







NHS HIGH SCHOOL - May 1967



# Lambert will be honored tonight at Dragon Stadium

The Nacogdoches High School Alumni Association will honor David Lee Lambert as a Distinguished NHS Alumnus tonight in Dragon Stadium. The Dragons play the Kilgore Bulldogs at 7 p.m.

Lambert graduated from NHS in 1967 after serving in the NHS band for four years as a drummer and receiving many top honors.

After high school, Lambert attended SFA where he graduated with his bachelor of music degree in 1971 and his master of arts degree with a concentration in music theory and composition in 1973.

He started his music career as assistant director of bands in the Nacogdoches school district, and after leaving Nacogdoches he became the assistant director of bands in the Fort Bend ISD at both Dulles Middle School and Dulles High School, and as the director of bands at Dulles High School.

In 1985, he became the director of fine arts for the Fort Bend ISD and held that position until he retired in 2004. During his tenure, the district's bands and orchestras were recognized

with three honor performances at the Texas Music Educators Association's conference and received 15 invitations to perform at the Midwest Clinic in Chicago.

Lambert, who is an active adjudicator, clinician and consultant, served as the concert band vice president for the Texas Music Adjudicators Association from 2003 to 2007 and is presently serving as president of that organization. He also serves as the executive secretary for Region 17 of the University Interscholastic League. He holds the same position in the Texas chapter of Phi Beta Mu, the international bandmasters fraternity, and is the immediate past-president of that organization.

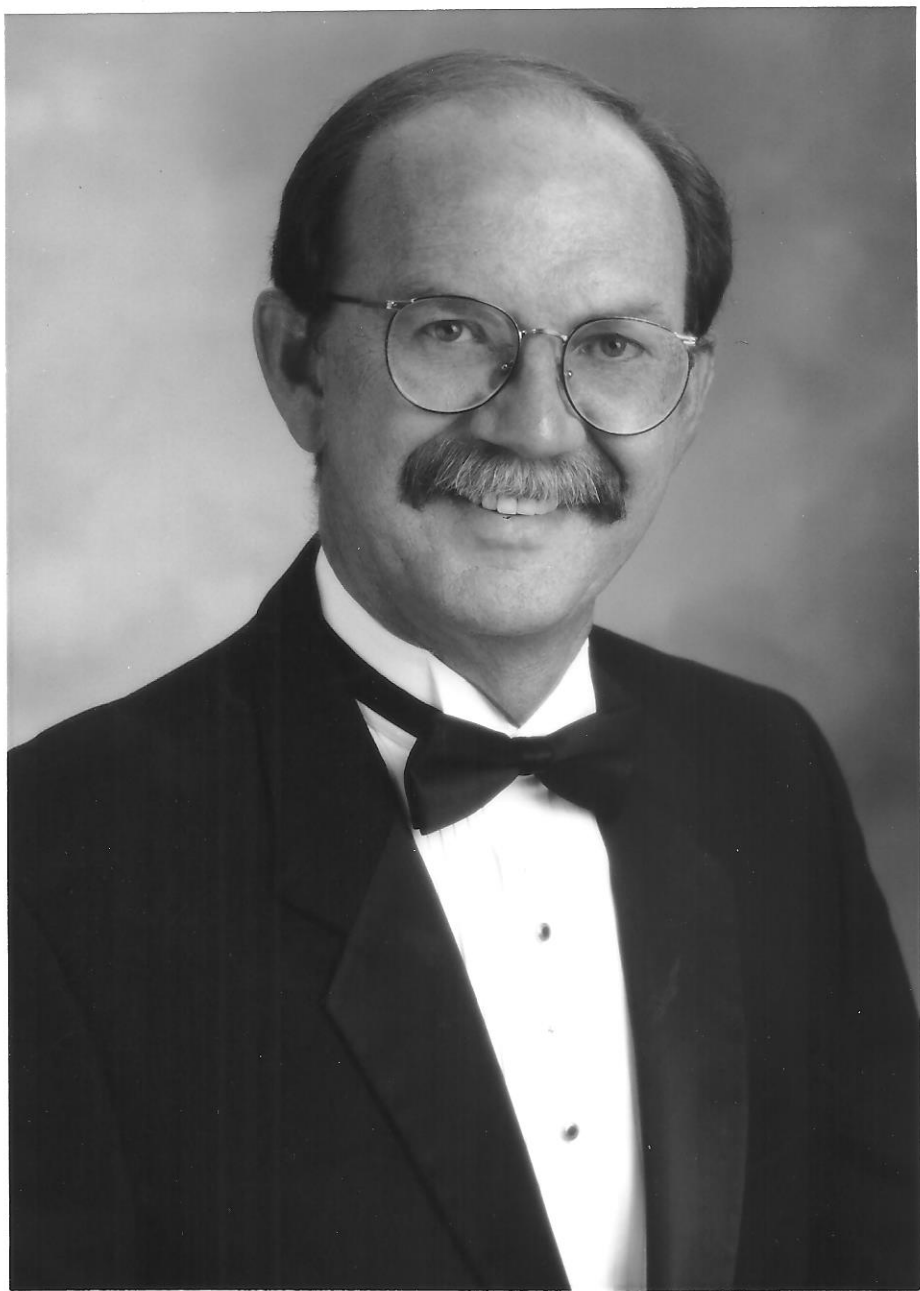
The Texas Music Administrators Conference named him Texas Music Administrator of the Year for 2001-2002, and the Texas Thespian Conference named him Outstanding Administrator for 2001-2002. In 2003, he was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award for Music Administration from the Texas Bandmasters Association. And most recently SFASU inducted into the SFA Band Directors' Hall of Fame.

Lambert and his wife, Sheryl, have two sons, Jason and Jonathan and make their home in Missouri City, Texas.



DAVID LEE LAMBERT





















# David Lambert Is All-State Winner

"I didn't think I had a chance," David Lambert said, recalling the All-State Band final tryouts in Lufkin a week ago.

But he had more than a chance. After advancing through a complicated series of auditions and winning every time, David became the first band member in the history of Nacogdoches High School to win a place in the All-State Band.

**THE TALL** 17-year-old junior who plays drums will go with his band director, Neil Grant, to Dallas Feb. 10-12 to rehearse with the band made up of the best high school musicians from throughout the state.

All-State Band will give a concert Saturday night, Feb. 12, in the Kalita Humphreys Dallas Theater Center.

**DAVID, WHO** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Lambert of 502 East Pilar, first made All-Region Band from auditions held here on the NHS campus. Thirteen other Dragon Band members also made it.

Next, he and three others from Nacogdoches went to zone tryouts at Pine Tree. He and one other—Laura Bingham, senior drum major who plays flute—advanced to the last step, area tryouts, at Lufkin Jan. 22.

**ALL WHO** even entered the last step in tryouts were outstanding high school musicians. "There were three drummers trying out—one of the others

first told me I'd made it," Davis said.

Auditions were based on snare drum exercises and sight reading of music, he said.

Neil Grant, NHS band director who is leaving for a position in White Oak as soon as his replacement comes, had high praise for David, and David also had praise for Mr. Grant.

**THE YOUNG** band director, in his one semester here, has guided the band to a marching contest victory in Interscholastic League competition and an appearance in nationally televised Cotton Bowl festivities in Dallas on New Year's Day.

"David's main instrument is snare drum," Mr. Grant said, "but he has talent for all percussion instruments. In fact, he learned to play the tympani (kettledrums) in 15 minutes."

**TYMPANI** are considered difficult to learn quickly because (See Lambert, Page 8)

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they can be tuned to play different tones. However, after one 15-minute session, David picked up enough to play the demanding tympani part in Clifton Williams' "Fanfare and Allegro" in band rehearsal the next day, Mr. Grant said.

David started playing drums in the seventh grade in Shreveport, La. Later his family moved to Bossier City, La., and about two years ago they moved to Nacogdoches.

**SOME YOUNGSTERS** who make All-State Band have had many years of private instruction other than through the school, but David has had none. Many also have a tradition of music in the family, but neither of David's parents plays an instrument.

David has no brothers and sisters to put up a fuss when he starts drumming at home, but he admitted his practicing "got old" to his parents.

"**WHEN** I was trying for the All-State contest, though, they didn't mind," he added.

He enjoys playing in the "Governors," a five-piece stage band that performs about once a week for high school dances and parties.

Besides David on the "trap set" drums, the band consists of Mike Grubbs, who plays organ and saxophone; Homer Tindall, who plays bass viol and sings; Jimmy Daniels, lead guitar; and Dave Carroll, who plays guitar and sings.

**WHAT'S AHEAD** for David after high school graduation?

"I'd like to go to college and major in music. It'll probably be SFA," he says.

One thing judges have agreed on—he's got talent!

DAVID LAMBERT  
'Drums Way to All-State Band'









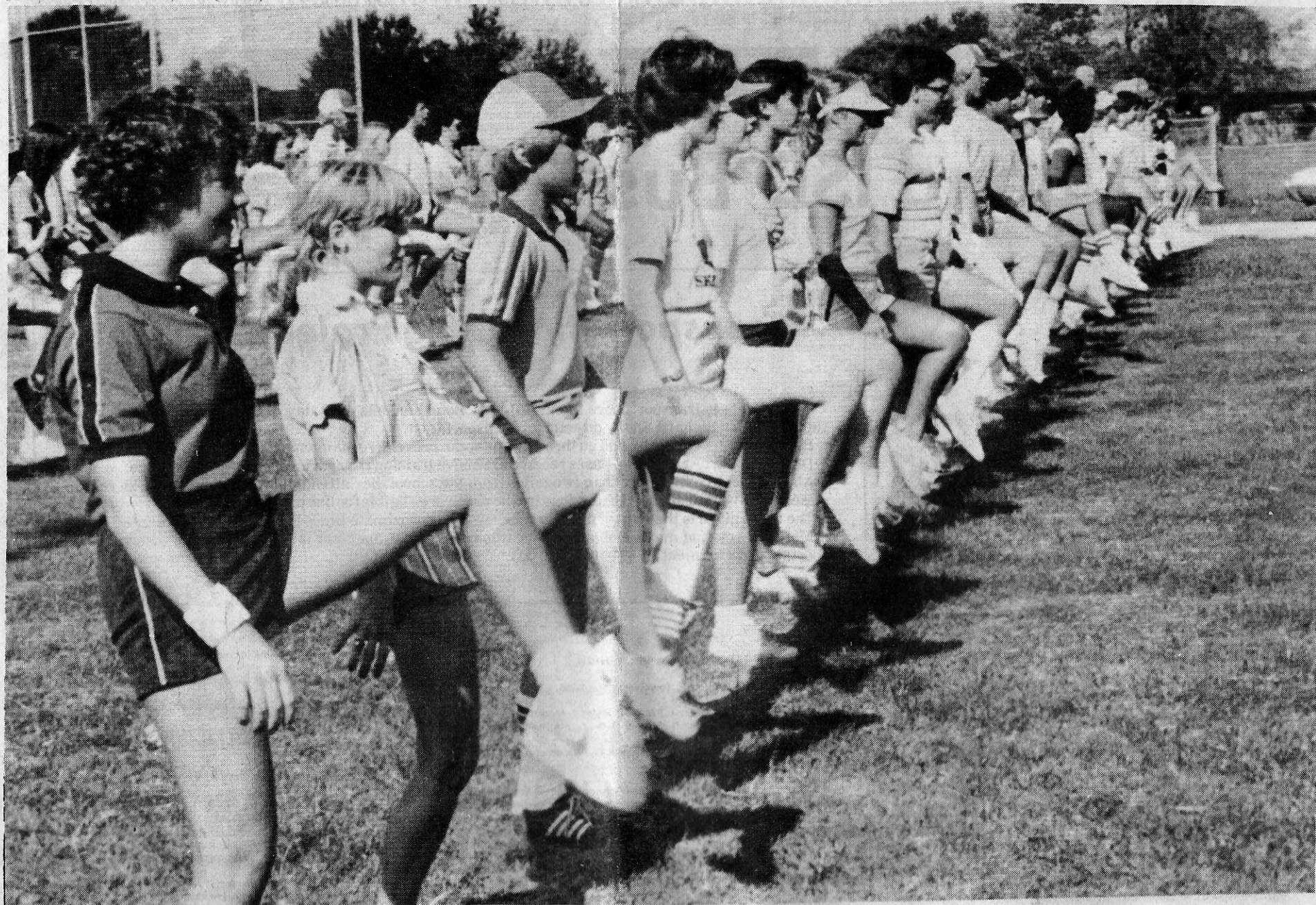












Dulles High School Band Practices





































*The*  
**Guv'nors**









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NEIGHBORSAfter 40 years, band together  
and planning performanceBy TYESHA BOUDREAUX  
*Sentinel Staff*

When band members of Guv'nors, a local band started by four teenagers in 1964, completed their last performance together in 1968, they had no idea that it would take almost 40 years for them to play together again.

But at last, Jimmy Daniels, David Lambert, Homer Tindall and Fred Bright, who is known by his stage name Indio Caldeza, are finally back together and are planning another performance.

Their long-awaited reunion was finally made possible when they were contacted by their former classmates to be the sole entertainment for their 40th class reunion of the Nacogdoches High School class of 1967.

"We had a lot of great times together," Tindall said. "I'm excited about trying to play again."

Peggy Jasso, reunion commit-

tee member, said this is the first reunion that committee members have had the time to plan the gathering exactly how they want it.

"During the past reunions, most of us were still working so we didn't have enough time to fully plan it out," Jasso said. "It took us 40 years to do this, and I'm having a great time keeping in touch with everybody."

As excited as the Guv'nors are about being able to perform together again, they are having a better time reminiscing about the "old days," including their experience playing five nights a week at the Sunset Club in Trinity County during their senior year of high school.

"That's why we looked sleepy every day," Caldeza said.

They each made \$10 per night on the weekdays and \$20 on Saturday nights.

"If we would have saved, we would all be rich by now," Tindall said.

Because the reunion is not until October 13, the Guv'nors have plenty of time to practice.

"We haven't been together for 40 years, and I'm just happy we are still alive," Daniels said jokingly.

"We'll practice until we need a nap or until we have some job offers."

Even though the band split up, each member stayed in the music industry for a number of years.

Caldeza, who plays the keyboard, continued to work with different groups all over the country.

"This band launched my whole life story," Caldeza said. "Whether bad or good."

Daniels, who plays the guitar, also continued to play as a musician.

Lambert, who plays the drums, majored in music at SFA and went on to teach music.

"I taught high school music and I was the music director in Fort Bend ISD for 20 years," Lambert said.



The Guv'nors from the early days and today. Pictured, from top, are Homer Tindall, Fred Bright (stage name Indio Caldeza), Jimmy Daniels and David Lambert.

Although Tindall, who played the bass guitar, did not have any plans to stay in the music industry, he "accidentally" joined another band.

"I started filling in for someone when I moved to Dallas, but I had no plans to stay," Tindall said. "But when I looked up, eight years had gone by."

The Guv'nors know hundreds of songs, they said, and they plan to perform most of them at the reunion. "The good thing is that we all sing," Caldeza said. "And we're bound to be at least 150 pounds better than we were in high school."

For more information about the NHS class of 1967 reunion, visit [www.nhs1967.myevent.com](http://www.nhs1967.myevent.com).





### *Marching Award*

Surrounding the trophy they won Saturday as the Most Outstanding Marching Band at an invitational marching contest in LaMarque are, from left to right, Mark Duncum, president of the band; Cindy Lewis, captain of the drill team; David Lambert, director of the band; Donice Hall, drum major; and Bill Ball,

vice president of the band. The trophy is too large to fit inside the trophy case at the school. The bandsmen will vie for additional honors Saturday, Nov. 4 as they participate in UIL Competition.





**PRE-CONCERT REHEARSAL**—David Lambert, conductor of the Symphonic Band at Dulles High School, puts the band through a practice session before the Winter Concert held Jan. 26 at Rogers Auditorium.

Mirror photo by Kyle Mills

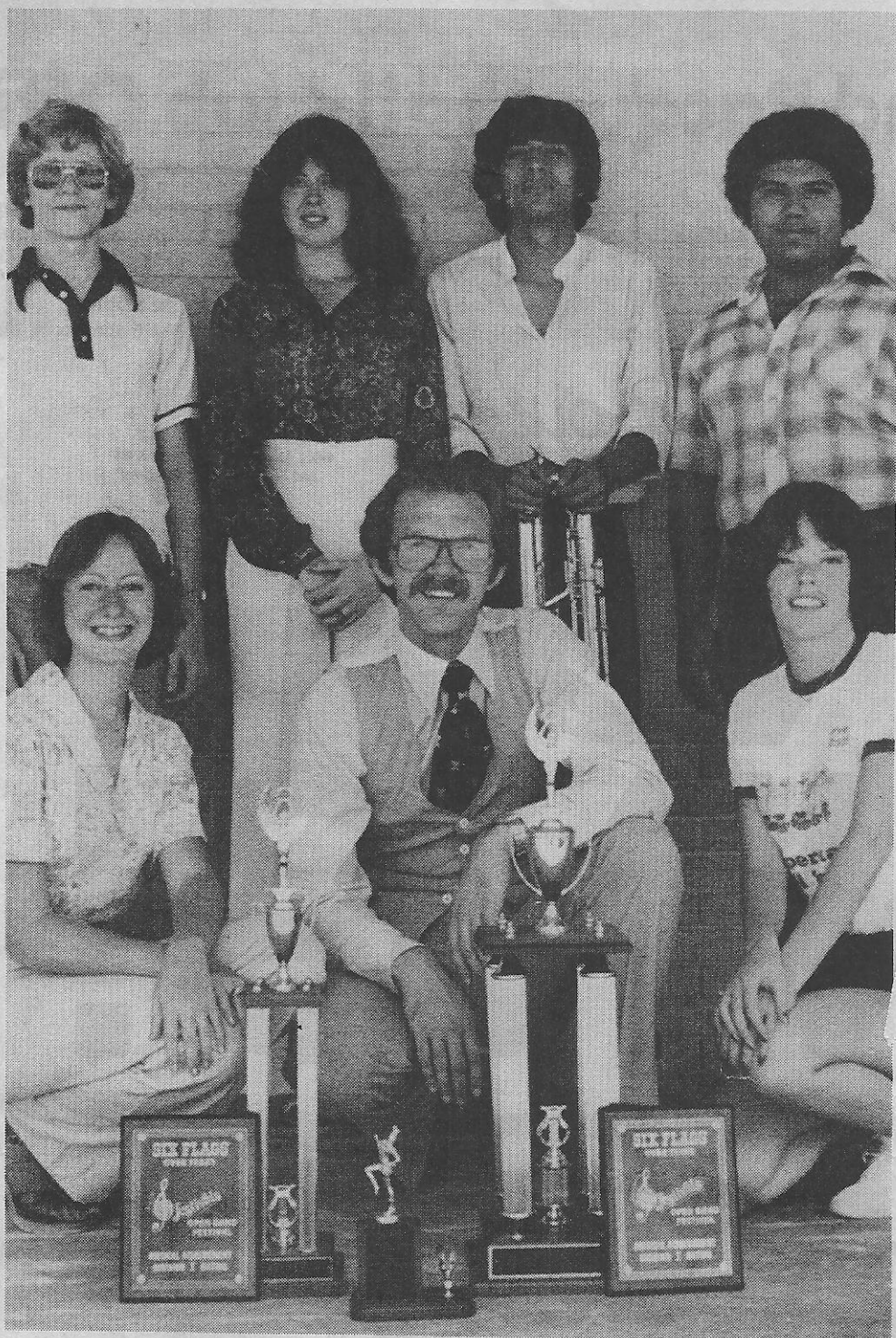


## Dulles High Stage Band

Members of the Dulles High School Stage Band took time out for the photographer as final plans were made for their departure Dec. 26 for Hawaii. The group raised some \$13,000 to finance the trip on which they were invited due to their ability in playing jazz music.

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## Band Collects Trophies

The Dulles High School Band collected more trophies in competition at Six Flags Over Texas recently, winning the top trophies in their division. The Dulles Dolls also were top winners. Representing the drill team are Cindy Lewis and Marty Barrick with band director David Lambert. Jim Ellis Dawn Byers, Eugene Marquez and Roy Mendoza, on the back row, represent the band.

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**David Lambert, Band Director**



