Presented to S. L. Albritton
in recognition of 5 years of service to Carlsbad Municipal Schools

Presented this 28th day of May, 1998



President
Board of Education



Superintendent
Carlsbad Schools

Meritorious Achievement Award

*The Board of Directors of the Texas Bandmasters Association
is proud to present the Second Annual Meritorious Achievement Award*

to

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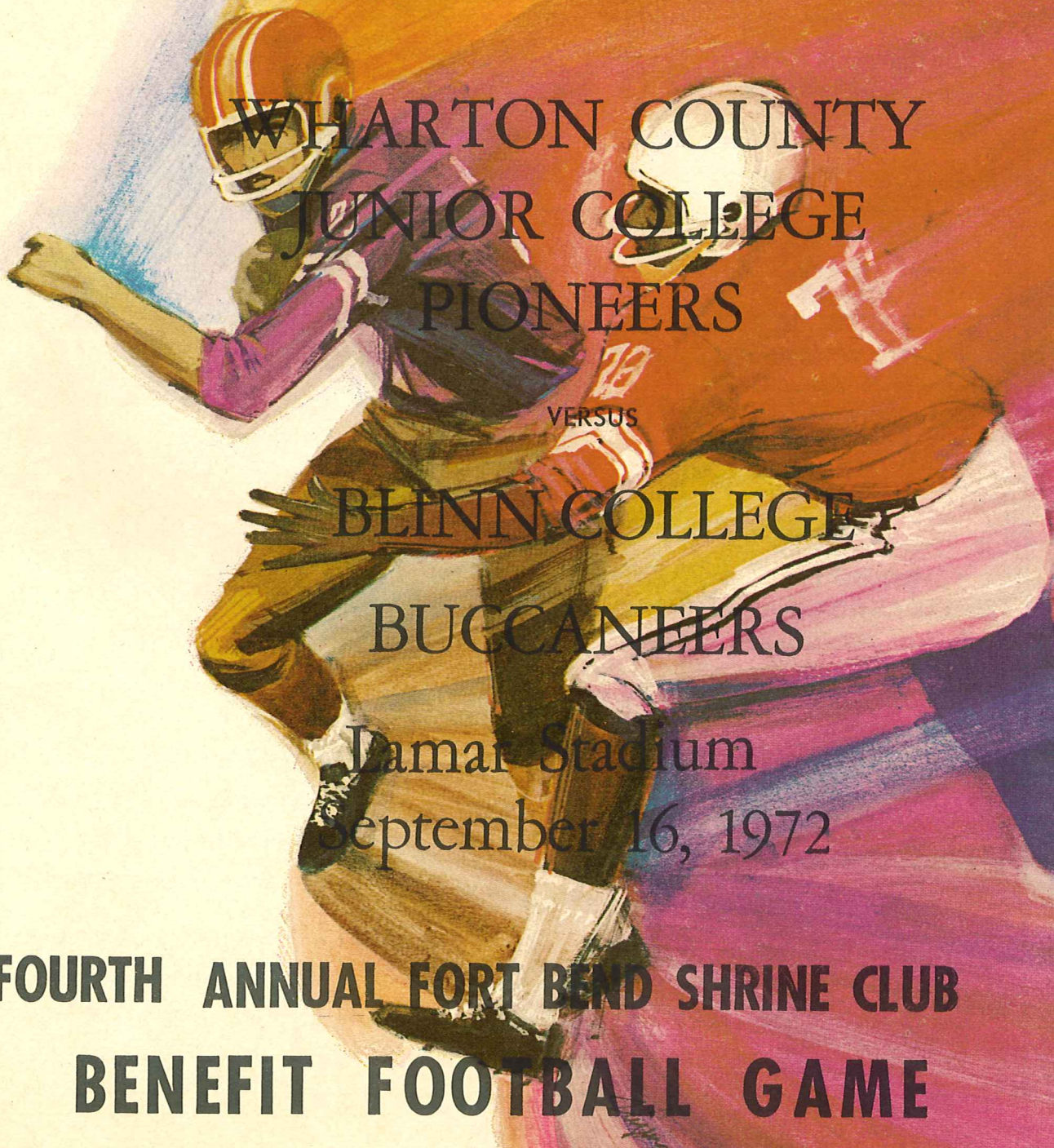
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It is gratifying to see former students support music education by becoming teachers and by expressing the desire that their children enjoy the same wonderful experience that they did as band members.

Without the support of Elizabeth, his wife of 51 years, and his three children, Steve, Susan and Lee, none of this would have been possible. We are proud of our four grandchildren all involved in bands i.e. Catherine, Deep Park High School, Neal, Deep Park Intermediate School and twins Laura and Brent, at Klein High School.

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WHARTON COUNTY
JUNIOR COLLEGE
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BUCCANEERS

Damar Stadium
September 16, 1972

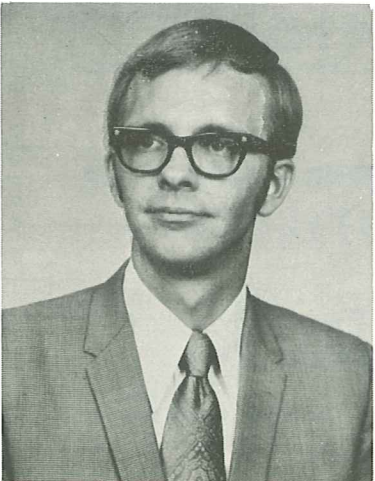
**FOURTH ANNUAL FORT BEND SHRINE CLUB
BENEFIT FOOTBALL GAME**



SHERRY ALBRITTON
Band Director

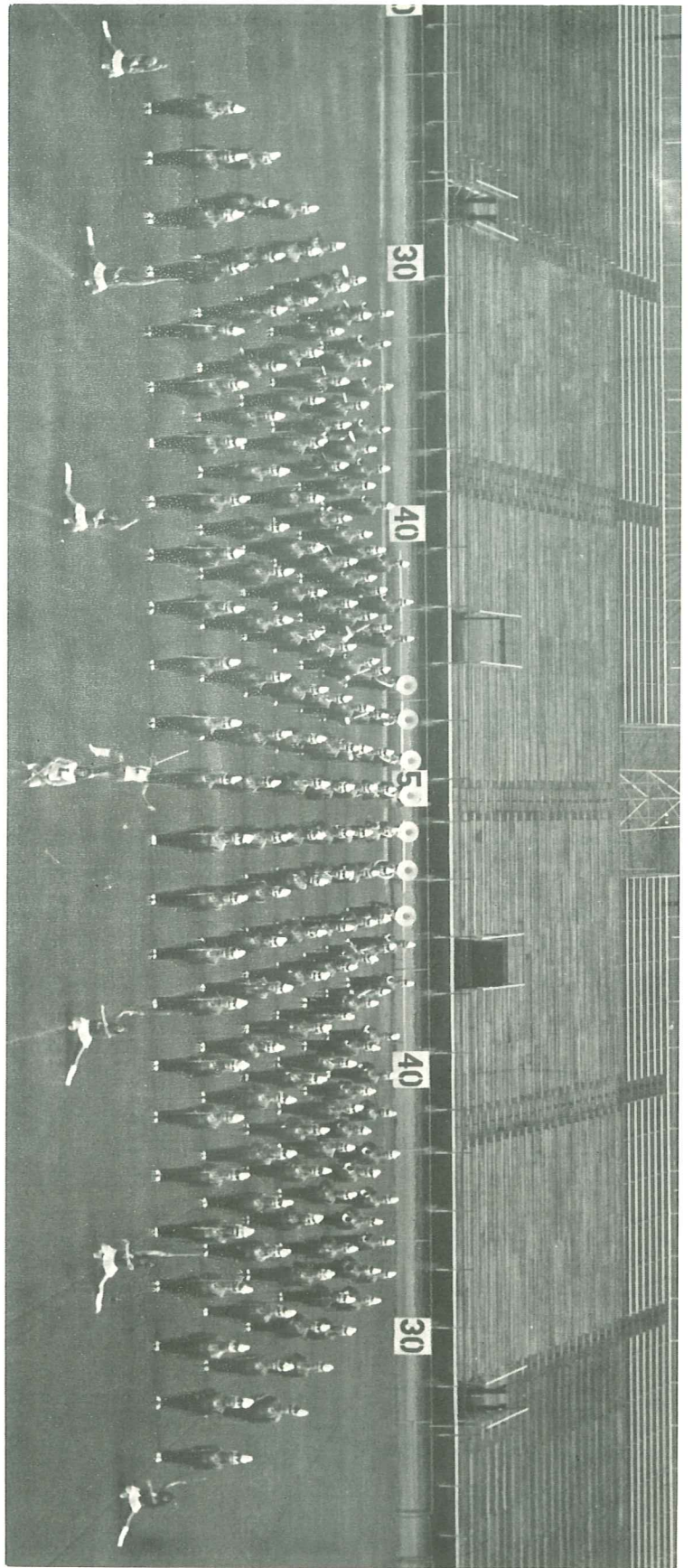


CHARLES MAXWELL
Asst. Band Director



BOB MASSEY
Asst. Band Director

MUSTANG BAND





SPECIAL AWARD

Presenting a special award to S. L. Albritton for appreciation of untiring and devoted service to all crippled and burned children through the Fort Bend Shrine Club is Ear Browning, past president and coordinator of football games for the local Shriners. This year the Shriners gave \$7,000 in proceeds from their football game to the crippled children, bringing their total proceeds for nine years to \$55,000.

Lamar's Top Music

Man Deserved Honor

The Lamar High School Band honored S.L. Albritton Monday night at its annual banquet, and we want to echo the praise passed out for the man who has served as the band's director for the past 14 years.

Under the leadership of Sherry Albritton, the Lamar Band received 37 first-division ratings in concert, sightreading and marching. He helped produce 24 All-State band students at Lamar, and has received nine first-division ratings at Festival contests.

More importantly from our point of view, Sherry Albritton has taken that extra step in his profession, going far beyond the sphere of "collecting a paycheck." He has worked long hours before, during and after school to help the Lamar band achieve both group and individual recognition.

One of the highlights of each Lamar Mustang football game is the halftime entertainment, and Sherry Albritton has played a key role in these highly successful productions for 14 years.

He was present for his last Lamar Band banquet Monday night as the band's director, having already assumed the duties of music director for the Lamar Consolidated Independent School District.

And he hit the ground running in that new job already having received approval from the board of trustees for a district-wide music program that is expected to enhance both the musical and educational skills of students on all levels.

We're happy to have S.L. Albritton "in the driver's seat" as the top music man in the Lamar district.

Sherry,

27 Aug. 81

Thanks for the many
excellent performances you
have directed the last five
years. You are the best
"bondman" I've ever worked
with.

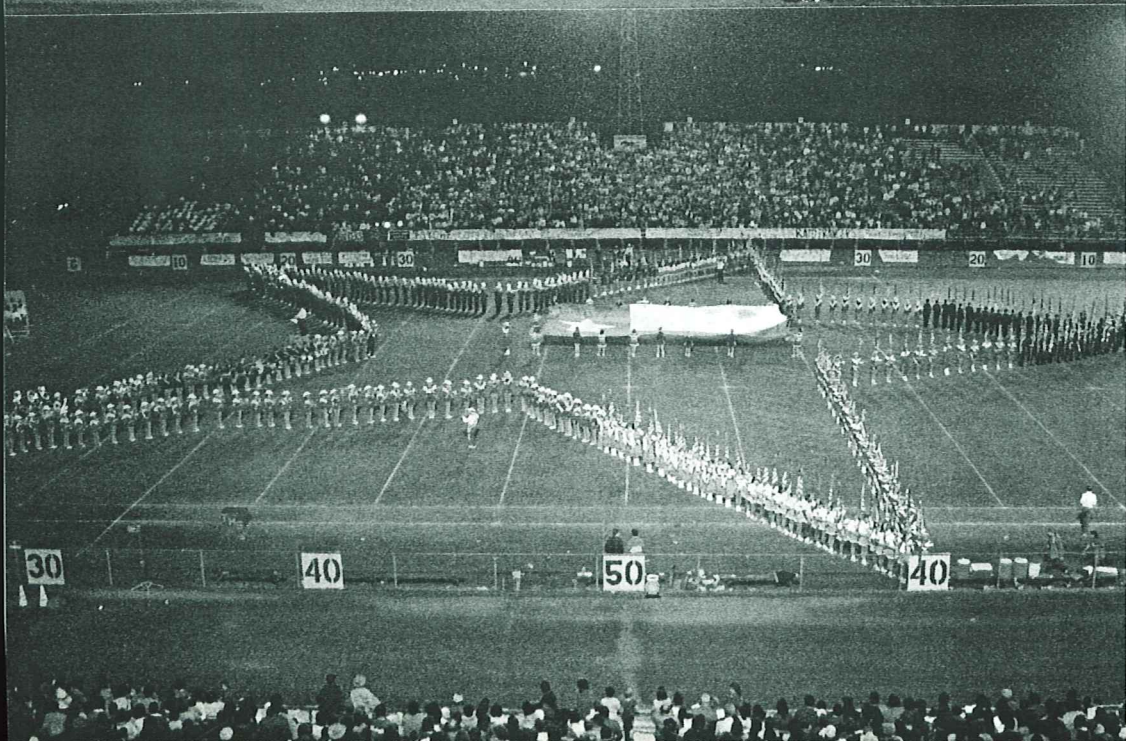
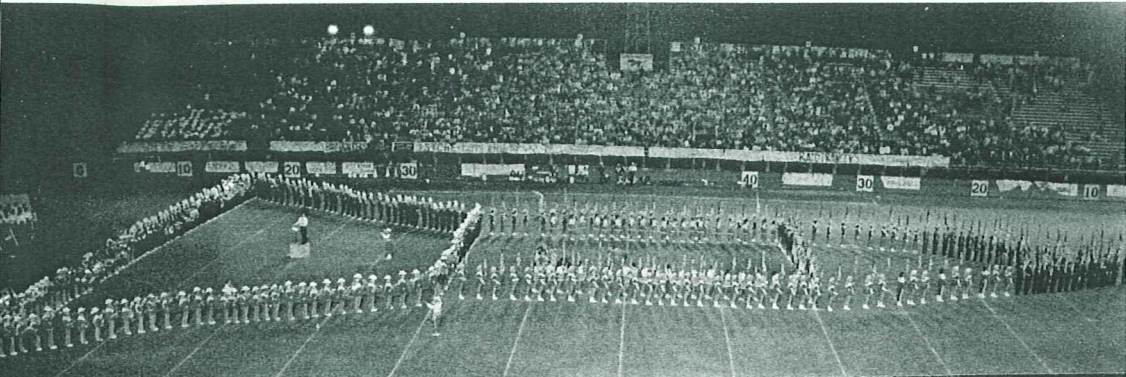
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Edgar D. Mitchell



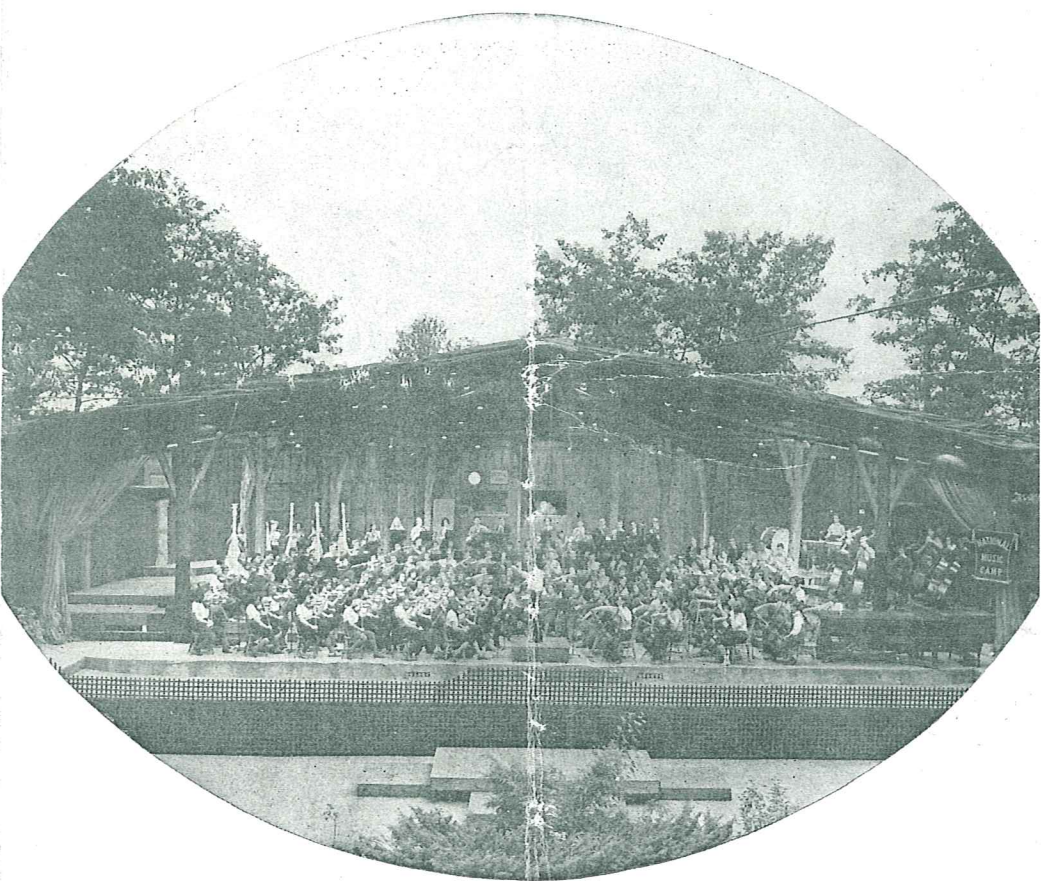
MAN OF THE HOUR

S.L. Albritton was the man of the hour at the Lamar High Band Banquet Monday at the American Legion Hall in Rosenberg. Albritton is leaving as head band director and will be in charge of the entire music program for Lamar Consolidated Independent School District. Here, he shows a framed poem about him presented by the band booster club.



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*Home of the
World Famous National Music Camp*



THE NINETEENTH SEASON

June 30th to August 26th, 1946

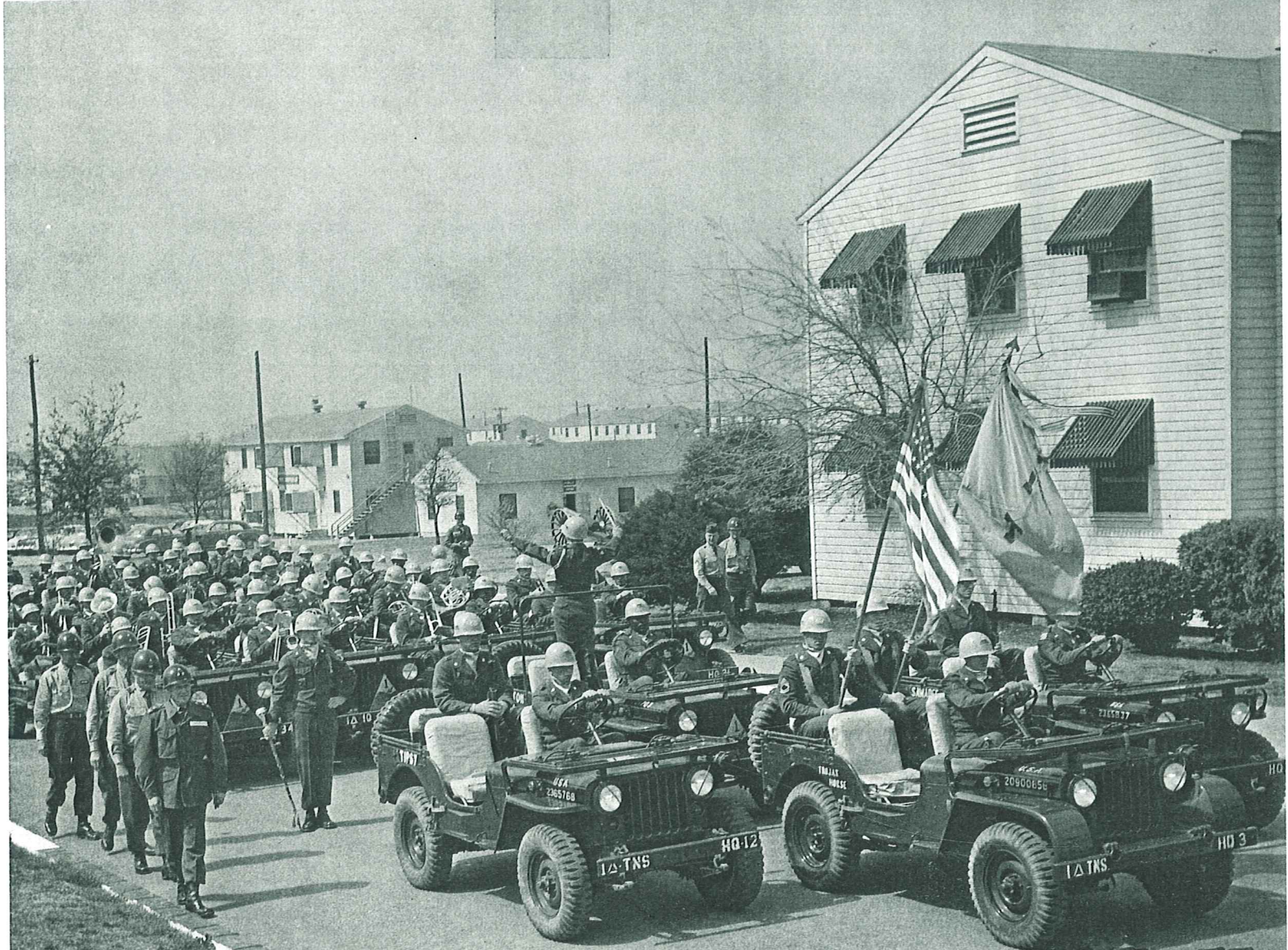


NORTH STATE COLLEGE BAND 1950



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HIGH SCHOOL

De Kalb High School BAND
1950-1951



1ST ARMD. DIV. BAND FT. HOOD, TX. 1953-55

Hillsboro High School Band 1953-1954





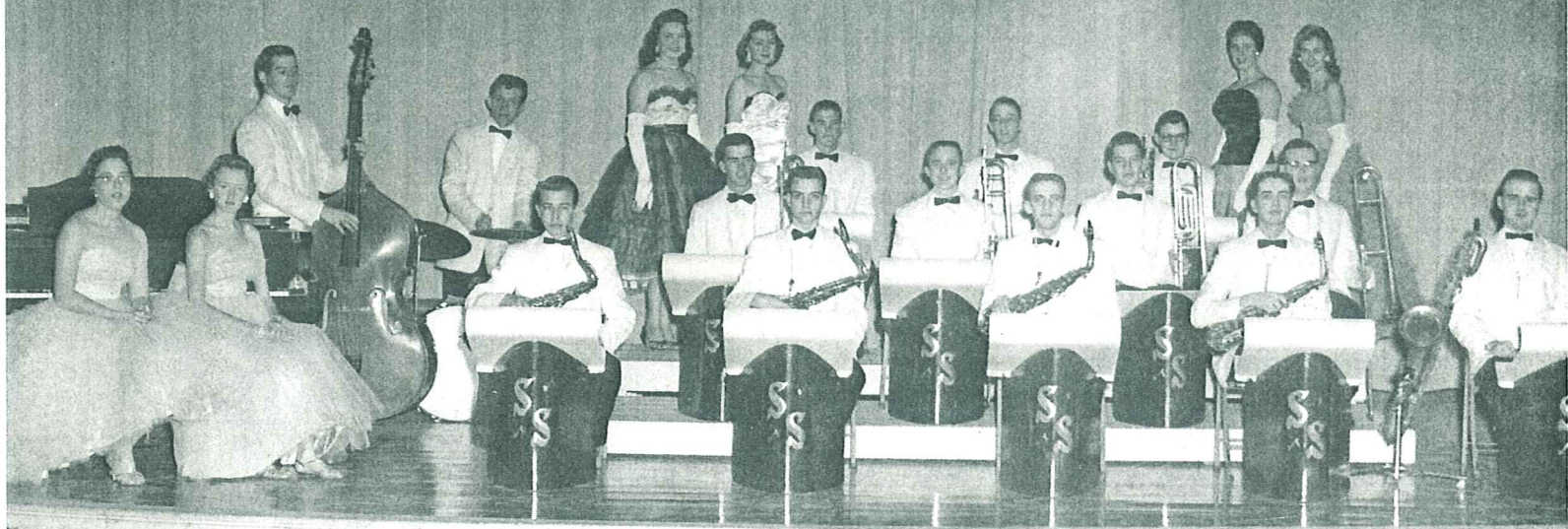
Quitman Highschool BAND

1956-1957



SULPHUR SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL BAND 1957-1958

S.S. STAGE BAND 1957-58





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TEXAS ASSOCIATION

VICE-PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

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Sunrise service open to public

The people of the Richmond-Rosenberg area are invited to attend a non-denominational Easter Sunrise service at Lamar Mustang Stadium at 6:30 a.m. Sunday.

Dr. Roy Enquist, chairman of the Department of Theology and Philosophy at Texas Lutheran College, Seguin, will be the guest speaker. His message will be entitled "The Power of Easter".

The Community Chorus under the direction of S. L. Albritton will be singing, accompanied by a brass group from the high school. Members of the Lamar High School Band, also under the direction of Albritton, will accompany the congregation in hymn singing and will also provide special music.

A free-will offering will be collected with proceeds going

to the religious program at Richmond State School.

This service is being sponsored by the Tri-Lutheran Co-ordinating Committee of Rosenberg which consists of representatives from Peace, St. Paul and Trinity Lutheran Churches.

In case of rain, the service will be held in Herndon Auditorium.

Taft High
Student
Taft

The 1966 Tracks is proudly and respectfully dedicated to Mr. Sherry Lee Albritton. You, Mr. Albritton, have shown us the deep rewards that are obtained only from hard work and desire. You have encouraged us with your superb sense of humor and understanding. Because your band has won for Taft the respect of so many, our whole school has benefited from the efforts of your band. We want you to know, Mr. Albritton, that you are truly appreciated and admired by each of us.

Presents To **MR. SHERRY L. ALBRITTON**

This Certificate In Recognition for Being Chosen to have the 1966 Annual
Of Taft High School, Taft, Texas. Dedicated to you.

In witness whereof, our signatures are hereunto affixed this eight day of
January nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

David Neelha

President

Franklin S. McAlister

Sponsor

Letter

To The

Editor

1436 Clodah Drive
Corpus Christi, Texas
April 16, 1966

Principal of Taft High School
Taft, Texas

Dear Sir:

Yesterday I was in Luby's when your band came in to have lunch. I watched them as they came in, as they went through the line, and after they took their seats in the dining room. It was a real pleasure to observe them. It has been a long time since I have seen a group of students so well mannered, so poised, so quiet, and so well groomed. Without exception they were ladies and gentlemen in every respect. Also, they had such bright, intelligent looking faces. I was so pleased to see that all of them had their hair well groomed. I think a lot of us who teach are a bit tired of the "shaggy haired, sloppy" student. Your students wore their uniforms with pride and dignity. So often when students are in such a large group away from home they tend to become loud. All of the Taft students kept their voices down.

Some of the girls sat at a table next to mine. I complimented them on their appearance and behavior, but I would like for you to pass on to them all my admiration and praise. The girls told me that they had won the sweepstakes. I am so glad. I hope they realize that discipline probably made the difference; we who teach know that the student who has order in his life learns more than the one without it.

You and the teachers and parents who have trained these students are proud I know, and you should be praised.

Sincerely yours,
Joan C. Vanderford
(Associate Professor of English)

Del Mar College