

Billy A. Harrell

Alpha Chapter



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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL BANDMASTER FRATERNITY

Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame

2004

Billy A. Harrell

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EDUCATION

McCallum High School-Austin-1956

Bachelor of Music

The University of Texas at Austin-1964

Master of Education

Southwest Texas State University-1967

Additional Graduate Work

UTSA, University of Houston, SWTSU, UT-Arlington

EMPLOYMENT

Bandsman

United States Air Force 1956-60

Texas State Treasury Department 1960-64

Band Director

Blanco ISD-1964-1969

Band Director

Hondo High School-1969-1976

Band Director

New Braunfels High School-1976-1977

Band Director

Cuero High School-1977-1979

Band Director

Randolph High School (Universal City)-1979-1980

Band Director

Krueger Middle School (San Antonio)-1980-1993

Auditorium Curator

Fredericksburg I. S. D.-1996-98

Executive Secretary Region 11 UIL Music-1970-1976

Executive Secretary Region 12 UIL Music-1986-Present

GROUP AWARDS

77 First Division Awards in UIL Competition

22 First Place Awards in other competitions in jazz, marching and concert including Westlake Marching Festival, Yellow Rose Classic and Fiesta Jazz Festival.

Region Honor Band ten times.

Finalist TMEA Honor Band

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP	Texas Music Educators Association (State Board 16 years) Texas Music Adjudicators Association (Charter Member) American School Band Directors Association National Band Association Texas Bandmasters Association (40 year member) Phi Beta Mu (Honorary Bandmasters Fraternity) (30 year member) Kappa Kappa Psi (Honorary Band Fraternity) Texas State Teachers Association (Life Member) Association of Texas Professional Educators
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES	University Interscholastic League Music Advisory Committee Judged UIL Contests in 15 Regions Region Bands in Regions 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 14 Consultant for many school districts in the San Antonio area over the past 35 years Judged All State Trombone tryouts several years as well as Region tryouts for the past 40 years. UIL Contest Chairman many times. Phi Beta Mu Hall of Fame Committee
OTHER HONORS	Who's Who in The South and Southwest Who's' Who Among America's Teachers Teacher of The Year Krueger Middle School 1986 North East ISD Middle School Teacher of The Year 1986-88 North East ISD Nominee Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching
CIVIC & CHURCH	Youth Minister Northwest Baptist Church-Austin, 1959-60 Song Leader First Baptist Church-Blanco-1964-69 Deacon First Baptist Church-Blanco Deacon First Baptist Church-Hondo Minister of Music First Baptist Church-Hondo, 1969-75 Blanco Lions Club Hondo Lions Club (President 1975-76) Sanctuary Choir Fredericksburg United Methodist Church Handbell Choir Fredericksburg United Methodist Church Gillespie County Retired Teachers University of Texas Exes (Life Member) Fredericksburg University of Texas Exes (President 2001-02) Pedernales Creative Arts Association
MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS	McCallum HS Band-Austin 1953-56 (President) All State Symphony Orchestra 1955, 1956 University of Texas Longhorn Band University of Texas Symphony San Antonio Municipal Band United States Air Force Air Training Command Band (Randolph Air Force Base) Phi Beta Mu Reading Band (Charter Member) Director and of Organizer of Texas Lions All-State Band in 1993 and 1994 that performed at International Lions Conventions in Minneapolis and Phoenix. University of Texas Longhorn Alumni Band (Charter Member)

BILLY A. HARRELL

Billy Arvil Harrell, was born in Austin, Texas on March 14, 1938 to Audry Wiley (Billie) and Maxine Ponder Harrell. He is the oldest of five boys and a direct descendent of Austin's first settler, Jacob Harrell. His parents, both amateur musicians, encouraged him as well as all of his brothers in music at an early age. At the age of nine, he began taking piano from Mrs. Childress, a family friend, for 50 cents per lesson. This only lasted a year and then it was time for one of the most popular instruments of the time, the accordion. The accordion was studied off and on through high school. However, the turning point in Bill's musical career was when he had the opportunity to enroll in the first sixth grade beginner band classes in the Austin ISD and have Mr. C.A. (Bud) Matthews as his teacher where he started on a Pan American trombone that his parents purchased for \$112.50 from J.R. Reed Music in Austin.

Bill then went to Allan Jr. HS where his band director was Mr. Weldon (Dutch) Scheel and was in the first band at McCallum HS in Austin. His director there was Dr. Frank Phillips. During this time he participated in both the band and orchestra where he received many awards for Solo-Ensemble as well as being named a member of the All-State Orchestra for two years. He also had the opportunity to play in the Austin All-City Orchestra under Mr. Weldon Covington. Around the ninth grade, Bill decided that he wanted to be a band director and began working to accomplish this goal.

After graduating from High School in 1956, he entered the University of Texas but after six weeks and lacking the necessary funds to stay in school, decided to enter the Air Force as a bandsman. This was a good decision as he had many opportunities to perform with many good players as well as take college courses on his off-duty time. He was fortunate to spend most of his time in the Air Force at Randolph Air Force Base where he had the opportunity to work under Lt. Col. Sam Kurtz. He served as Librarian for the band and there were many opportunities for playing and reading much literature as the band was the reading band for all of the new music sessions for three days at TBA in 1958 and 1959.

After leaving the Air Force in 1960, Bill again pursued his goal of becoming a Band Director and again entered the University of Texas and played in the Longhorn Band under Vincent R. DiNino as well as the Symphony Orchestra in

addition to working 20 hours per week with the State Treasury Department.

Finally in the Fall of 1964, Bill reached his goal of becoming a Band Director and became the Band Director at Blanco High School. The Band almost immediately started having success as they won their class at the University of Texas Band Day and another Band Festival that year. By the second year, the band began receiving awards at the UIL Contests as well as being named the Outstanding Band in their class at the Six Flags Festival.

During Bill's third year in Blanco, Tom Rhodes, the Band Director at Fredericksburg became a mentor and lifelong friend. It was during Bill's five years at Blanco that the band received their first two UIL Sweepstakes awards. While at Blanco, Bill began work on his Masters Degree at what is now Texas State University and in 1967 received his Masters Degree. It was also during this time in 1968 that he married the former Beverly Bergner of Fredericksburg who he met at the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville where both worked during the Summer.

In 1969, Bill and Beverly moved to Hondo where Bill became director of the Hondo Owl Band. The Hondo Band was unusual since it was approximately 90 per cent girls. However, this did not keep the band from doing well. During Bill's 7 years in Hondo, the High School Band received 6 UIL Sweepstakes Awards and was fifth in TMEA Honor Band Competition. In addition, the Middle School Band received first divisions in both concert and sight reading all seven years. Bill taught 350 students a day during his final year in Hondo.

In 1976, Bill began what he refers to as his touring years. In 1976-77, he went to New Braunfels HS where the band received the first UIL Sweepstakes in several years. In 1977-79, he went to Cuero HS where the band came from a fourth division band to a second division band. In 1980-81, he went to Randolph HS and the band received the UIL Sweepstakes Award as well as placing first at the Westlake Marching Contest in Class 3A over 16 other bands. In Bill's last three High School directing positions, the directors he followed had an average of 15 years in their position. It was time for a sabbatical.

Bill decided to start wearing a three piece suit and join the ranks of fund-raising and get rich. After one semester, he found out that this was not his niche. One day while riding with his manager, someone asked the manager if he know of any band jobs. The manager, replied that Krueger MS in the North

East ISD in San Antonio was open. The next day Bill went to see Al Sturchio and got the job.

Bill finished the last 13 years of his teaching career at Krueger and during this time, the band received first division ratings in concert all 13 years and 12 years in sight reading. It had been 12 years since the band had received a first division when Bill went to Krueger. The band was named Region Honor Band several times and competed at the State Level several times. The Jazz Band was also very successful during this time. He was also named the North East ISD Middle Teacher of the Year in 1986.

Bill retired from active teaching in 1993. However, he has been as busy as ever involved with music. In the Summers of 1993 and 1994, Bill was the organizer and director of the Texas Lions All-State Band. This group performed at Lions International Conventions in Minneapolis and Phoenix.

He is still active as a clinician and adjudicator throughout the state. He has been a Region Executive-Secretary for 25 years and a member of the San Antonio Municipal Band for the past five years and a member of the Phi Beta Mu Reading Band since its beginning. He plays in the Bell Choir and sings in the Sanctuary Choir at the Fredericksburg United Methodist Church. On occasion, he plays with one of the polka bands in Fredericksburg. Also, much of his spare time is spent researching family genealogy as he helped secure a Historical Marker for a family cemetery in Round Rock in 1999.

Bill has been a member of Phi Beta Mu since 1973 and is a member of many other professional organizations including: TMEA State Board, TMAA (Charter Member), ASBDA, NBA, TBA, Kappa Kappa Psi, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, Who's Who in the South and Southwest. He has served as President of the Hondo Lion's Club and the Fredericksburg Texas Exes.

Bill is proud of the many accomplishments of the groups that he directed but he is even more proud of the students that he taught over the years and their successes in their chosen profession. Several have become band directors, and others doctors, lawyers and other professions. Bill credits much of his success to his wife, Beverly who was always by his side when he was teaching and only missed one of his many performances of his groups through the years. He is also appreciative of the many colleagues who have given support and help through the years and is humbled to be chosen as a member of the Phi Beta Mu Texas Band Directors Hall of Fame.



HS Band Awards



1956

McCallum HS SR 1956



USAF Bourban Street 6 Tx. State Fair 1958



UT Longhorn Band JFK Inagural Jan. 20, 1961

December 22, 1963

Organ Prelude
 Hymn No. 81 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"
 Prayer
 Welcome of Guests
 Yuletide Carols - Arr. Long Brass
 Hymn No. 71 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"
 Offertory

LOVE TRANSCENDING

Northwest Baptist Church Youth Choir
 Billy Harrell Director

Jim Ro

Transcending
 Was The Word -
 Mike Bible,
 YOUTH CHOIR DIRECTOR
 DURING COLLEGE YEARS

- II. Theme -
- III. Theme -
- IV. That Beautiful
- V. He Shall Be Great
Lynda Strickland
- VI. And Of His Kingdom There - No End
- VII. The Birthday Of The King - Doris Helge,
- VIII. In A Manager
- IX. Have You Any Room For Jesus
- X. Where Is He That Is Born King Of The Jews
- XI. We Three Kings Of Orient Are - The King
- XII. Fear Not For Behold, I Bring You Good Tidings
Of Great Joy Darlene Helge,
- XIII. Glory To God In The Highest
- XIV. O Holy Night - Darold Templeton,
- XV. Finale - Theme - Love Transcending
Glory to God In The Highest

Invitation - Have You Any Room For Jesus

Benediction

Baptist Temple To Have Youth And Music Leader



Billy A. Harrell

Rev. Bob Green, pastor of the Baptist Temple, announced last week that Billy A. Harrell, 26, had been employed as the Youth and Music Director for the church effective June 1.

Harrell is a native of Austin and attended Oklahoma State University, San Antonio College and will graduate from the University of Texas on May 30, with a degree of Bachelor of Music. He will also receive a secondary school teaching certificate in music.

The new Youth and Music Director spent four years in the Air Force and was a member of the Air Force Band. He served as Youth Director while attending college in Austin at the Northwest Baptist Church in that city.

Officers

President	Mike Bible
Vice-President	Beverly Hill
Secretary	Linda Lock

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 Sherry Adams
 Linda Beadle
 Donna Clements
 Jackie Davis
 Marsha Henderson
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SPENT 15 YEARS WORKING WITH
 CHURCH CHOIRS & YOUTH GROUPS

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Baptist Temple Fellowship Day Is Designated

Today has been designated Fellowship Day at Baptist Temple Church. Special music will be brought at the morning worship service by the choir from South Texas Children's Home of Beeville.

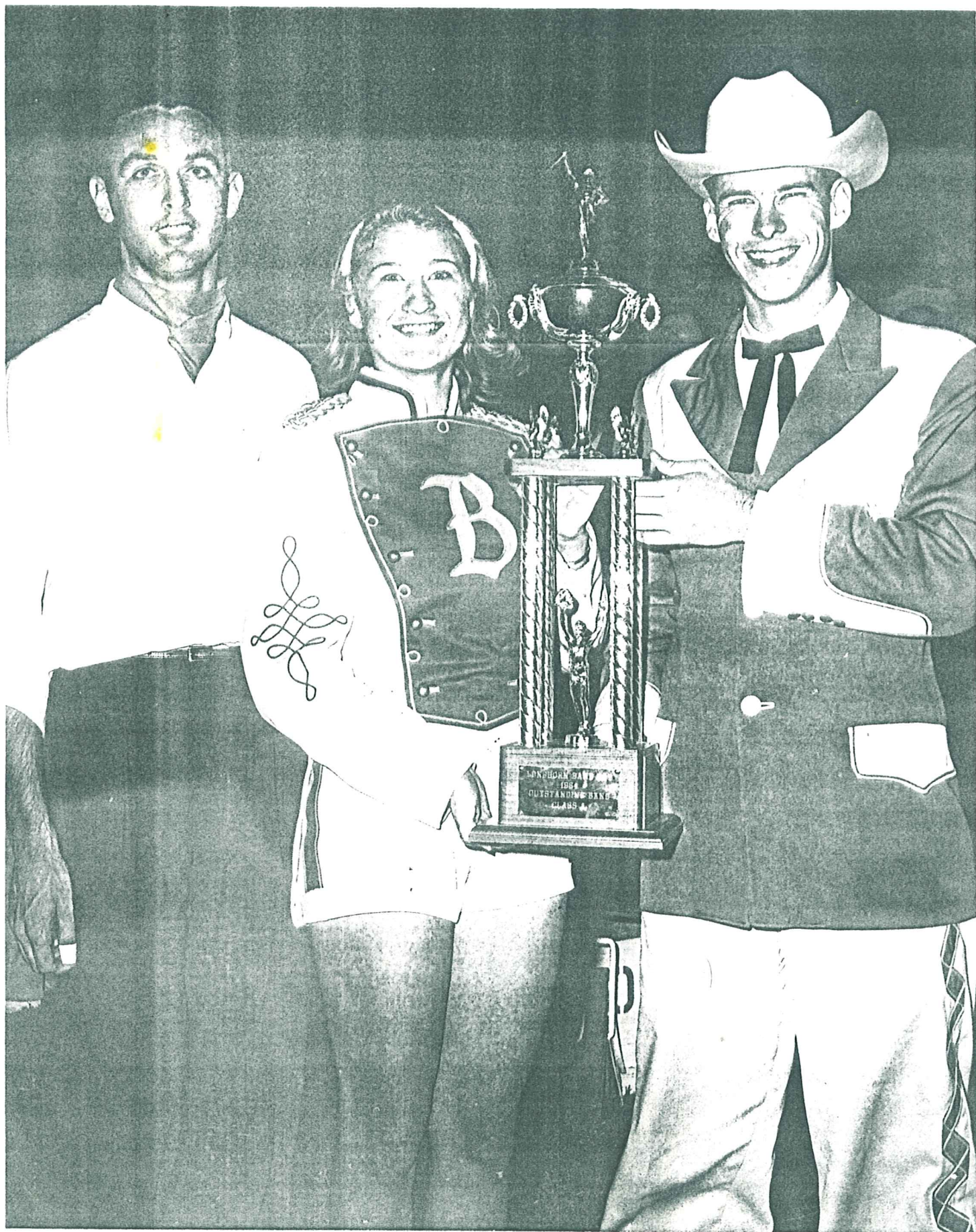
At noon a basket lunch will be served in the fellowship building and at 1:30 p. m. the South Texas Children's Home Choir will present a program of music under the direction of Mrs. Ezra Morgan.

Evening services will include Training Union at 7 p. m. and worship service at 8 p. m.

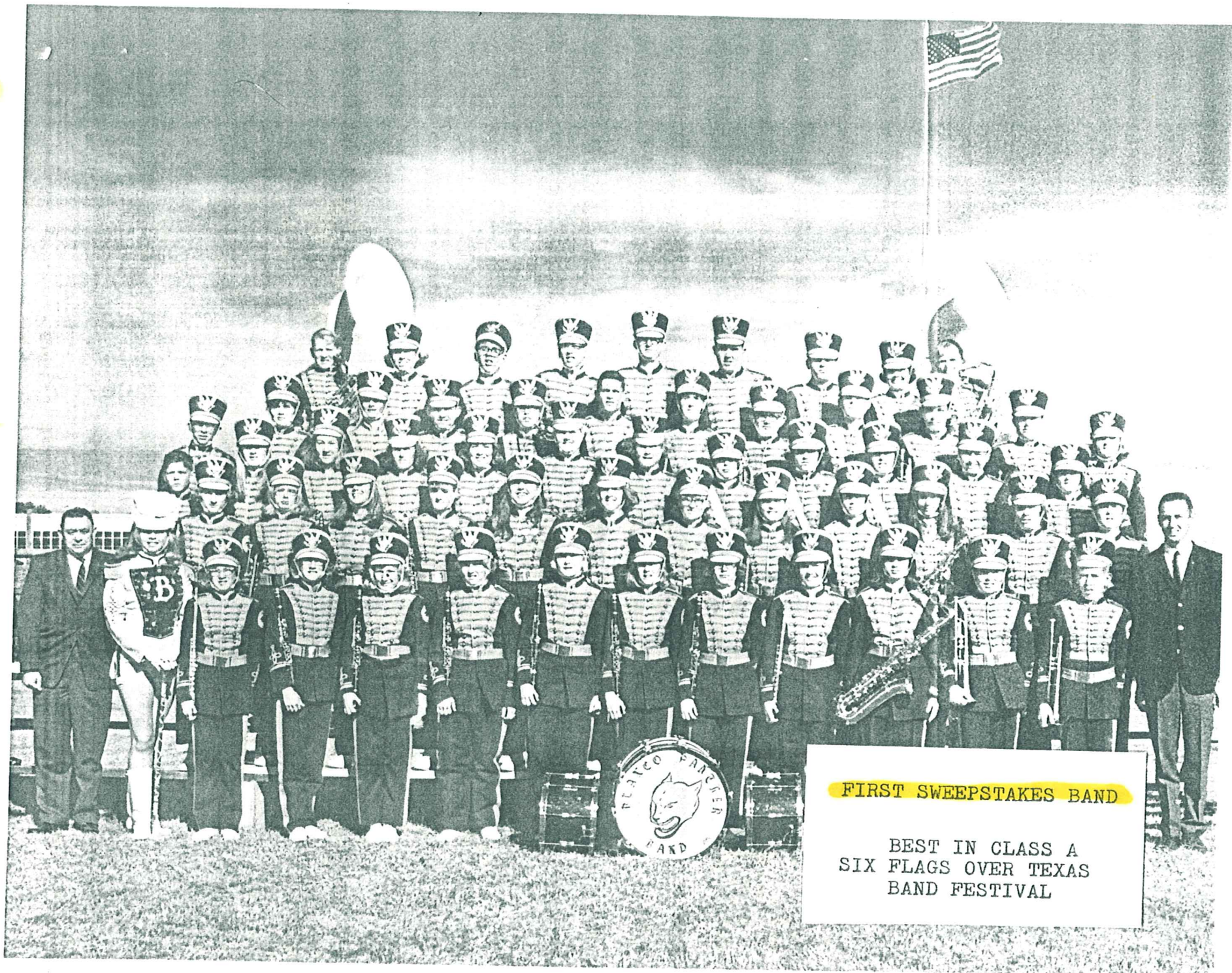
Baptist Temple Youth Choir will meet at 6 p. m. with the music director, Bill Harrell, in charge.

Beverly Hill

Bledsoe Music Company for the Knabe Piano

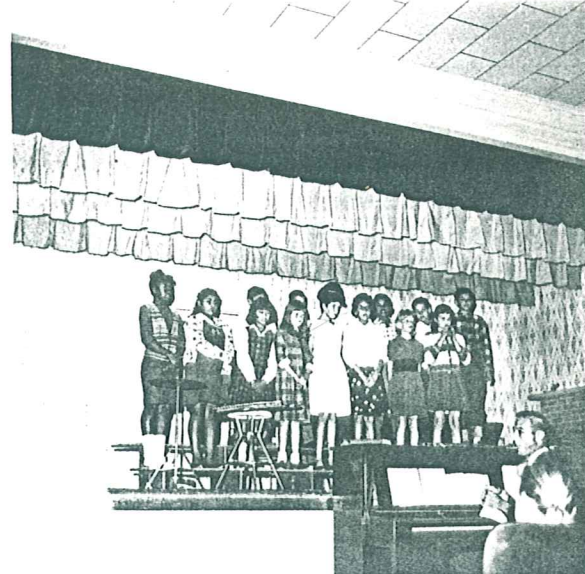
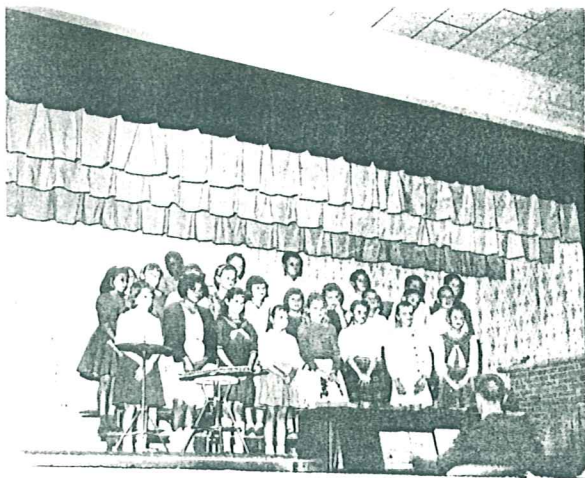


VERY FIRST TROPHY WON 1964
UT BAND DAY IN AUSTIN TEXAS



FIRST SWEEPSTAKES BAND

BEST IN CLASS A
SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS
BAND FESTIVAL



BLANCO ELEMENTARY MUSIC
STUDENTS SING AT PTA
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Processional War March of the Priests
Mrs. B. R. Gloor

Invocation

"Lord's Prayer" Choir
Billy A. Harrell, Director
Mrs. B. R. Gloor, Accompanist

Baccalaureate Sermon Father Edward Rabroker
Catholic Church

Benediction

Recessional War March of the Priests
Mrs. B. R. Gloor

Blanco High School

May 23, 1965

8:00 P. M.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Processional Pomp and Circumstance
Mrs. B. R. Gloor

Invocation Pastor A. R. Wolber
Lutheran Church

Salutatory Address Mary Joyce Bendele
"Climb Every Mountain" Choir
Billy A. Harrell, Director
Mrs. B. R. Gloor, Accompanist

Valedictory Address Shirley Cloud

Class History Joe Cloud

Introduction of Speaker Stanley Morgan

Commencement Speaker Hon. J. J. "Jake" Pickel
Rep., U. S. Congress

Presentation of Awards Principal Lyle Edge

Presentation of Diplomas Board Pres. Charles Price
Supt. Lester C. Cobb

Acceptance of Diplomas David Smith

Benediction Pastor A. R. Wolber
Lutheran Church

Recessional Pomp and Circumstance
Mrs. B. R. Gloor

Blanco High School

May 28, 1965

8:00 P. M.

HemisFair '68 Sets May 2 as "Blanco Day"

Thursday, May 2, has been tentatively set as "Blanco Day" at HemisFair '68, the San Antonio World's Fair.

City Officials, Chamber of Commerce, School and other Blanco representatives met on Tuesday afternoon at Robbins Restaurant with HemisFair officials to work out initial plans for setting aside May 2, as "Blanco Day." At that time school children and adult sponsors with the children would be admitted at reduced prices at the gate. The Blanco Panther Band would play at the Fair that day but would have enough "free" time for the band members to enjoy the fair.

Marshall Steves, president of HemisFair '68 was accompanied to Blanco by Harold Robbins, director of Visitor Services Inc.; Chuck Snyder, director of special events; Bob Collins, director of pictorial services; and Jim Taylor, administrative assistant to Frank Manupelli, who is executive vice president of HemisFair.

Blanco representatives at the meeting were Mayor Wayne Smith, Commissioners Frank Mobley and Clarence Waxler; Chamber of Commerce President Rae Doran; School Board members Roy Byars and Jack Felps; Elementary Principal E. L. Hopson, Band Director Billy Harrell; and Editor J. N. Houck.

Mr. Steves made a short talk on the wonderful opportunity for the school children to learn something of the history of Texas at the Texas Hall of Culture, and other places at the World's Fair grounds.

It was pointed out that parking areas near the fair gates would be marked with the VSI emblem and prices would be \$1.50 for all-day parking of private autos. Any parking lot that raised their prices would have the VSI emblem taken



HALL OF FAME SIX FLAGS BAND FESTIVAL

BEST IN CLASS 1973

- Jr. High—Lake Highlands Jr. High School, Richardson, Texas
- A—Thomas High School, Thomas, Oklahoma
- AA—Westlake High School, Austin, Texas
- AAA—Arkadelphia High School, Arkadelphia, Arkansas
- AAAA—Lake Highlands High School, Richardson, Texas

BEST IN CLASS 1972

- Jr. High—Lake Highlands, Richardson, Texas
- A—Sabine High School, Sabine, Texas
- AA—Brady High School, Brady, Texas
- AAA—Columbia High School, West Columbia, Texas
- AAAA—Westchester High School, Houston, Texas

BEST IN CLASS 1971

- Jr. High—Lake Highlands Symphonic Band, Richardson, Texas
- A—Troup, Texas
- AA—Reidland High School, Paducah, Kentucky
- AAA—Durant, Oklahoma
- AAAA—Lake Highlands High School, Richardson, Texas

BEST IN CLASS 1970

- Jr. High—Lake Highlands Symphonic Band, Richardson, Texas
- A—Van Horn, Texas
- AA—Guymon, Oklahoma
- AAA—J. J. Pearce, Richardson, Texas
- AAAA—Westlaco, Texas

BEST IN CLASS 1969

- Jr. High—West Jr. High, Richardson, Texas
- A—Troup, Texas
- AA—Seymour, Texas
- AAA—Angleton, Texas
- AAAA—Spring Branch, Houston, Texas

BEST IN CLASS 1968

- Jr. High—Lake Highlands, Richardson, Texas
- A—Seagraves, Texas
- AA—Humboldt, Iowa
- AAA—Lake Highlands High School, Richardson, Texas
- AAAA—Clovis, New Mexico

BEST IN CLASS 1967

- Jr. High—Lake Highlands, Richardson, Texas
- A—Blanco, Texas
- AA—Brady, Texas
- AAA—Robstown, Texas
- AAAA—Bell High School, Hurst, Texas

BEST IN CLASS 1966

- Jr. High—Richardson Jr. High, Richardson, Texas
- A—Troup, Texas
- AA—Fredericksburg, Texas
- AAA—Hereford, Texas
- AAAA—Adams High School, Alice, Texas

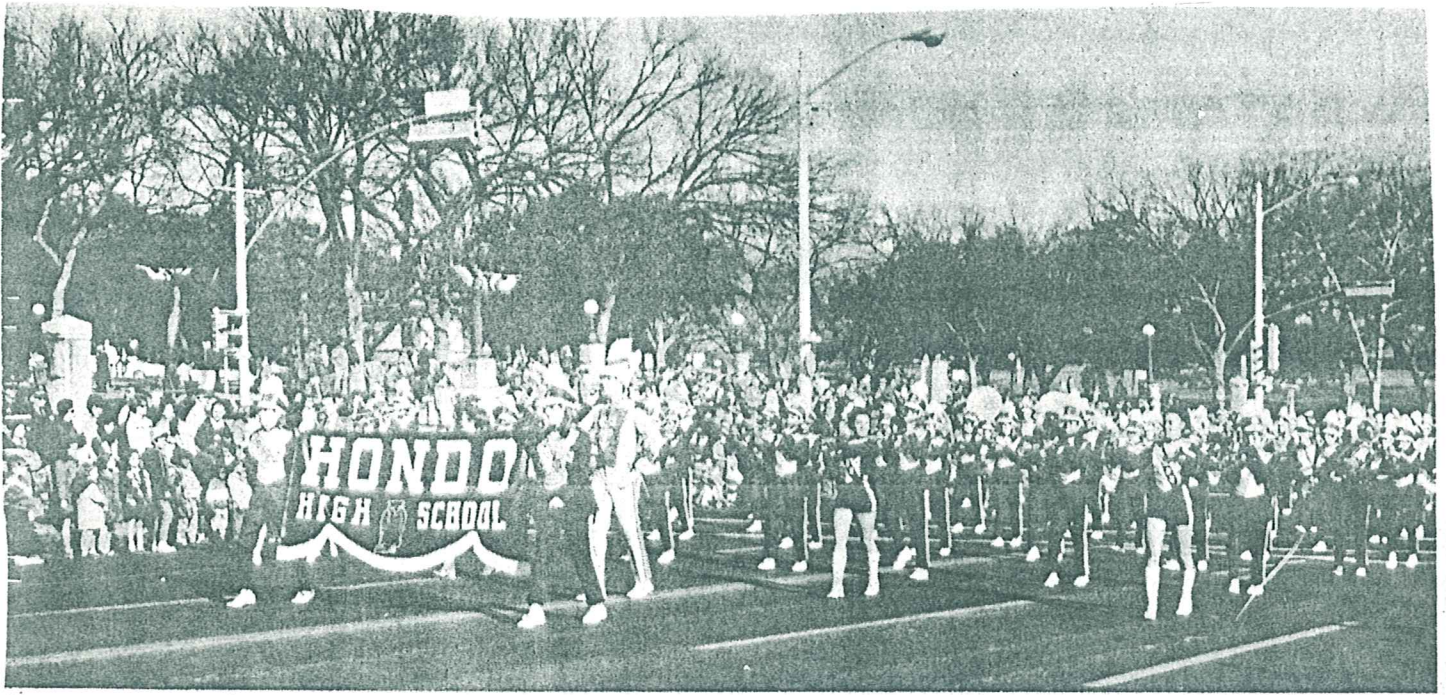
BLANCO BAND PLAYS AT WORLDS FAIR

SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL



**SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL
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FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN**

CONCERN FOR CHILDREN GOES
BEYOND MUSIC



Owl Band marches in Inaugural Parade

Members of the Hondo Owl Band are shown as they passed the governor's stand near the State Capitol in Austin when they marched in the Inaugural Parade last week. Band members with Director Billy Harrell and Mrs. Harrell left by bus early Tuesday.

They were treated to a fried chicken picnic dinner at Zilker Park by Representative John Poerner and Senator Wayne Connally. After the parade they toured the capitol building.

HONDO BAND MARCHES IN GOVERNOR'S INAUGURAL PARADE

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Governor invites Owl Band

Gov. Preston Smith announced today, "We are extremely pleased and honored that the Hondo High School Band of Hondo will be featured in our inaugural parade Jan. 19 in Austin.

"The talent and dedication that the band members and their leaders will display in the Inaugural Parade will show onlookers an excellent example of some of our state's finest qualities," said Gov. Smith.

The Hondo High School Band is directed by B. A. Harrell.

The giant hour-and-a-half long parade will begin at 3 p. m., following the traditional noon inauguration ceremony on the front steps of the Capitol for the swearing-in of Gov. Smith and Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes. All elected state officials traditionally ride in the parade which travels up Congress Ave. and is reviewed by the gover-

nor and lieutenant governor after their participation.

The theme will be "Economic Development in Texas" and the inaugural parade this year will draw many floats representing Texas industry. Also participating will be floats and beautiful girls representing Texas tourist attractions, military installations, high school and college bands and drill teams and mounted sheriff's posses.



TEXAS LUTHERAN COLLEGE

SEGUIN, TEXAS 78155

12 November 1973

Mr. Billy Harrell
Hondo High School
Hondo, TX, 78861

Dear Mr. Harrell:

I have heard so many very favorable comments about the performance of the Hondo High School Band during the half-time of our game Saturday night, so I wanted to share with you the appreciation of all of us here at Texas Lutheran for the contribution which you and your organization made.

The band sounded very good and its half-time routine was executed so very well. I know that you and the members of the band put in many hours of practice to make this very fine show possible.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Joe K. Menn

Joe K. Menn
President

JKM/aa

Pg 8, Hondo Anvil Herald, Thurs., Nov. 8, 1973

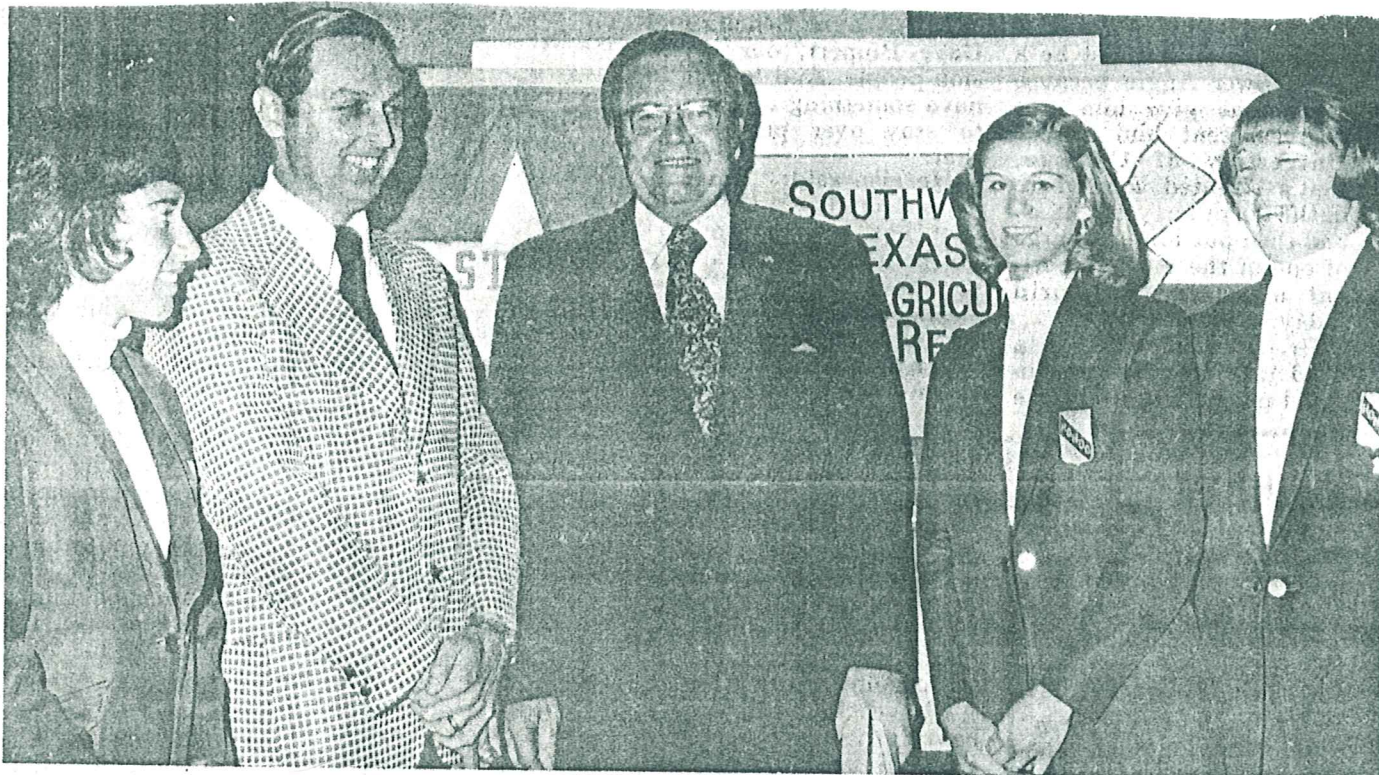
Owl Band to march at TLC game

The Hondo High School Band will be the featured band at the Texas Lutheran College-Milsap College Football Game on Saturday, November 10th

in Seguin.

The Hondo Band was invited last May by Texas Lutheran College Band Director, Roy Norton to perform the halftime show for this game.

The 130 member band directed by Billy A. Harrell and assisted by Dennis Smith had attained an enviable record the past four years. The band has received three U.I.L. Sweepstakes Awards, Outstanding in Marching, Concert and Sight-Reading at the Brady Band Festival and named Class AA Honor Band in Region XI.



AN HONOR... Gov. Dolph Briscoe, when asked to stand for a picture with Hondo Owl Band officers and Director Billy A. Harrell Saturday at the STAR meeting in Uvalde,

answered, "It'll be an honor." Enjoying the happening, after the Owl Band presented a fine concert, are left to right: Anna Renken, vice president; Director Harrell; Gov.

Briscoe; Rhonda Graff, president; and Sandra Rogers, secretary. [Photo By Burnis Lawrence]

BAND ASKED TO PLAY FOR GOVERNOR

HHS Band named 5th in state

The Hondo High School Band was recently named one of the Top Five Class AA Bands in the State of Texas for 1974 by the Texas Music Educators Association.

The award was based on the basis of a tape submitted to an impartial panel of judges last week at the Texas Bandmasters Convention in San Antonio. The Band had previously been selected as the Region XI Honor Band.

Bands that received recognition were: Westlake-Austin, first; Seymour, second; Port Isabel, third; Whitesboro, fourth and Hondo, fifth. This is quite an accomplishment when one considers that there are approximately 200 Class AA Bands in the State.

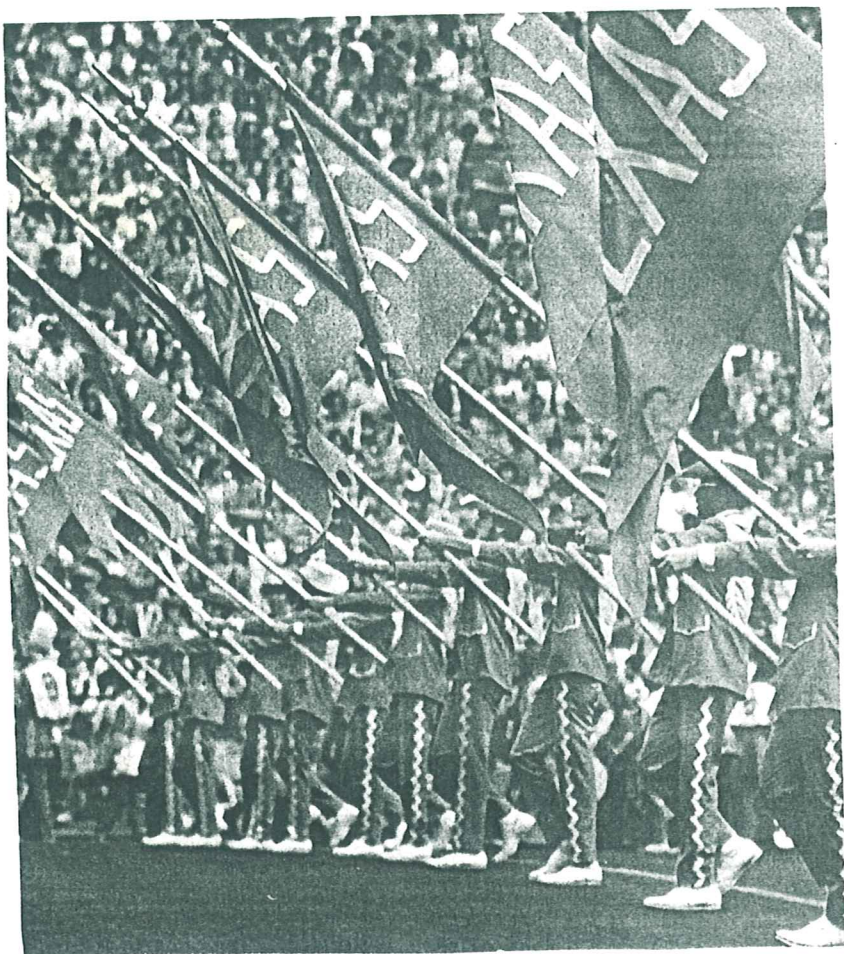
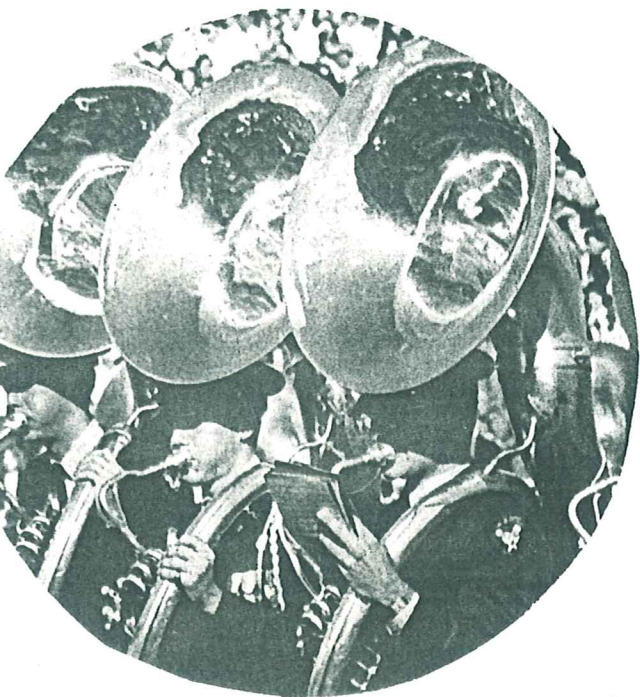
Big Blue Band is 'Honor Band'

The Hondo High School Band, directed by Billy A. Harrell, has been selected as the Region XI, Class AA Honor Band for 1974 on the basis of a tape submitted to an impartial panel of judges. This is the second time that the Hondo Band has received this honor which is given each even-numbered year.

This week the Hondo tape will be auditioned

along with the tapes submitted by the other seventeen Regions in the state to select the Honor Band for the entire state. This will be held in conjunction with the Annual Texas Bandmasters Convention and Clinic in San Antonio where approximately 1,000 bandmasters meet to attend workshops and clinics to better prepare themselves for the coming school year.

BAND WINS HIGHEST HONOR IN STATE



FORMER DRUM MAJORS APPEAR IN
IN TEXAS FOOTBALL MAGAZINE

TOGETHERNESS

... Two Hondo boys, Lacy Gilliam and Adrian Spears, both of whom led the Hondo Owl Band to Sweepstakes honors in their respective years as Drum Majors, went their separate ways upon graduation.

Lacy, who graduated a year earlier than Adrian, went to Texas A&M University where he plays in the Aggie Band; and Adrian, who graduated in 1973, went to Texas where last year he served as a flag bearer in the Longhorn Band.

The young Hondo men have been together when their two football teams do battle, in the sense that they are in the same stadium.

But this year they "got

together" in the pages of the Texas Football magazine. In the beautiful colored photographs illustrating the two page spread heralding the Southwest Conference '74, these two Hondo musicians are prominently displayed.

On the left side is a picture of the tuba section of the Aggie Band and Lacy is right out in front. Then on the right side of the page is a beautiful picture of the Longhorn flag bearers and Adrian shows up second in line.

I know the two are proud they are included in this popular magazine, but you can wager a bet that once the football season kicks off they won't be "together" again.

TEXAS A&I SUMMER MUSIC CAMP
TEXAS A&I UNIVERSITY
KINGSVILLE, TEXAS 78363

Billy Harrell to be band camp clinician

Texas A&I University
Kingsville, 78363.

Kingsville -- Texas A&I University in Kingsville will hold its Third Annual Summer Music Camp June 8-14. William D. Holmes, A&I music instructor, will coordinate the camp.

Clinicians will be James Vanlandingham, band director at Gregory-Portland High School, and Billy A. Harrell, band director at Hondo.

The camp will be limited to students in grades 7-12 with a minimum of two years playing experience.

Students will stay in the university dormitories and eat in the dormitory cafeterias.

Students interested in more information may call the music department (595-2803) or write to Summer Music Camp,

ATTENTION: BAND MEMBERS

PLEASE POST

CANDID SHOTS OF 1974 CAMP



The School Musician

APRIL

1976

DIRECTOR and TEACHER

Owl Band featured

BAND MAKES NATIONAL MAGAZINE

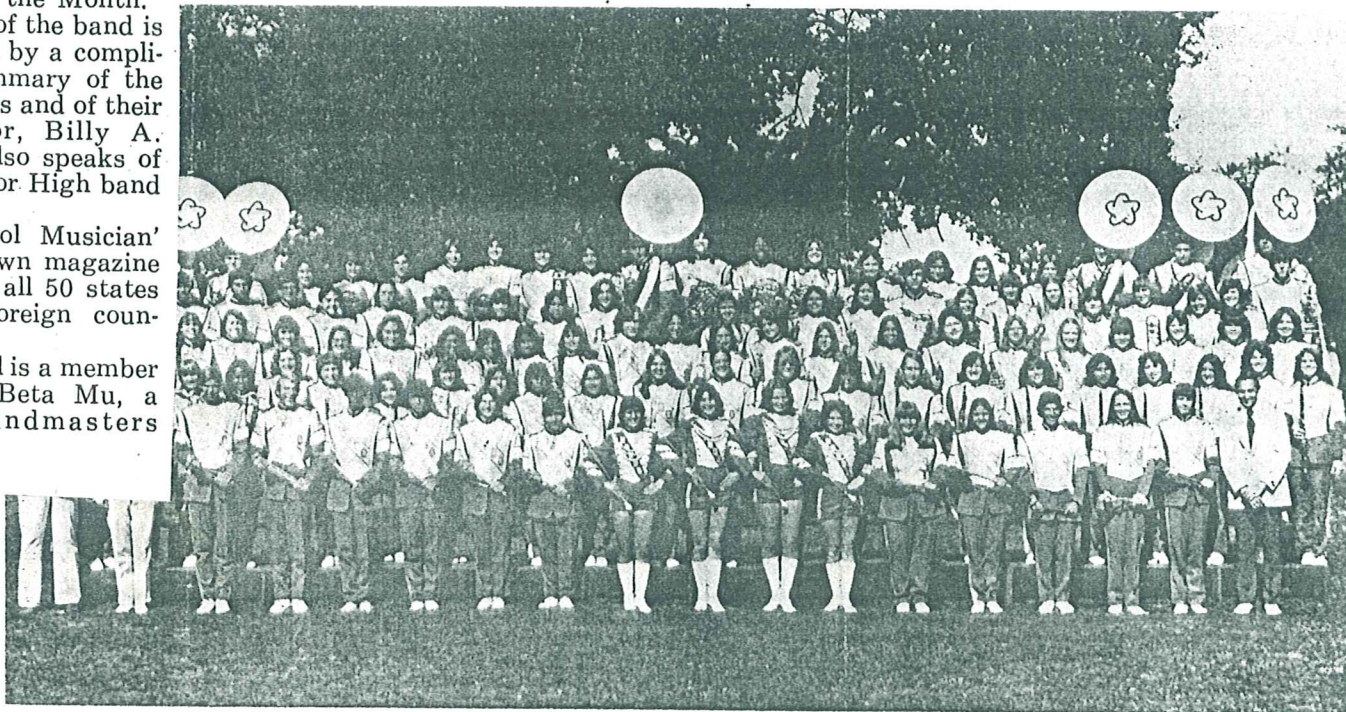
By Pam Rowlett

The Hondo Owl Band is featured in this month's edition of 'The School Musician' as "Phi Beta Mu Band of the Month."

A picture of the band is accompanied by a complimentary summary of the band's honors and of their fine director, Billy A. Harrell. It also speaks of the fine Junior High band we have.

'The School Musician' is a well-known magazine circulated in all 50 states and some foreign countries.

Mr. Harrell is a member of the Phi Beta Mu, a national bandmasters fraternity.



PHI BETA MU BAND OF THE MONTH . . . The Hondo High School Band of Hondo, Texas has been chosen as Phi Beta Mu "Band of the Month." This 110 member organization has been under the direction of Brother Billy A. Harrell for the past six years and has received 5 first division ratings in concert, 6 first division ratings in sight-reading, 6 first division ratings in marching and 5 UIL sweepstakes awards. They won second place in the Parade of Champions Marching Contest in Dallas twice and were named one of the top five Class AA Bands in Texas by the Texas Music Educators Association. Brother Harrell also directs the junior high band that has received 6 First Division ratings in both concert and sight-reading. He is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and Southwest Texas University. He is also a member of ASBDA, a member of the State Board of TMEA and serves as Executive Secretary of Region XI of the University Interscholastic League. Congratulations to the Hondo High School Band and Brother Billy A. Harrell.

Band students present stirring patriotic show

Hondo band students, from the sixth grade through the big Owl band, had the town buzzing with praise all week after their impressive patriotic ceremony during the half-time of the Hondo-Devine game.

Director Bill Harrell utilized every band student under his baton to present what some have termed "the most stirring ceremony we have ever seen, high school or college."

While the band played patriotic music, lines of students formed with flags and multi-colored balloons. The lights were turned off, and, as the Owl band played "The Star Spangled Banner", a gigantic fireworks display at the South end of Barry Field outlined the U. S. Flag. As Old Glory cast its bright light over the assembled field, rockets burst and shot upward vividly depicting the scene Francis Scott Key might have viewed when he penned the words to the National Anthem.

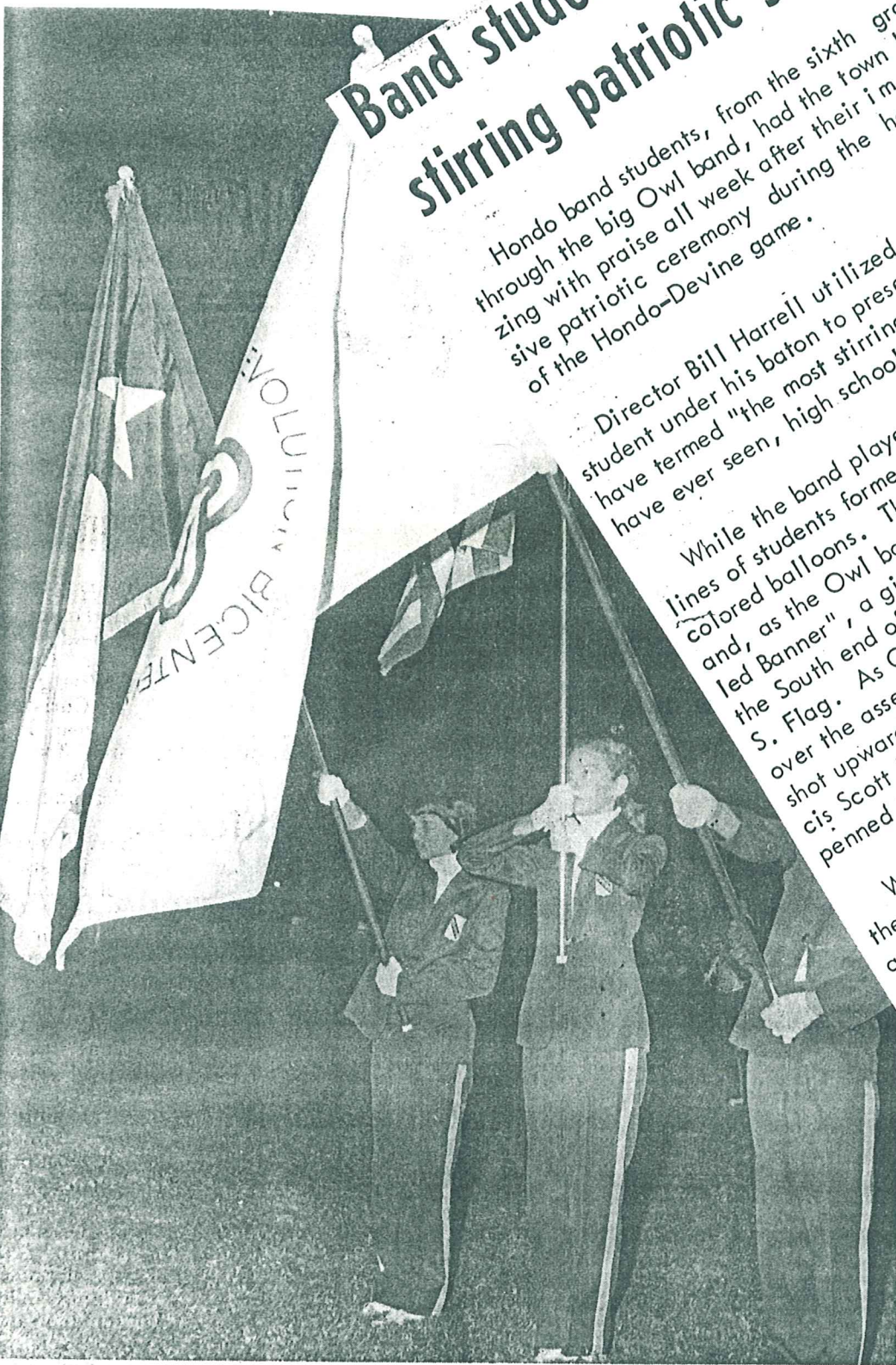
When the lights again illuminated the field the younger students released their red-white-and-blue balloons and they floated upward to end the presentation.

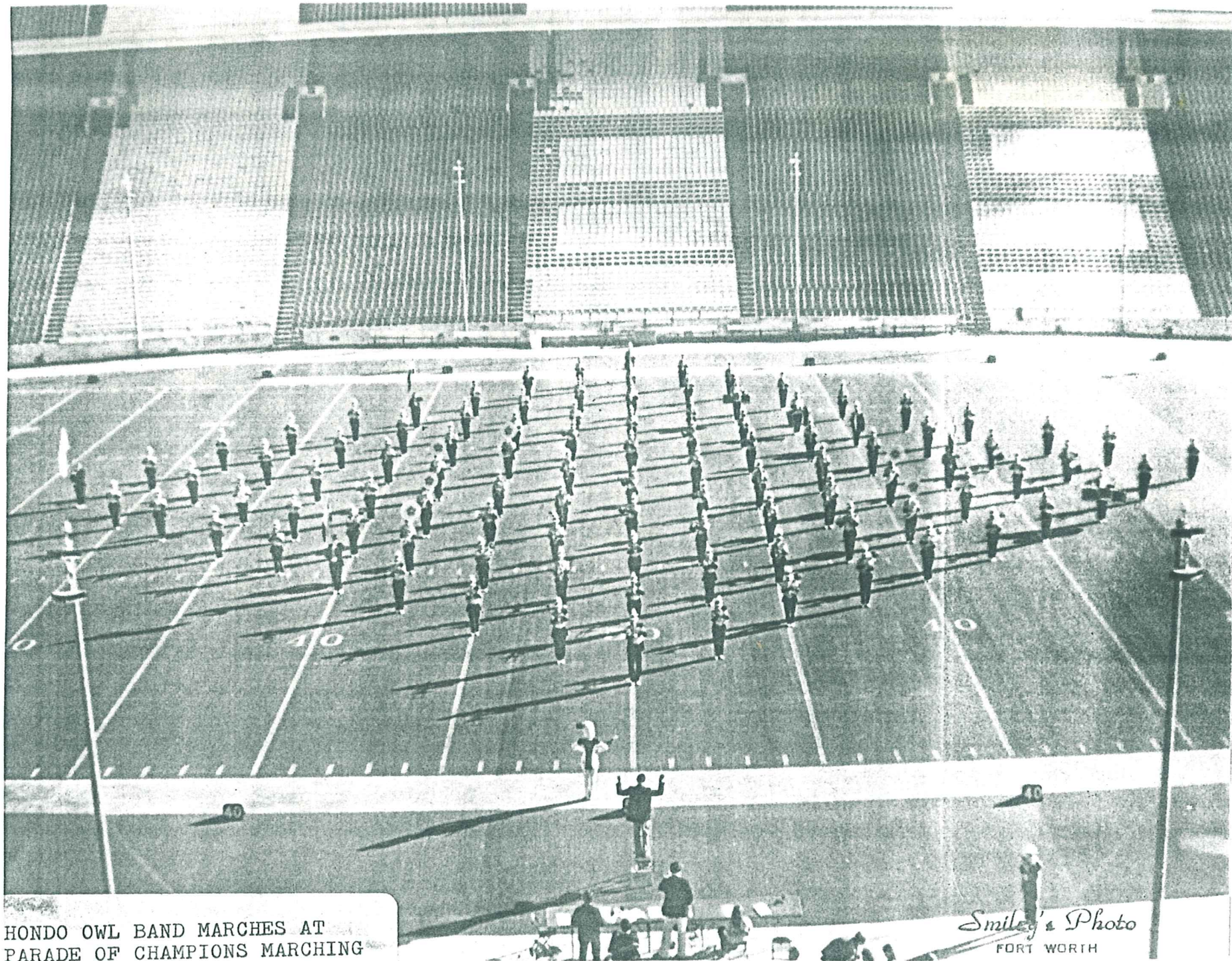
PATRIOTIC SHOWS WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL

PROUD FLAG BEARERS
These three Hondo High School students had the job of carrying three special flags during the Owl band's halftime performance at the Hondo-St. Gerard's football game last week. Linda McWilliams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McWilliams, holds

the Texas Flag which was flown over the State Capitol Building; Marcia Bendele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bendele, holds the American Flag which has flown over the National Capitol building; and Peter Pope, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pope, holds the official Bicentennial

Flag for Hondo. All three flags were presented in special ceremonies on August 30 by State Representative Don Rains; Congressman Bob Kureger and State Senator John Traeger. [Photo By Terry Teague]

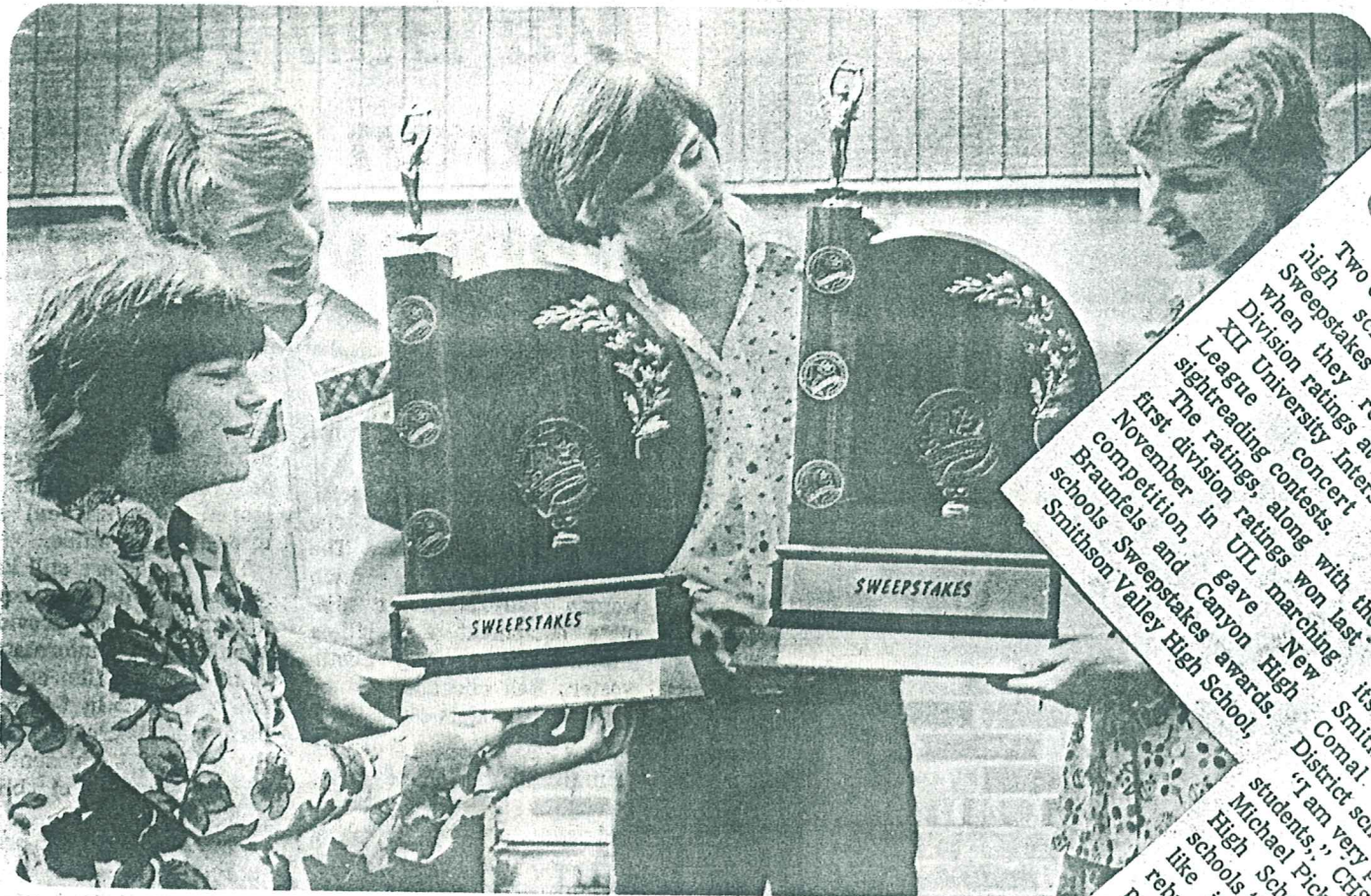




HONDO OWL BAND MARCHES AT
PARADE OF CHAMPIONS MARCHING
CONTEST DURING STATE FAIR
IN COTTON BOWL

Smiley's Photo
FORT WORTH

Canyon Unicorn Bands Awarded Sweepstakes



Two of Comal County's three high school bands won Sweepstakes honors last week when they received First Division ratings at the Region XII University Interscholastic League concert and sightreading contests. The ratings, along with the first division ratings won last November in UIL marching competition, gave Canyon High School Sweepstakes awards. Smithson Valley High School, in its first outing in UIL band competition, received a Second Division rating in both concert and sightreading to match its Second Division marching rating. An interesting aspect of the competition is that the CHS Cougar Band was fighting against loss this year of some of its veteran members to Smithson Valley. The new District school opened last fall. "I am very proud of my band students," CHS band director Michael Pickett said. "Canyon High School split into two schools this year, and it looked like it was going to be a rebuilding year for the band program. But the students have responded to the challenge well, and have surpassed my expectations."

Comparisons

Although as friendly rivals they might try to find differences in the sizes of the concert and sightreading contest judges saw no difference last week between Canyon High School's Cougar Band. Comparing their prizes are Felix Messer, NBHS drum major; Norris Harrell, CHS band president,

Both of New Braunfels High School's bands, known as the Silver and Blue Bands, were awarded first divisions in separate competitions Wednesday and Thursday. The paired ratings were considered in awarding Sweepstakes to the Unicorn unit. Billy A. Harrell, NBHS director, said some of the judges' comments about the Blue Band noted the good sound and the quality of music reading talents. Of the Silver Band, Harrell said judges said it was well rehearsed, paying attention to details and its musical playing.

FIRST TIME IN HISTORY OF
SCHOOLS BOTH BANDS MADE
SWEEPSTAKES

NEW BRAUNFELS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Office of
SUPERINTENDENT



NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS 78130

March 14, 1977

Mr. Billy Harrell and Mr. James Goldapp
New Braunfels High School Bands
New Braunfels, Texas 78130

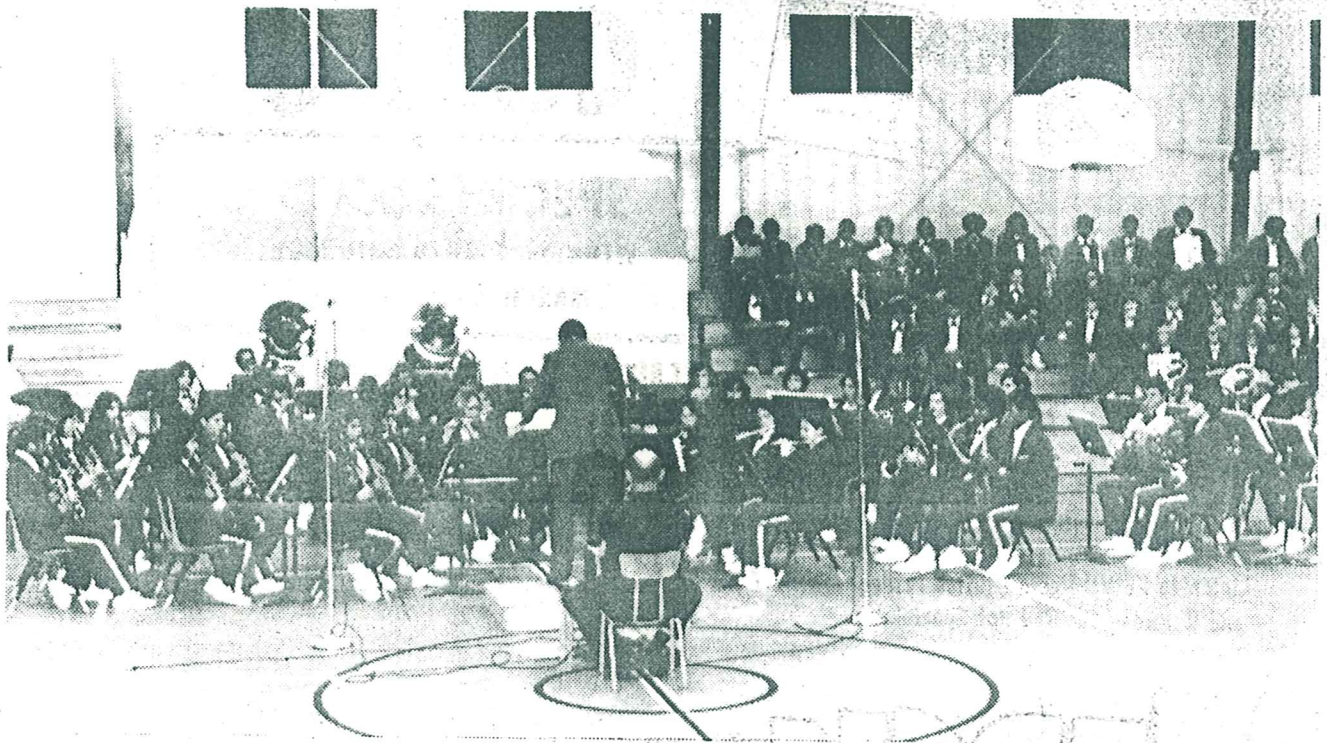
Dear Mr. Harrell & Mr. Goldapp:

Congratualtions on wining first division ratings at the band constest last week. We know that you must have worked hard and that each and everyone of your should be congratulated for the fine effort you made to obtain an over-all excellent rating. It is good to have the New Braunfels Band back in the sweepstakes column after a short absence.

Sincerely,

O. E. Hendricks
Superintendent of Schools

OEH/ch



THE CUERO HIGH SCHOOL BAND, always good for an outstanding performance, presented their spring concert Monday night in the high school gymnasium. Both the concert band and the symphonic band

offered a variety of entertainment to the enjoyment of parents, friends and members of the faculty.
(Record photo by Bob Wood)

WORKED WITH BOTH JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH BANDS IN CUERO



THE CUERO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL band which includes sixth, seventh and eighth grade musicians is shown in a recent practice session with Billy Harrell preparing for a concert Thursday, Feb. 23rd beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Mr. Larry Wolf is band director. Ticket prices are 75 cents for adults and 25 cents for children. The band will

compete Saturday in Victoria in the UIL contest. Regarding the UIL contest, Wolf said, "We have been preparing for the contest for quite sometime and we're going to Victoria with the attitude of bringing home a lot of number one ratings."

(Record photo by Pat Laake)



AS THE POSTER SAYS, Wanda Hilbrich is Number 1, as she was named to the All State Band last week following auditions in Austin. The CHS senior has been playing the French horn for seven years. (Record photo by Bob Wood)

Cuero musician wins statewide competition

Wanda Hilbrich, senior at Cuero High School, was named to the All State Band following area tryouts in Austin Saturday.

Miss Hilbrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roy Hilbrich of A&M Route, gained third chair, competing against twenty other French horn players from the surrounding area.

She stated that she has been playing in Junior High and High School bands for the past seven years and missed being named to the top band last year by one

chair. The top four musicians in each category are selected for the All State Band.

"The honor," stated assistant band director Larry Wolf, "puts Wanda in the top twenty French horn players in the State."

She will now practice and perform during the annual Texas Music Educators Association convention in Houston, slated for February 8-11 at the Astro Hall Arena.

FORMER STUDENT NOW
A BAND DIRECTOR

CHS Gobbler Band gets high marks

The Cuero High School Gobbler Band under the direction of Billy Harrell, scored a second division (excellent rating) in the regional marching contest held the early part of November.

The band received two

excellents and one superior rating from the three judges.

"I'm pleased with the band's score and performance," Harrell said "and I am confident the band will receive a superior rating next year."

Trotters held a pep rally the night before the contest to boost the spirit of band members after practice.

Roxanna Riddle, Sharon Barfield, Sherri Lane, Paula Gebauer, Sharon Wendel and Phyllis Doehrmann served as cheerleaders. Speakers were Constance Snodgrass, Troy Geary and Anna Liendo.

Cupcakes and punch were served following the pep rally. Harrell, who had been admitted to the hospital, was released to attend the practice and pep rally.

Bands in Louisiana

Symphonic and Concert Bands will participate in the Contraband Festival at Lake Charles, Louisiana, Thursday through Saturday. Cuero students and sponsors will stay in Orange, Texas.

The Concert Band will compete Thursday and the Symphonic Band will march in a Friday parade.

Both bands will play in concert Saturday, according to band directors Billy Harrell and Larry Wolf.

Ro-Hawk marching band wins at festival

On Saturday, Oct. 27, the Randolph Ro-Hawk Marching Band competed in the Third Annual Westlake Marching Festival.

The contest was held at Westlake Stadium in Austin. Numerous bands from San Antonio, Austin and outlying areas competed for first, second and third place trophies according to their class.

The bands competed in classes which are determined by the number of students in the school. The classes include B, A, AA, AAA and AAAA. The Ro-Hawks competed with schools in Class AA.

Some of the bands in this class are Luling, Bandera, Rockdale and Medina Valley.

Last year Rockdale took first place and Medina Valley took second place. This year, Elgin High School took third place, Hondo High School took second place and the Randolph Ro-Hawks took first.

The director of the Ro-Hawks is Billy A.

Harrell and the drum major is Amelia Ann Davis. Come and see the band, their new style of marching, and their new uniforms at the next home game on Nov. 9. The Ro-Hawks play at the Randolph High school stadium on Randolph AFB. The Randolph Ro-Hawks will be playing the Cole Cougars. Come and see the Air Force and the Army battle it out!

LITTLE RANDOLPH MET FOURTEEN
BANDS AND WON!!!!!!





(U.S. Air Force photo by George Harlan)

Practice

Randolph High School Ro-Hawk Band, directed by Billy Harrell, practices their musical skills. The band recently competed in Region XII, University Interscholastic League Concert Band Sightreading Contest at Madison High School, March 11. They received a first-division rating in concert and sight-reading. This, added to their first-division win in marching and inspection last fall, earned the 13th consecutive Sweepstakes Award. Randolph was the only school in AA to receive this award.

Band takes first

The Randolph Ro-Hawk Band, directed by Billy Harrell, competed in the Region XII, University Interscholastic League Concert-Sight Reading Contest at Madison High School on March 11.

The Ro-Hawk Band received a first-division rating in both Concert and Sight-Reading and this, added to their first-division in Marching and Inspection last fall, earned the thirteenth consecutive Sweepstakes Award.

Randolph was the only school in AA to receive this award.

Ro-Hawk Band set to present concert

The Randolph Ro-Hawk Band, directed by Billy Harrell, will present their Annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the High School Gym.

In addition to selections performed at the U.I.L. Contest where the band received their thirteenth consecutive Sweepstakes Award, the program will also include the following selections: "Mancini Spectacular," "Serenade For A Picket Fence," "Sonata in F Major" by Teleman featuring All-State piccolo player Marla Hearn; "Rock-A-Bye Your Baby With A Dixie Melody" featuring a Dixieland Combo; and "Battle Hymn of The Republic."

The seventh grade beginner, combined with the B-Band, will also perform on the concert. The Louis

Armstrong Jazz Award and John Philip Sousa Band Award will also be presented. The public is invited to attend the concert. Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for students.



KRUEGER FALCON
JAZZ ENSEMBLE



TOP HONORS FOR KRUEGER JAZZ
AT SAN ANTONIO JAZZ FESTIVAL



North East Independent School District

10333 BROADWAY - SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78217

Office of
First Associate Superintendent

November 11, 1982

Mr. Billy Harrell and
the Krueger Middle School Band

The Special contribution you provided the **North East Pride Rally** on November 9, 1982, helped make the event a great success and added another high mark to the achievements of North East's high schools. Your efforts are a true reflection of the spirit of pride of your own school as well as the North East School District.

Sincere thanks for your part in making the Rally a memorable event which, we hope, will enlighten and benefit students from throughout the area as well as North East.

Sincerely,

John F. Taylor
First Associate Superintendent

JFT:rj

cc: Mr. E.L. Barrow, Principal, Krueger Middle School

1984

SPRING CONCERT

featuring the

KRUEGER MIDDLE SCHOOL VARSITY BAND

JR. VARSITY BAND

and

BEGINNER BANDS

BILLY HARRELL, DIRECTOR

7:30 P.M. MAY 17, 1984

Krueger M.S. Auditorium



PATRIOTIC FINALE

FOURTEENTH SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE

International Reading Association
San Antonio, Texas

January 30 - February 1, 1986

READING: Bridge to Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

FRIDAY, January 31
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
SECOND GENERAL SESSION

Presiding:

Invocation:

Presentation of Colors:

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Welcome to San Antonio:

Welcome to IRA:

Introduction of Guests:

Introduction of Speaker:

Speaker:

Music:

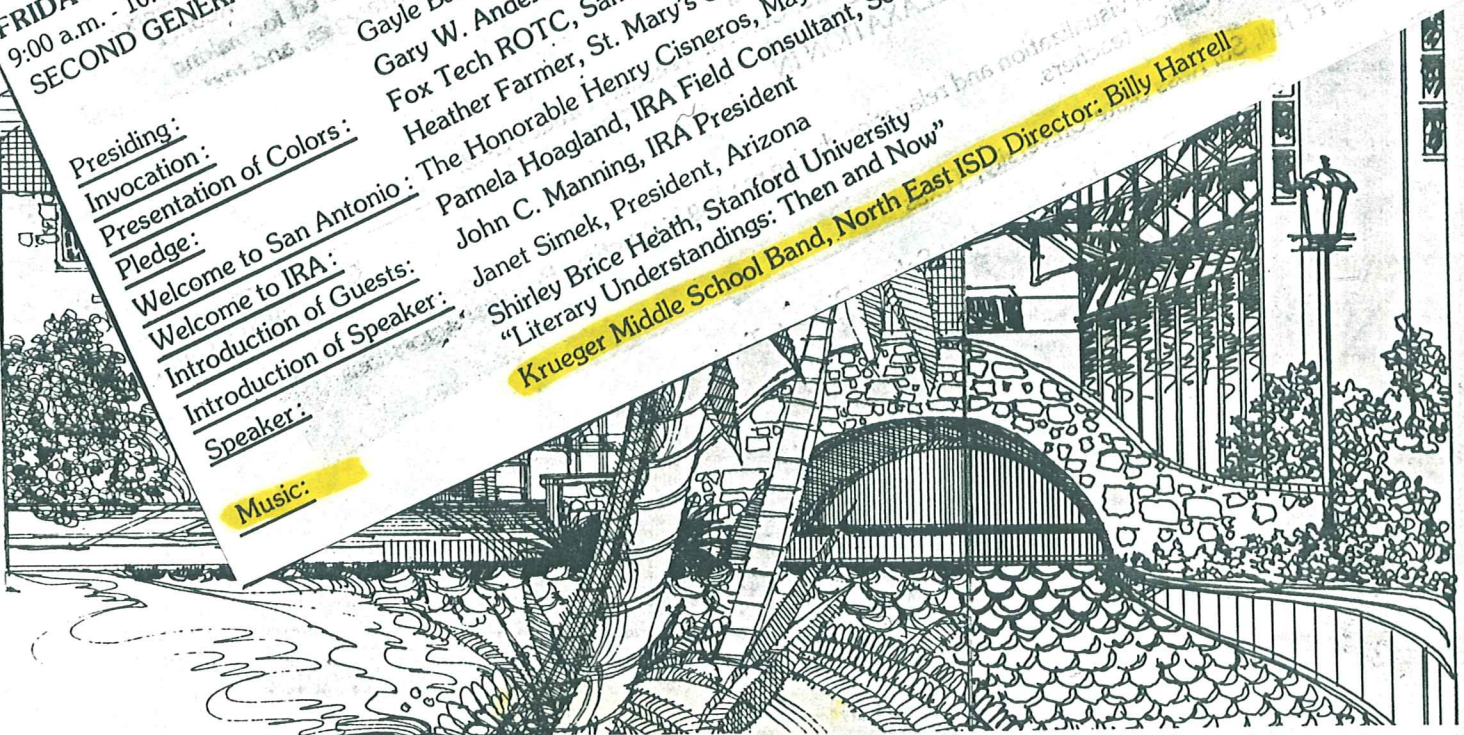
Gayle Bator, President, New Mexico State Reading Council
Gary W. Anderson, IRA State Coordinator, Arizona
Fox Tech ROTC, San Antonio
Heather Farmer, St. Mary's University of San Antonio
Pamela Hoagland, IRA Field Consultant, Southwest Region
John C. Manning, IRA President
Janet Simek, President, Arizona
Shirley Brice Heath, Stanford University
"Literary Understandings: Then and Now"

Krueger Middle School Band, North East ISD Director: Billy Harrell

Convention Center, North Banquet Hall



Shirley Brice-Heath





John Nance Garner Middle School

NORTH EAST INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

4302 HARRY WURZBACH - SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78209 *

April 22, 1986

Mr. Billy Harrell
Band Director
Krueger Middle School

Dear Billy:

Thank you so much for providing our opening ceremonies with such beautiful and inspiring music. Your music was the highlight of the morning ceremonies and all the children enjoyed listening and marching to the beat of your band. It is because of your support and the generosity of your students, that we were able to have such a great Special Olympics.

I am wishing that you have a great end of school and I am looking forward to working with you again some time very soon. Once again, thank you and the band for your support during our recent Special Olympics.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

*The Office of Student Resources
of*

North East Independent School District

Cordially Invites You To Attend

*The
18th Annual Special Olympics*

Tuesday, April 15, 1986

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Blossom Athletic Center

Sincerely,

Judy Seitz
Coordinator of Special Olympics

BAND PLAYS FOR
N.E.I.S.D. SPECIAL OLYMPICS

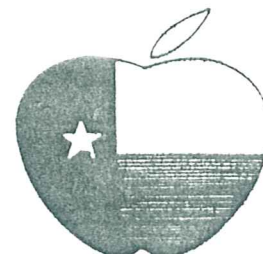
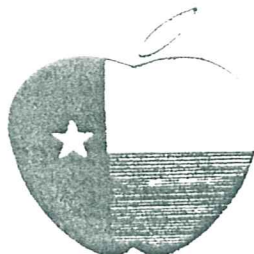
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MAY 23, 1986

BANQUET BULLETIN



TEACHER OF THE YEAR 1986-1987

1986 - 1987

TEACHER OF THE YEAR

CAMPUS AWARDS

Judy Jourard of Olmos was named the Elementary Teacher of the Year at the banquet. Judy, a Chapter I reading teacher, has taught in the district for seventeen (17) years at Wilshire and Olmos.

Billy Harrell, Band Director at Krueger, was named the Middle School Teacher of the Year. Billy has twenty-one (21) years of experience which includes five (5) years in NEISD.

Carolyn Pesthy of MacArthur was named the High School and District Teacher of the Year. Carolyn is a science teacher who has taught in NEISD eleven (11) of her eighteen (18) years of experience.

Willie Stuart
Bebe Crain
Nancy Kelly
Pat Allen
Lois Salazar
Barbara Reuter
Margaret Wilson
Carol Taylor
Debra Clements
Virginia Balter
Peggy Justice
Ruth Wayne
Margaret Cuny
Judy Jourard
Rebecca Smith
Claudia Sharp
Gale Waibel
Leslie Marbach
Grace Cunningham
Marilyn Harris
Valera Tasto
Sheri Thomas
Kay Woltersdorf
Tom Dukas
Joan Magee
Linda Logan
Sandra Colton
Billy A. Harrell
Prudence W. Montgomery
Lu Ann Waynand
Elizabeth Platt
Mary Hogan
Muriel McDonald
Gloria Banuelos*
Gloria White
Carolyn Pesthy
Bob DeMunbrun
Ron Bird

Camelot
Castle Hills
Clear Spring
Colonial Hills
Dellview
East Terrell Hills
El Dorado
Harmony Hills
Hidden Forest
Larkspur
Montgomery
Northern Hills
Oak Grove
Olmos
Regency Place
Ridgeview
Stahl
Thousand Oaks
Walzem
West Avenue
Wilshire
Windcrest
Woodstone
Bradley
Eisenhower
Garner
Jackson
Krueger
Nimitz
White
Wood
Center
Churchill
Churchill
Lee
MacArthur
Madison
Roosevelt

*Honorary

MAY 13, 1986

DEAR BILLY,

CONGRATULATIONS! YOU HAVE BEEN SELECTED TO REPRESENT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LEVEL AS TEACHER OF THE YEAR. YOU WILL BE INTRODUCED "ON STAGE" ALONG WITH THE DISTRICT TEACHER OF THE YEAR AT THE NETA AWARDS BANQUET ON MAY 19. YOUR SCRAPBOOK WILL BE ON DISPLAY AT THE BANQUET, ALONG WITH THOSE OF THE OTHER NOMINEES. YOU MAY PICK IT UP AS YOU LEAVE THE BANQUET. NORTHEAST IS INDEED FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH AN OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AS YOURSELF.

SINCERELY,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Moseley".

BETTY MOSELEY

TEACHER OF THE YEAR SELECTION COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN

BM:MB

October 1986

NEISD Employee Newsletter

Texas Music Educators Elect NE Officers

North East educators elected as officers for Region 12 of the Texas Music Educators Association include chairman Billy Harrell, band director of Krueger Middle School; Marjorie Camp, choral director at Ed White Middle School; and band chairman, Hal Reynolds, Roosevelt High School's assistant band director.

Other officers are orchestra director, Jan Garverick, North East orchestra director; choral chairman, Jim Sheppard, Robert E. Lee High School choral director; and elementary chairman, Jane May, fine arts consultant.

Employees Honored by Superintendent



NEWSLINE

is a monthly publication for and about employees of the North East Independent School District, 10333 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas 78217. 512/657-8600

The following employees were recognized at the March Superintendent's Coffee for being recommended for the Trinity Prize for Excellence in Teaching: Carleen Aiken, Regency Place; Carol Barger, Madison; Lyn Belisle, Serna Secondary; Judy Bond, Olmos; Laquita Boyd, Montgomery; William Cochran, Eisenhower; Carol Collins, Stahl; Ann Davis, Wilshire; Sandra Frasier, Lee.

Also considered for the Trinity Prize nomination were Liz Hamilton, Nimitz; Billy Harrell, Krueger; Thelma Marichalar, Churchill; Consuelo Mendoza, East Terrell Hills; Anne Nicholas, Wood; Beth O'Brien, Dellview; Billie Oehler, West Avenue; Gerry Waller, Garner; Nelzane White, Bradley.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Billy A. Harrell was born and grew up in Austin, Texas. His great-great-great grandfather was the first settler of Austin and an early mayor of that city. He also hosted Mirabeau B. Lamar when Austin was selected to be the capital of Texas. Thus the interest in education goes far back in his family.

By the time Bill had entered junior high school and had joined the school band, he had already decided on a career as a band director, not realizing the many obstacles he would face. By the time he had graduated from McCallum High School in 1956, he had received just about every honor one could receive in the band, including: Outstanding Sophomore and Senior Band Student, Band President, leader of the school jazz band, All-City Orchestra, and twice All-State Orchestra. He also participated in other school clubs and activities. This was all done while holding a part-time job after school and on Saturdays. Bill maintained a solid B plus average, and graduated in the top quarter of his class.

Bill entered the University of Texas as a Freshman music major, and after six weeks, decided that with his limited finances and the demands placed on music majors, he would have to drop his plans for college. About this time, his younger brother had entered the army and had told the army recruiter that he had a brother who was a trombone player and who was going to have to drop out of college. The recruiter suggested the possibility of a military band as a solution.

Since Bill did not want to give up his plans of being a band director, the solution of military band seemed inviting. He auditioned for a position in an air force band. After basic training, he was sent to California for six months, Oklahoma for six months and finally to Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio, where he finished his tour of duty as a bandsman.

During his tour in the air force, Bill took courses part-time at colleges near where he was stationed, accumulating forty-five hours of college credit during three and one-half years of military duty. He also had the opportunity to continue his interest in music and gain experience to help him in his future teaching career. Many of the air force musicians have maintained contact and summer before last, ten of them, including Bill, met in New Braunfels for a 25 year reunion.

After being discharged from the air force in 1960, Bill secured a position with the State Treasury Department. At the same time, Bill entered the University of Texas at

Austin to continue work on his degeree in music. During this time, he also became involved in church youth work and youth music groups in the church.

Even with working twenty hours a week, Bill found time to play in the Longhorn Band, University Symphony and other musical groups at college. Finally, in May of 1964, he received his degree and was ready to go out and get that first job.

Because of his work with church choirs, he was approached by a church in Uvalde in the hope that there would be a position in the Uvalde Schools and Bill could help the church on a part-time basis. The band position in Uvalde did not materialize because of a change in administration, but Bill accepted the position with the church for the summer.

When school started in September, Bill was the new band director in Blanco, Texas, teaching grades 3-5 music, geography, study hall and also band grades 5-12. Almost immediately, Bill met with success as the high school band composed of 45 students entered the University of Texas Band Day and was named the winner of all the bands with less than 50 members. From that point, honors came to the band on a regular basis in spite of the fact that the total budget for the band was \$250.00 for the year. The next year the band received their first University Interscholastic League Sweepstakes Award in the history of the school. During his five year tenure in Blanco, Bill's band received a total of ten first division ratings in U.I.L. competition, thirteen awards in other competitions, including Outstanding Band in its Class at the Six Flags Over Texas Band Festival.

By the time Bill had been in Blanco three years, the program had outgrown the band hall that was only five years old, and rehearsals had to be held in the cafeteria. As a result, the older cafeteria building was converted and remodled into a band hall during his final year at Blanco.

It was also during his tenure in Blanco, that Bill was first asked to be a judge for U.I.L. competition. Ironically, he judged the band from his present school, Krueger, giving them a first division rating without realizing that twelve years later, he would be the band director of that band, and that it would be the next time that the band would receive a first division rating.

While in Blanco, Bill also continued his work with the local church music program, and was elected a deacon in the Baptist church. He was also active in the Blanco Lions Club. He supported the other school activities, always making his car available to take students to out-of-town basketball games. Much of his time was also spent in the

concession stand, helping to raise funds for the band program.

At the end of his fourth year in Blanco, having his master's degree, Bill secured a position for the summer at the Texas Lions' Camp in Kerrville as Special Activities Director. It was here that he met Beverly Bergner, a fellow worker, and a college student at Texas Lutheran College where she was majoring in Elementary Education. She was also the daughter of the Superintendent of Schools in Fredericksburg.

By Christmas of that year, Beverly and Bill were married, and she became his number one supporter. The next summer Beverly and Bill returned to Texas Lions' Camp. During the summer of 1969, Bill accepted the position as Director of Bands for the Hondo Independent School District. Beverly had dropped out of college, but would return eight years later to pursue her degree. In the meantime, she spent her free time supporting her husband in his chosen career.

In August of 1969, Bill and Beverly with a U-Haul truck loaded their belongings and headed for Hondo, Texas and a new challenge. Things didn't go well at first. The band received a second division rating in both marching and concert that year, and Bill thought he had made a wrong decision. The positive part of the job was the fact that he was able to take the middle school band from Hondo to contest for the first time in the history of the school and they received nothing but first division ratings during his entire seven years in Hondo. The high school band went on to high honors as well. Its highest award was being named one of the top five band in its class by the Texas Music Educators Association. The band program grew to a total of 300 members. An old gym was remodeled by Bill and the shop teacher, and it is considered to be one of the finest band halls in the area.

Bill continued his work with the church choir and with the deacon board of the Baptist church during his first six years in Hondo. Beverly, however, was Lutheran, so in order to unite the family in church, they joined the Methodist Church as a compromise.

Bill was active in the Lions' Club while in Hondo and served on the board of directors. During his last year in the city, Bill served as president of the Lions' Club.

In the fall of 1976, Bill moved to New Braunfels as high school band director. Even though the band program at New Braunfels was declining, the previous band director was very popular locally. Bill managed to direct the band to their first U.I.L. Sweepstakes Award in three years, but he

sought a position in an environment more conducive to teaching.

In the fall of 1977, Bill moved to Cuero where the band program was at an all time low in quality. Bill and Beverly really were quite happy in Cuero. During the two years spent there, he was able to bring the ratings of the band up two divisions. While in Cuero, Beverly decided it was time to go back and complete her degree. So when an opportunity to teach in the San Antonio area was offered to Bill in the fall of 1979 as high school band director at Randolph High School, he accepted, thus giving Beverly the opportunity to attend area colleges.

During Bill's year at Randolph, his band was selected as the top band in its class at the Westlake Marching Festival and received the U. I. L. Sweepstakes Award.

Bill had no plans to leave teaching, but he was actively recruited by a private business. However, once outside the profession, it did not take him long to find out that teaching was still his first love. Therefore, in December of 1980, when he heard that there would be a temporary opening at Krueger Middle School in the North East Independent School District, Bill applied for the position. He was hired to complete the year, but he planned to return to high school teaching the following fall.

When Bill came to Krueger, he was the third director that the eighth grade students had studied under in their three years of band. Bill accepted the challenge and led his band to first division ratings in both concert and sight-reading for the first time in twelve years. At the end of the year, Bill was offered the position of Krueger Band Director on a permanent basis. Over the past six years the band achieved success under Bill's leadership. The concert bands at Krueger have received fourteen first division ratings in U. I. L. competition and six awards in other competition.

The second year that Bill was at Krueger, he organized a jazz ensemble that has been quite successful. This group received first division ratings at all six contests entered, being the runner-up band in four competitions, and top band in two.

While at Krueger Middle School, Bill has been able to see many of his former students become successful in both the MacArthur and Roosevelt band programs. He is very proud of the fact that eight of his former Krueger students have been selected as All-State Band Members.

Bill has participated in Northeast activities since being employed by the district, supporting both high school

bands that his former students attend. He organized the Middle School Honor Band program, and is also serving on the Curriculum Committee for band.

Bill is very proud of the fact that Beverly completed her degree shortly after he came to Krueger, and that she is also employed in the North East Independent School District, presently at Woodstone Elementary School. She has also completed her Masters' Degree, so the Harrells are now involved in the field of Education during most of their waking hours.

Bill believes very strongly that the middle school has to be the beginning for a successful high school band program, and so has stayed at middle school level, accepting the challenge of introducing students to band and laying the foundations for excellence.

Krueger Middle School is now fortunate to have a new band hall after outgrowing the previous one. Bill's goal is that there will be many more successful bands there, and that many more students will have a rewarding educational experience because they had the opportunity to play in the band.

SERVED ON THE STAFF OF THE TEXAS
LUTHERAN COLLEGE BAND CAMP FOR
17 YEARS 1972-1989



SUMMER BAND CAMPS

1984



BAND III

Billy Harrell, Conductor

OZARK FOLK SUITE Jared Spears
I. Weeping Willow
II. Down In The Arkansas
AMERICAN FOLK FANTASY.... arr. John Edmondson
PERCUSSION PICANTEEric Osterling

BAND III

Billy Harrell, Conductor

FLURRY FOR WINDS AND PERCUSSION John Kinyon
BRIAN'S SONG Legrand/Balent
OKAY JOSE Don Schaeffer
DIXIELAND DAZZLE John Edmondson



SUMMER BAND CAMPS

1985



TEXAS
LUTHERAN
COLLEGE

SEGUIN
TEXAS

1986

Conductors

J. R. McEntyre
Odessa

Dan Ryder
Austin

Billy Harrell
San Antonio

Fred Oldencott
San Antonio

Tom Kinsey
Universal City

Gary Rosenblatt
San Antonio

Rey Meza
San Antonio

Joe Wassel
Port Lavaca



MAC ARTHUR AND ROOSEVELT
BAND STUDENTS REUNITED
ONCE AGAIN AT KRUEGER
ALUMNI CONCERTS EACH YEAR

KRUEGER FALCON BANDS

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DECEMBER 8, 1987
7:00 P.M.

PROGRAM

(BEGINNER BAND)

Come To The Manger.....Arr. Feldstein & O'Reilly
Jingle Bells.....Arr. Andrew Balent

(JAZZ ENSEMBLE 2)

Brain Sprain.....Andy Clark
Swing Time.....Jerry Movak

(SUMMER BAND)

O Come All Ye Faithful.....Arr. Andrew Balent
Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas.....Arr. Paul Cook
Carol of The Drum.....Arr. Paul Lavender

(JAZZ ENSEMBLE 1)

Frosty The Snow Man.....Arr. Jerry Movak
I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day.....Arr. Jerry Movak
Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree.....Arr. Jerry Movak
The First Noel.....Arr. Peter Blair

(JUNIOR VARSITY BAND)

Merry Christmas Polka.....Andrew Balent
Hark The Herald Angels Sing.....Hendelsohn-Kinyon
A Festive Christmas.....Arr. John Edmondson

(VARSITY BAND)

Fanfare Prelude On Joy To The World.....Jim Curnow
The Nutcracker Suite.....Tchaikovsky-Lavender
I. Elven Dance (March)
II. Dance of The Sugar Plum Fairy
III. Waltz of The Flowers
IV. Trepak
Do You Hear What I Hear.....Arr. Paul Jennings
Guest Conductor, Mr. Dale Schultz, Roosevelt H.S. Band
Sleigh Ride.....Anderson-Ployhar
Guest Conductor, Ms. Linda McDavitt, MacArthur H.S. Band
Greensleeves.....Arr. Alfred Reed
A Christmas Portrait.....Arr. Jerry Movak
All Glory Laud and Honor.....Teschner-Ployhar
Guest Performers, Krueger Ex-Students from Roosevelt
and MacArthur High Schools


FINE

KRUEGER M.S. BAND

Wellington March. . . Zehle/Gore
Fanfare Variations. . . . Barker
Thematic Variations on Dona Nobis
Pacem.Sudduth

Billy A. Harrell, Director

1988 UIL CONTEST


**Krueger Falcon
VARSITY BAND
and
BEGINNER BANDS**

SPRING CONCERT
May 19, 1988
7:30 p.m.

KRUEGER M.S. BANDS SPRING CONCERT 1988

BEGINNER BAND

March One.Ployhar
Somebody's Knockin' At Your Door.
Erickson
Slightly Misty. Osterling
Carnival. Erickson

SUMMER BAND

Amberwood Overture. McGinty
Lightly Latin. Ployhar
Rock With Bach. Bach-Osterling
La Bamba. Valens-Blood

VARSITY BAND

Olympic Fanfare & Theme...Williams-Curnow
Hooray For Hollywood. . . . Whiting-Nored
Ta Ra Ra Boom De Ay!. . . . Sayers-Conley
Peter Gunn. Mancini-Cook
Holiday For Trumpets. . . . Rose-Osterling
Fandango For Flutes. Osterling
Pride of the Corps. Edmondson
Lonely Afternoon. Maltby
Oboe Soloist: Margaret Pitman
Highlights From Annie. . . . arr. Jennings

NESD bands head for state

Two North East School District bands have been ranked among the top 14 bands in their respective classifications in the state.

The Churchill Symphonic Band took first place in Class 5A competition and the Krueger Middle School Varsity Band garnered the number one spot in Class CC competition earlier this year.

Judges at the Texas Band Masters' Association convention at the

end of July will review tapes of both bands, along with many others from across the state, to determine the honor band for the state.

There are seven classifications of competition and only two bands are selected to compete for honor band in each classification.

Some 240 bands originally competed in the 5A division, and 410 vied for honors in Class CC.



SPRING CONCERT

MAY 22, 1990

BILLY A. HARRELL
AND
JAMES GOLDAPP
DIRECTORS



KRUEGER M.S. BAND I

Flag of Victory.....von Blon-Gore
Prelude & Celebration.....Chattaway
Bayside Portrait.....Sheldon

DIRECTOR: BILLY A. HARRELL

KRUEGER FALCON BAND & JAZZ ENSEMBLES

Side 1:

Varsity Band 1990 UIL Contest Concert

Flag of Victory.....von Blon-Gore
Prelude and Celebration.....Jay A. Chattaway
A Bayside Portrait.....Robert Sheldon

Jazz Ensemble II

I Write The Songs.....Arr. Nowak
Soloist: Joey O'Neil - Alto Sax
Tuxedo Junction.....Arr. Nowak
Soloists: Derek Kotara - Trumpet
Joey O'Neil - Alto Sax

My Funny Valentine.....Arr. Sweeney
Soloists: Derek Kotara & Michael Self - Trumpets
The Spruce Goose.....John Edmondson
Soloists: Derek Kotara - Trumpet & the Sax Section
Great Balls of Fire.....Arr. Jennings
Soloist: Galaadriel Friddell - Piano

Jazz Ensemble I

Push Comes to Shove.....Lennie Nienaus
Soloists: Roland Tamez - Bari Sax
Larry Batie - Trombone
Traces.....Bule, Cobb, Gordy-Nestico
Soloists: Barbara Arregondo - Piano
Robert Martinez - Vibes
Jason Kelly - Tenor Sax

Side 2:

Mama's Cookin'.....Jerry Nowak
Soloists: Michael LaCoste - Trumpet
Jason Kelly - Tenor Sax
Ricardo DeLaRosa - Drums

What's New.....Haggart-Wright
Soloists: Larry Batie - Trombone
Michael LaCoste - Trumpet

Tiger of San Pedro.....La Barbera-Lavender
Soloist: Michael LaCoste - Trumpet

Varsity Band

Accumulation.....John Higgins
Pictures At An Exhibition (Excerpts).....Mussorgsky-Bocook
Fort Canterbury March.....David Holsinger
Guest Conductor: Mr. Ron Wells, Dir. of Fine Arts, NEISD
Star Tracks.....Arr. Lavender
Call of The Trumpet.....Frank J. Halferty
Sixties Supernits.....Arr. Jennings
Battle Hymn of The Republic.....Arr. Higgins

AUGUST 16, 1990

1990 UIL CONTEST

The Texas Music Educators Association each year holds Honor Band and Honor Orchestra competitions at the summer conventions, held in San Antonio. Each U.I.L classification is judged every other year. This years competition in band was for the ClassAAAAAA high schools and Class CC middle schools. (These classifications are based upon enrollment). The North East School District is honored to have two bands in the top ten in this competition. Krueger Middle School Symphonic Band, conducted by Billy Harrell and James Goldap - assistant, placed ninth in the competition (out of some 250+ eligible bands), and the MacArthur Varsity I Concert Band, conducted by Linda McDavitt and Gary Doby-assistant, placed eighth, out of some 200 + eligibleAAAAAA high school bands. These competitions are conducted using taped live performances from the previous year, and are judged by a panel of five expert band conductors. Each Region (there are 22) sends two representatives to the Area-level competition (there are 5 Areas). Each Area sends two tapes to the State-level competition, resulting in the top ten tapes being judged at the summer convention.



North East Independent School District

10333 BROADWAY - SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78217

April 30, 1991

Krueger Middle School
Attn: Billy Harrell
438 Lanark Drive
San Antonio, Texas 78218

Dear Billy:

Thank you for providing the Alamo/TASBO organization with the entertainment at our meeting last Monday. It was great! Everyone couldn't believe that the sound was coming from a middle school band. We will be sending your band an honorarium within the next three weeks. Also if the transportation billing is sent to you, please forward it to me for payment.

I apologize that it was not the kind of meeting where everyone was seated. The purpose was to provide entertainment as everyone moved around talking with the exhibitors.

Again, thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to provide enjoyment to two hundred representatives from school districts in the South Texas area.

Sincerely,

Bill Fuller

Executive Director of Purchasing

KRUEGER FALCON VARSITY BAND and

JUNIOR VARSITY BAND

SPRING CONCERT

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 1992
7:30 P. M.



BILLY A. HARRELL
JAMES GOLDAPP
CONDUCTORS



KRUEGER FALCON VARSITY AND JR. VARSITY BANDS 1992 SPRING CONCERT

Side 1:

JUNIOR VARSITY BAND

Kensington March John Edmondson
Windsor Overture Anne McGinty
Panama Rock Dale Lauder
Sea Song Trilogy arr. McGinty
Stray Cat Strut arr. Edmondson
Ko Ko Mo arr. Sweeney

VARSITY BAND

Discovery 1492 Robert W. Smith
I. Isabella, Queen of Spain
II. Voyage of The Tall Ships
III. The New Land: A Celebration
Somewhere in My Memory Williams-Moss
Westport Landing N.H. Seward

Side 2:

Concerto for Faculty and Band James D. Ploynar
Soloists: Mr. Kelby Brown, Mrs. Ruth Bower
Ms. Traci Kaiser

Fiddler On The Roof Bock-Custer
Coast Guards King-Swearingen
Guest Conductor: Mr. Walter Howard, III, Principal
Lassus Trombone Fillmore-Balent
Beauty and The Beast Menken-Custer
Paul Anka In Concert arr. Jack Bullock

Ex-students will perform for homecoming

Billy A. Harrell, a former Owl Band director, will direct the Ex-students Band during Homecoming this weekend.

"Mr. Harrell attended last week's practice and helped the band over a 'few' rough spots," said Renae Zinsmeyer, a former student of his and coordinator of the ex-student band. "It was like a reunion as there were many of Mr. Harrell's former students in attendance."

After the handshaking was over and questions such as, "Can you still play that thing?" were answered, it was practice as usual.

One ex-student commented, "It was just like old times."

The final practice for the Ex-students Homecoming Band will be held tonight, Sept. 29, 7 p.m. at

the high school band hall. After warming up, band members will walk to Barry field to prepare for their pre-game performance.

Mr. Harrell will again be here to add his expertise.

On Friday, Sept. 30, band members will meet no later than 6:30 p.m. at the high school Activity Center.

Owl fans are reminded to get to the game early so they won't miss the pre-game activities at 7:40 p.m.

Saturday the band will provide the entertainment after the barbecue lunch at the City Park. Band members should meet at the park at 1:30 p.m. The performance will be at 2 p.m.

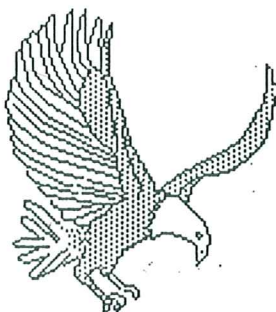


EX-STUDENTS BAND... members will perform as part of Homecoming activities prior to the Friday night game with Devine at Barry Field and Saturday after the noon

barbecue at City Park. Former Hondo Band Director Billy Harrell will be leading the band. (Photo by Frances Proctor)

DIRECTS HONDO ALUMNI BAND

KRUEGER FALCON VARSITY BAND JAZZ ENSEMBLE I



SPRING CONCERT

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1993

7:00 P.M.

Billy A. Harrell
James Goldapp
Directors

**FINAL CONCERT BEFORE
RETIRING FROM ACTIVE TEACHING**

May 20, 1993

To: Krueger Band Parents, Faculty and Administration

As my teaching career at Krueger comes to a close, I want to thank you for your support during the past 13 years. The awards and other successes that came to this program would not have been possible without your support and co-operation.

Although all of the goals that I envisioned for this program did not come true, we would have not achieved the success that we did without goals. During the past 13 years we have achieved the following successes: 28 First Division Awards in University Interscholastic League Competition including 13 Sweepstakes Awards; 23 First Division Awards in other competition; Region Honor Band several times and one of the top 13 Bands in the state in our class twice. Also, our Jazz Ensemble I received 7 First Division ratings in various contests. Many of our former students have continued with music into college and professional careers as well as being successful in other endeavors and we are equally proud of their accomplishments.

My wish is that the Krueger Band program will continue to be successful and I hope that you will give the new director the same support and co-operation that you have given to me.

Sincerely,

Billy A. Harrell

Billy A. Harrell
Band Director

PROGRAM Varsity Band

Acclamation..... John Higgins
Under The Double Eagle..... Wagner-Custer
Aladdin (Highlights)..... Menken-Sweeney

Jazz Ensemble 1

Undecided..... Shavers-Sweeney
Alto Sax Soloist: Mariya Kret Trumpet Soloist: John Martinho
When I Fall In Love..... V. Young-Holmes
Alto Sax Soloist: Ana Patricia Garcia Trombone Soloist: Michael Lawson
Checkmate..... George Shutak
Trombone Soloist: Michael Lawson Alto Sax Soloist: Anna P. Garcia
Sunday Morning..... Hefsti-Sweeney
Alto Sax Soloist: Ana Patricia Garcia Trombone Soloist: Michael Lawson
Drum Soloist: Michael Canales
St. Louis Blues..... Handy-Nowak
Trombone Soloist: Michael Lawson Trumpet Soloist: John Martinho
Tenor Sax Soloist: Chris Gonzalez Alto Sax Soloist: Anna P. Garcia
Trumpet Soloist: Laurie Lammons Mariya Kret

Varsity Band

Prime Time Marches..... Arr. David Marshall
Pueblo (Land of Ancient Peoples)..... John Higgins
The Homeowners Guide To Making Music..... Hiram Power
Faculty Soloists: Mrs. Ruth Bower, Ms. Traci Kaiser, Mr. Kelby Brown
Garth Brooks: Superstar..... Arr. Jay Bocook
America..... Arr. James D. Ployhar

FINE

Billy Harrell Band Highlights

1. Burnished Brass-Cacavas / Blanco HS 19... 2:03
2. Irish Folk Song Suite-Erickson / Blanco ... 5:06
3. Wellington-Zehle / Hondo HS 1974 3:26
4. Ambrosian Hymn Variants-White / Hond... 5:59
5. Incidental Suite-C. Smith / Hondo HS 19... 10:08
6. Suspiros de Espana-Alvarez-Wiley / Hon... 3:42
7. Festival Prelude-Reed / Hondo HS 1975 4:19
8. Triptych-Fry / Hondo HS 1975 5:20
9. Pride of The Wolverines-Sousa-Fennell /... 3:19
10. HM Jollies-Alford / New Braunfels-1976 2:43
11. A Jubilant Overture-A. Reed / Randolph ... 6:01
12. March Lamar-C. Williams / Krueger MS-... 2:39
13. Overture:Bisham Grange-Cacavas / Krue... 3:41
14. Whitewater Festival / Krueger MS-1989 6:00
15. Fanfare Variations-Barker / Krueger MS-... 6:23
16. Dona Nobis Pacem-Sudduth / Krueger ... 4:43
17. Peanut Vendor / Krueger MS Jazz-1986 2:55