Bobby D. Goff

BOBBY DEAN GOFF

Bobby Dean Goff was born on August 1, 1932, in Shreveport, Louisiana. At the age of three days he was adopted by Josephine and Everett Goff, who resided in the White Oak Community, between Longview and Gladewater. Bobby was raised in a loving, but very disciplined home in the East Texas Oil Field, and attended White Oak Schools for twelve years. He was a trombone player in the band when Roy Swicegood began his tenure there as Band Director. In later years, Swicegood would be a major influence on Bobby's teaching career.

As a youngster, Bobby's first love was horses. He enjoyed horseback riding, grooming horses, and also breaking them in. A tragic accident in 1947 changed his life. He was struck by a car while crossing US Highway 80, a short distance from the family residence. The accident resulted in internal injuries and a compound fracture of his left leg. Unable to continue his athletic, and horse riding activities, his attention turned to his band instrument and that became his priority. Although the accident left him in constant pain, he worked harder than ever to be a contributing member of the White Oak High School Band, volunteering ahead of others to load and unload instruments at trip time. Bobby did not enjoy the school classroom and struggled in other subject areas. He was the perfect example of one who would not have made it through school were it not for his participation in the band program.

Following one year of study at Kilgore Junior College as a Business Major, and a short bank employment, Bobby entered Stephen F. Austin State College as a music education major. His parents could not afford an education away from home, so Bobby worked at several jobs, including washing dishes in the college cafeteria, to pay his own way. After completing his Bachelor's Degree he taught for one semester at Garrison High School, near Nacogdoches. During the semester he became so discouraged with his lack of success that the superintendent counseled him into finishing the term and continuing his dream of being a band director. Following one year at Jefferson High School, Bobby taught at Timpson High School from 1955-1965. During the ten years, he led the band to five consecutive sweepstakes awards. The Timpson Band performed at the Tri-State Band Festival in Enid, Oklahoma and won first place in a UT Austin "Band Day" Parade to earn a pre-game performance at a Texas Longhorn football game.

In 1965 Bobby married a former Timpson band student, Elizabeth Witherspoon, and they moved to New Boston, where Bobby taught for seven years. He led the band to six consecutive sweepstakes awards, and other performances in the "Cotton Carnival" Parade in Memphis Tenn., the "Fiesta of Five Flags" Competition in Pensacola, Fla., and the opening of the Hemisfair in San Antonio.

With the declining health of his parents in 1972, Bobby, Elizabeth and newly adopted son Joe, returned to the Longview area to care for them. He began teaching at Hallsville High School, remaining there until his retirement in 1990. His work again led the Hallsville Band to many sweepstakes awards and numerous other honors. The band performed in Disney World, Orlando, Fla., at the "Fiesta of Flowers" in Canyon City Colo. and won the outstanding band award at the" World's of Fun" Festival in Kansas City, Mo., in 1983.

Students in all of these bands won many All-Region and All-State Band "chairs", and hundreds of UIL Solo and Ensemble Performance Awards.

After his retirement in 1990, Bobby taught part-time for three years at Leverett's Chapel ISD – rebuilding a band program that had been dormant for many years. He also assisted head directors at Overton and New Diana High Schools.

During his long teaching career, Bobby continued giving his best in spite of the constant pain and discomfort from the accident in 1947. He learned much about teaching by watching and listening to other directors in rehearsals and performances. Blanton McDonald, Jimmie Hudgins, Alto Tatum, and Roy Swicegood were major influences on his success in the earlier years. Later sources and inspirations were Neil Grant — a former Timpson student, and Pete Kunkel — a high school and college mate, and lifetime friend. Once he discovered what was the right way for him to be successful teaching students, nothing could deter him. He believed in what he was doing, and was a relentless taskmaster in the rehearsal until each part was played to his satisfaction.

During his forty-five years as a Texas Band Director he had been a member of TMEA, TBA, TMAA, and Phi Beta Mu International Bandmasters Fraternity. In 1996 he was inducted into the Stephen F. Austin State University Bandmasters Hall of Fame.

Friends, former colleagues and associates continue to remember the great qualities that Bobby possessed. He spent much of his time doing favors for friends and acquaintances. Many times, those on vacation trips would return home to find the yard's mowed and trimmed. He left his own projects unfinished to help others with theirs. Elizabeth tells of the many days that he would return from school with pockets empty after giving students money for various needs. He was the teacher that continued working to keep the "at risk" students in school, after all others had given up on them. Many times, the Band was what kept them in school, as it had for him at White Oak. As his health declined to his confinement at home, he was a constant encourager to the young teachers who were just starting their careers. He knew of their rehearsal times, and would call afterwards – inquiring about the rehearsal, and the music they were working on. Naturally, he had suggestions for them to try at the next rehearsal.

Bobby's humor and wit were quickly discovered by everyone that he met. He always had a funny story and demanded everyone's attention for it to be heard. No gathering of East Texas Band Directors occurs without his presence being felt, and his influence on all being discussed.

Bobby Goff passed away on March 16, 2001, at his residence in Longview. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, and one son, Joe Goff - both of Longview.

MEMBERSHIP



CERTIFICATE

Thi Beta Mu

NATIONAL SCHOOL BANDMASTER FRATERNITY

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BOBBY GOFF

AS AN_____ACTIVE ____MEMBER

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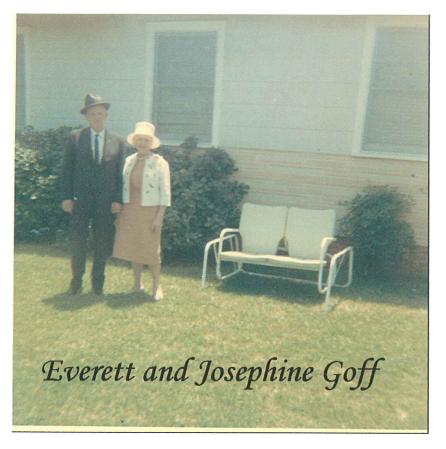
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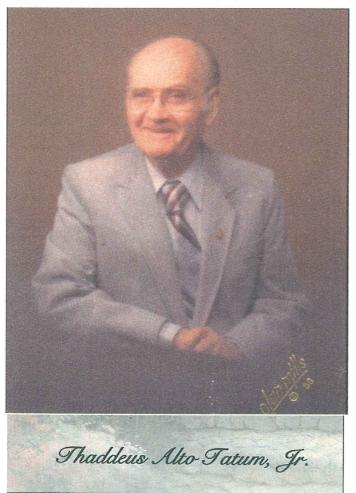
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Some of the Most Influential People in His Life

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Bobby Goff

Band Director



Kay King

Drum Major



Mary Jane Hooper



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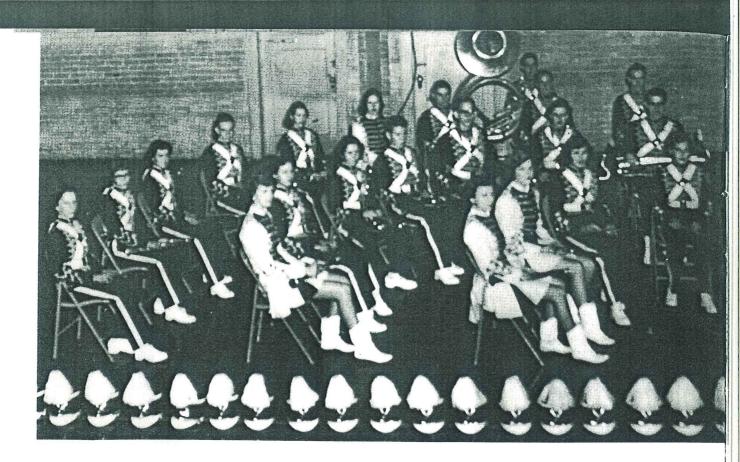
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High School 1954-55



JEFFERSON HIGH





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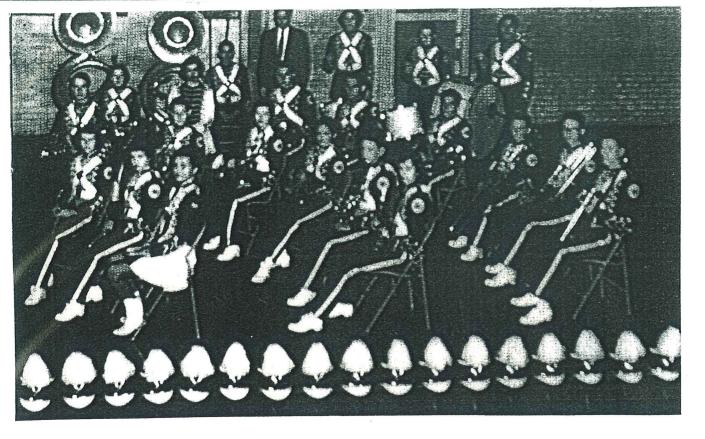
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BAND DIRECTOR Mr. Bobby Goff



PERCUSSION and BASSES SECTION

Charles Maxwell, Gene Nelms, Beth Carter, Jerry Gambel, Roy Medina



SCHOOL BAND



SAXOPHONES and HORNS SECTION

FIRST ROW: Robert McCrea, Mariwyn Morris,

Pam McCasland, Ted Byrom,

Deanna McCasland

BACK ROW: James Gamble, Jerry Williams,

Clara Bowden, Betty Farmer



BRASS SECTION

FIRST ROW: Geraldine Sewell, Andy Meisen-

heimer, Jimmy Blackburn, Travis

Summerlin, Leon Moody, Alice

Simmons

BACK ROW: James Fox, Carroll Nelson, Bill

Bennett, Jerry Nelms, W.R. Scaggs,

Bonnie Ross



WOODWIND SECTION

Ann Warren, Barbara Nelms, Gloria Birmingham, Gloria McDonald, Charlene Grubbs, Homer Steele, Barbara Holiday, Marilyn Smith, Jessica Tolleson, Jackie Howlette, Carolyn Smith, James Kelsey, Evie Meisenheimer, Brenda Cloninger, Carmen Yoachum

THE JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL BAND

PRESENTS

A SWING AND POPULAR CONCERT

High School Auditorium January 26 and 27,1955

Bobby Goff, Director



1955-1965



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DRUM MÂJOR LESTER HUGHES



DIRECTOR



BOBBY GOFF

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NEIL GRANT All-State Band



MR. BOBBY GOFF Director

BAND



SARA NELL RHODES
Sweetheart





LESTER HUGHES All-State Band





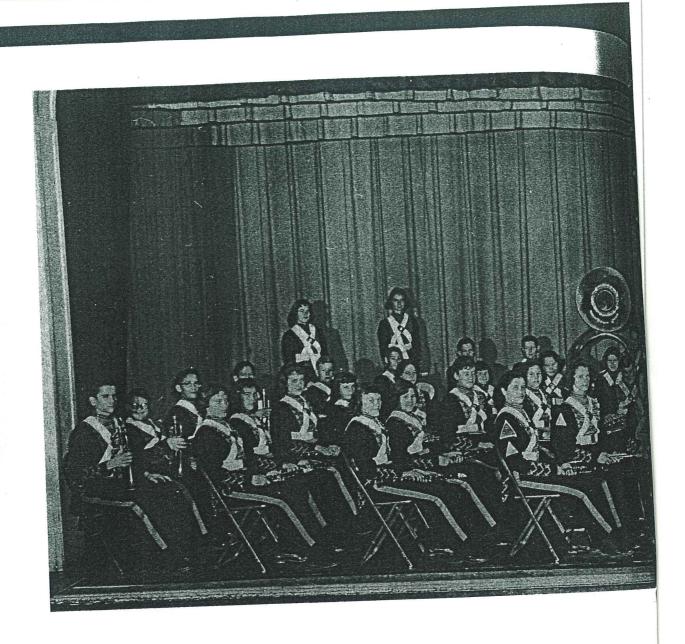
Timpson High



School Band

Director - Bobby Goff

1958



Director



Mr. Bobby Goff

FLUTES: Billie Beckham Janeice Eakin Marie Barr Ann Brouillard Bb CLARINETS Pat Parmley Carrol Lane Adams Mary Stilley Merrie Wharton Vina Woodfin Barbara Edwards Sharon Oliver Una Faye Kimbro Arlene Pate Joan Beard Linda Williams Rebecca Beard Diane Barrett Jane Kelly

Susan Pate

BASS CLARINETS:
Anita Hammars
Elizabeth Witherspoon
Mary Ramsey
ALTO SAXOPHONES:
Vivian Nail
Dee Ann McWilliams
Sally Langston
Edith Matlock
Johnnie Hudman
Kenneth McCarty
TENOR SAXOPHONES:
Elaine Phelps
Kay Essery
BARITONE SAXOPHONE:
Cecilia Wharton



Band 196/

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Judy Eakin
Mary Jo Hendricks

FRENCH HORNS

John Crawford

Cecilia Wharton

BARITONE SAXOPHONE
Beth Bushiey

BARITONES
Eddie Flores
Tom Paul Wedgeworth
Tommy Williams
Mike Crawford

DRUMS

Troy Crump
Linda Eldridge
Sue Setzer
Bernice Holmes
Charletta Haden
Linda Crawford
Bruce Crump
Elaine Milford
Sue Milford
Sharon Burrows

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> DIRECTOR Bobby Goff





Donna Cozort Kay Wilder Gregory Eakin Patricia Whiteside Suzy Langston

Bernice Holmes **SWEETHEART**



FLUTES

Cynthia Hudson Linda Salser

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Patsy Miller Veronica Scott Tommie Oliver Brenda Walker Vickie Crump Shirley Bryan Linda Pate Fayleen Ellison

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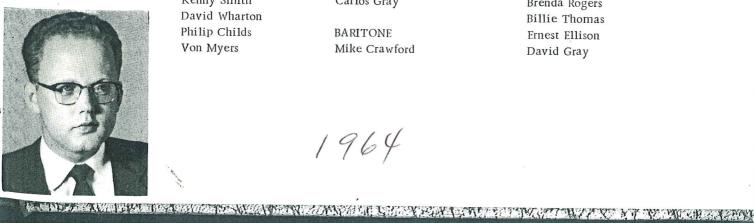
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BASS CLARINETS Mary Jo Hendricks Patricia Bailey Elaine Pate Gay Stamps



Bobby Goff DIRECTOR



FRENCH HORN Lynn Evans Bill Burnett

CORNETS Ted Dent John Crawford Kenny Smith David Wharton Philip Childs Von Myers

Danny Crawford John DeLamar

TROMBONES Arnold Kaluza Tom Paul Wedgeworth Donnie Walker Carlos Gray

BARITONE Mike Crawford

BASS HORNS Freddy Wharton Jimmy Galbreath **DRUMS** Bernice Holmes Sue Milford Sharon Burrows Brenda Rogers Billie Thomas Ernest Ellison David Gray

1964



Sweetheart Dee Ann McWilliams



FLUTES
Gregory Eakin
Suzy Langston
Cynthia Hudson
Linda Salser
Becky Bogue
Jo Ann Kaluza

CLARINETS
Barbara Edwards
Jane Killey
Linda Williams
Sue Childs
Susan Pate
Brenda Bogue
Diane Barrett
Patsy Miller

TIMPSON HIGH

Pam Choate
Veronica Scott
Tommie Oliver
Brenda Walker
Lana Stamps
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Dee Ann McWilliams
Sally Langston
Barbara Tyson
Janet Bussey
Marsha Killey



SCHOOL BAND 1965

Pam Parmley Glenda Tinkle

TENOR SAX Beverly Williams Nancy Hartt Sara Edison

BARITONE SAX
Gail Bailey

CORNET
John Crawford
Kenny Smith
Philip Childs
Von Myers

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DRUM
Sue Milford
Sharon Burrows
Billie Thomas
Brenda Rogers
Regie Harris
Gregory Crump

Director Mr. Bobby Goff



Mv. Golf-After nine gears under your supervision. on see the result! were is not much that I can say that you have not already heard me tell you. I know that I have bround more in this band about personal restraint, individual central, and responsibility than I could have bearned anywhere. There's wetting that I would take for my sweat & troubles" in the bank. Your work, att. tude, and determination has been such an impression for me. I shall never forget the high ideals and goals which you have thingh me to seek. Thank you for an inpression of the never-ending seach for perfection and giving me that extra "push" needed to continue in everything. Best of bick in the future to the greatest of influences on my life. M. Williams

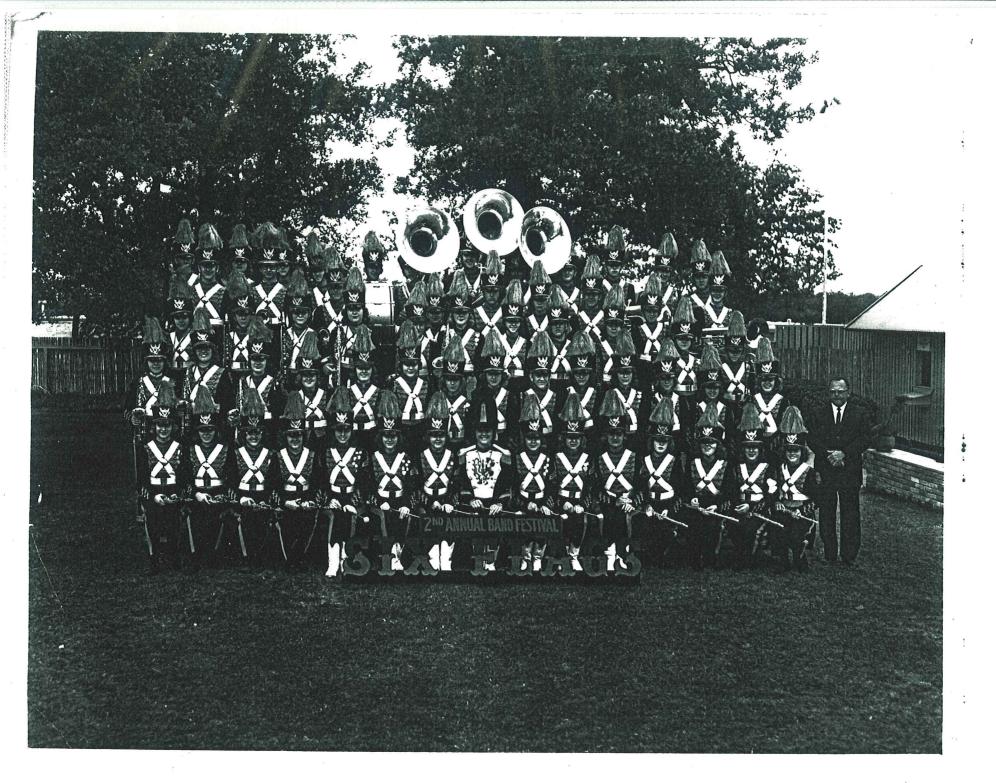


MARCHING BAND

OFFICERS

President-John Crawford, Reporter-Barbara Edwards, Drum Major-Patricia Bailey, Secretary-Dee Ann McWilliams, Vice-President-Kenny Smith.





nusual Incid oice Local Gar

By PETE BARROUQUERE Times Sports Writer

Saturday night, Sept. 19 was a warm fall night, but it was the night that Chief Caddo returned to the Northwestern State College campus at Natchitoches after spending a year in Nacogdoches, Tex., as guest of the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks.

Demons reclaimed the brightly-garbed trophy with a resounding 34-14 victory in a hard-fought battle that started and ended with an unusual incident.

The unusual start was provided by the Timpson, Tex. High School

After the Springhill High School Band finished their routine, the teams trotted out to line up for the opening kickoff.

From the other end of the field came the Timpson Band led by drum majorette Patricia Bailey.

It was a case of either the band or the teams—the band won—and Miss Bailey led them through their whole routine, while the gridders stood by their respective benches, relegated to the role of amazed spectators.

Demon coach Jack Clayton was openly proud of his team's effort.

there," he said. "We had some boys who never played college ball before, and they made a couple of mistakes due to a some control of the couple of mistakes due to a some control of the couple of mistakes due to a some control of the couple of mistakes due to a some control of the couple of mistakes due to a some control of the couple of mistakes due to a some control of the couple of mistakes due to a some control of the couple of mistakes due to a some control of the couple of mistakes due to a some control of the couple of the couple of the couple of the couple of mistakes due to a some control of the couple of the couple of mistakes due to a some control of the couple of the c couple of mistakes due to over-anxiousness, but I was pleased most of all with the hustle and desire of the whole ball club."

He thought the 82-yard punt return by Al Dodd and the play of the quarterbacks were the biggest individual efforts.

"The punt return was the big play. Donnie Carroll did a real fine job. In fact, both quarterbacks moved the ball smooth and real good," he stated.

The NSC boss had a few words respect for his fallen foes. "SFA has a fine team," he said,
"They didn't play as well as
they are capable, and made us,
perhaps, look better than we

were." He cited trainer Billy Eugene Christmas' efforts for getting the players ready.

"Christmas did an exceptional job of keeping the boys on the

field. His work was very noticable, and he did a fine job on the ball club."

Lumberjack coach Travis (Shorty) Hughes was philosophical in defeat.

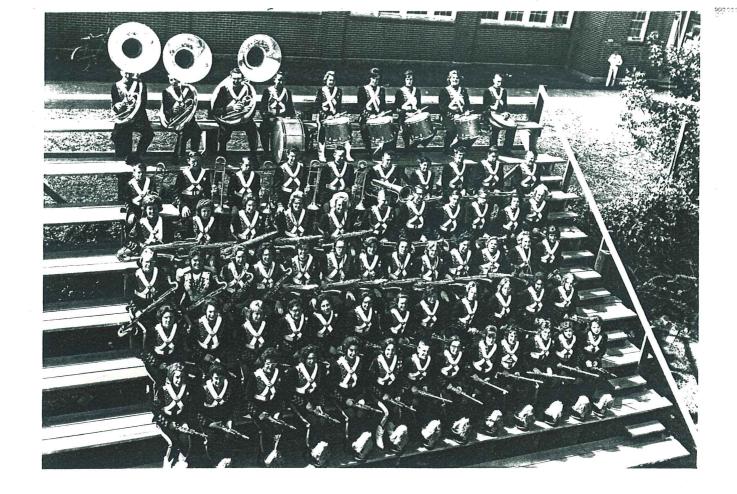
"We just didn't get after it as a team should have," he said. Hughes had praise for the Demon squad. "They sure fought harder than they have in the past," he stated. "This was the best Demon squad we've played."

est Demon squad School Caddo, the In addition to Chief Caddo, the Demons got two footballs. The first was passed 100 miles from Nacogdoches to Shreveport by the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity to and was presented to the winning

The second was the game ball, which the Demon gridders proudly presented to defensive coach Red Phillips.

Yes, it was a warm fall Saturday night. And through it all Chief Caddo watched the action

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Honoring Bobbu for your devotion to the community and students of TIMPSON, TEXAS. 1955-1965 -DDD0666-November 3, 2000

Goff leaves musical legacy

Well known past Timpson Band Director, Bobby Dean Goff, died at his residence in Longview this past Friday, March 16, 2001. Services for Goff, 68, were held Monday, March 19, 2001 at the Longview Church of Christ with Mike Hurley and Rev. John Mooney officiating. Burial was in the Corinth Cemetery in Timpson, Texas.

Mr. Goff had retired from the Hallsville ISD. Timpson ISD recently honored Goff for being instrumental in promoting excellency in music programs not only in Timpson, but across the state. Of the 43 years he had dedicated to teaching, he was an important part of Timpson from the years 1955 to 1965. He was also a teacher in the Garrison ISD, Jefferson ISD, New Boston ISD, Leveretts Chapel ISD, Overton ISD, New Diana ISD, and Hallsville ISD, with each school winning numerous awards and sweepstakes.

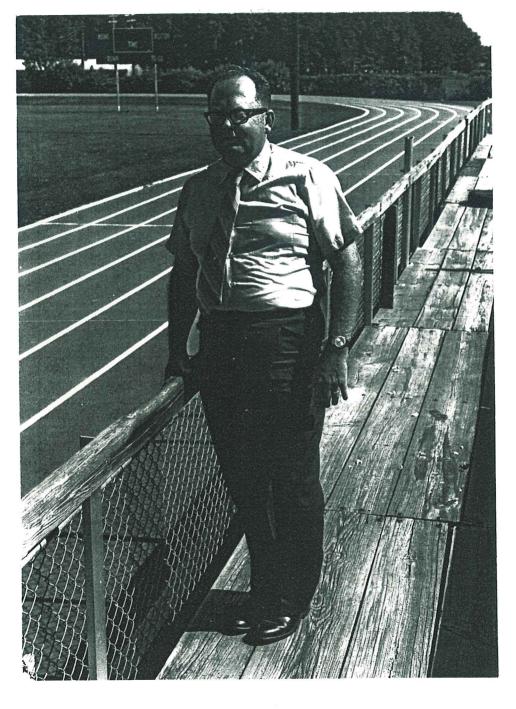
Mr. Goff was a member of the Longview Church of Christ, a lifetime member of the Texas State Teachers Association, Phi Beta Mu, the Honorary Band Masters Organization and the Stephen F. Austin Alumni Association, and was inducted into the SFA Hall of Fame.

Timpson ex-students said of Mr. Goff that he always went the extra mile to help his students and would assist them anyway he pos-

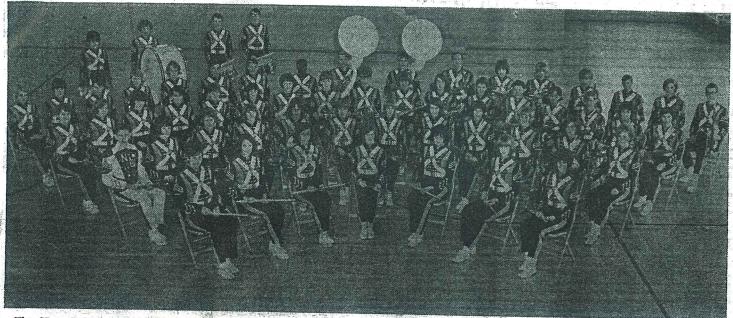


But as for me, I watch in hope for the Lord, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

Micah 7:7



New Boston Band Wins Sweepstakes



The New Boston High School trophy. To be eligible for Sweep-Band participated in the Interscholastic League concert and sightreading contest which was held Wednesday, April 26, at Pine Tree High School in Longview, Texas. There were fifty-seven other bands who were in competition. The New Boston band received a first division in concert and sightreading. The first division is a superior rating.

With a first division already earned in marching in the fall. and the two first divisions won Wednesday, the New Boston High

stakes, a band must earn a first division in marching, concert and sightreading contests. The Sweepstakes trophy is the highest possible award that a band can win in Interscholastic League competition in Texas. The band is under the direction of Bobby Goff.

Following are comments made by the concert judges:

Eldon Janzen-Irving, Texas-March, "a very nice driving style. The solo cornet players certainly have fine quality. Brass Band was awarded a Sweepstakes choir work is very fine. Very

nice horn sound. It is so enjoyable to hear you play this well. My heartiest congratulation to you and your fine director. This performance shows great effort on your part and I couldn't be happier for you and that good ole New Boston Band."

W. F. McBeth-Arkadelphia, Ark. - "Good work lower Brasses, good tempo interpretation and dynamic level. Very fine band, and well played. Thank you again band for having the nerve to play a big sound at contest."

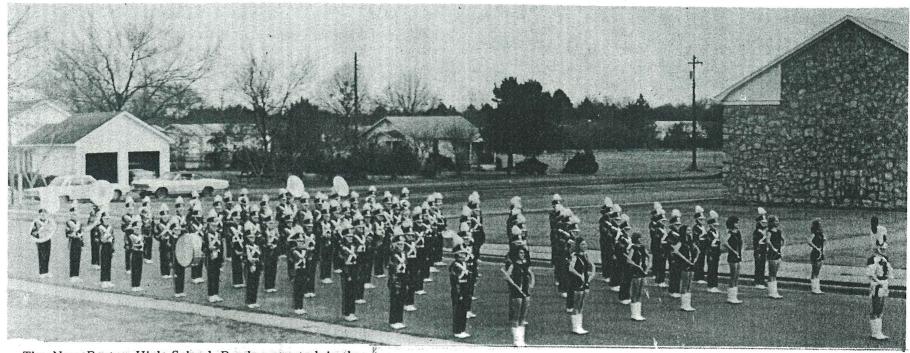
Gene Witherspoon - Russell- rating of division I.

ville, Ark. "Excellent march. Very rich sound and very good balance. Very well done technically. Nice conducting, very clean and articulate. Conveys exactness to band. Band extremely well rehearsed and attentive. Congratulations."

Ivan Goodwin — Ennis, Texas— "Very good instructional period by director. Band you didn't have any serious problems. You played very well - congratulation."

Each of the judges rated the New Boston band the superior 1968

New Boston Band Wins Sweepstakes Trophy



The New Boston High School Band competed in the University Interscholastic League Concert and Sightreading Contest Wednesday, April 24, in Jacksonville and were judged First Division in every event for the second consecutive year. The judges for the contest were: Mr. John Kunkel, Mr. Karl Wadenphful, Mr. Arnold Whedbee, and Mr. Jimmy Simmons, all from Beaumont. Each judge gave the band a first division and was very complimentary of the band. The Sweepstakes Trophy is the highest possible award that a band can receive in Texas Interscholastic League competition. The band must make a first division rating in Marching, Concert, and Sightreading, which the New Boston Band accomplished. The Band has many events coming up soon, which includes, a television appearance on channel 6 and a performance at the Hemisfair.

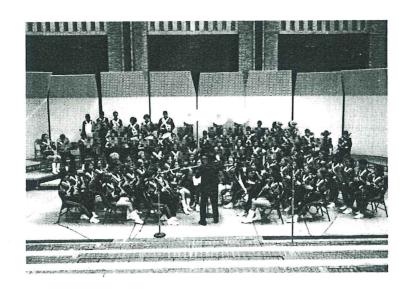


Touring the fair



Watching the water show!

SWEEPSTAKES BAND 1968 AT HEMISFAIR

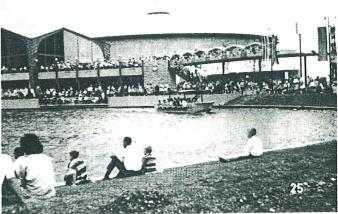


New Boston was well represented by the Band.

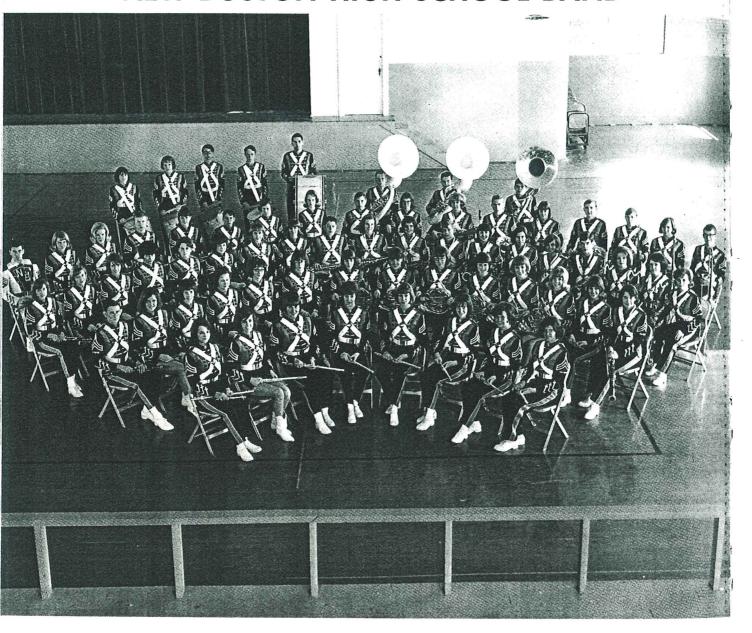
Seniors looking sharp!



More water!



NEW BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND





BOBBY GOFF

Band Director



Mr Foff, Fooks like you made an impression on this man. Regards Moderage

Person of the Week

Hillard gives "100%" in efforts to serve

By Deedre Colquitt Tribune Staff

NEWBOSTON-"My wife says I thrive on responsibility," said Stanley Hillard. The statement certainly rings true, considering that the New Boston native currently serves as pastor of Prosperity Missionary Baptist Church, administrator of the Bowie County Indigent Health Care program, and director of HUD programs for the elderly unit in Wake Village. "I can't think of a time when I didn't have responsibilities," Hillard added. "Sometimes my three jobs seem like 16!"

After graduating from New Boston High School, Hillard completed his education at East Texas State University in Commerce, earning a bachelor's degree in marketing and management and a master's degree in business administration. After college, he went to work in the field of retail management, something that prepared him well for his present duties, Hillard said.

As manager with the Penny's Company in Fort Worth, he was in charge of a two and half million dollar budget. "Eight years of that prepared me well for all of what I'm doing now, in the ministry and in the other positions," he said.

Hillard feels working with the poor through the Indigent Health Care program is a great opportunity. "It is a ministry all to itself," he said. The program was imple-mented by Hillard in 1986, and it is designed to aid impoverished people with medical costs. "We are helping the poorest people receive medical care they wouldn't otherwise get," he said. Strict guidelines must be met to determine eligibility for the program. "People who can't get Medicaid or any other help may be eligible," Hillard explained. The program was created as a requirement by the state for all counties which do not have county hospi-

Hillard has pastored the Prosperity Church for six years now, and it is his first preaching assignment. "I was called to preach," he said, "and when you're called by God, you must accept." Everyone is responsible for serving his fellow man, Hillard stated, and through the church he attempts to do so.

Since returning to his hometown to preach, a new church has been built, and an estimated 150 new members have joined the church. The congregation is an active one, Hillard said, sponsoring Youth Awareness and Black History Month activities, the largest citywide vacation bible school in the area, and many other community projects.

Working with youth is a priority for Hillard, and his church has 100 attendants aged 18 and under. One of his goals is to see a youth recreational center in the city, and he is currently working on a grant proposal to secure funds to build it. In counseling with young people, Hillard motivates them to aim high. "I put the emphasis on making contribution," he said. "I always teach

them that they can succeed, but not without hard work." Hillard is proud of the church's youth. "A great majority of them go on to do great things, in the military, college or in their jobs after high school," he stated.

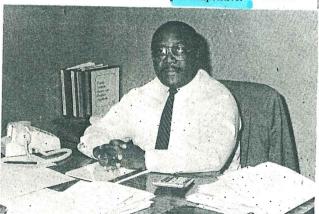
Education and previous work experience have prepared him for the present, he said. "And then, I have a great church." The hallmark of a great church, Hillard said, is a willingness to support the pastor in his efforts to help others. "I want to express my appreciation to the board of deacons and trustees," he said. "The 20 officers of the church make every effort to support me in the church as well as in the community functions I am involved in."

Hillard is active in community affairs, voter registration and drug programs in the school and church, conducting motivational workshops and serving on the Drug Awareness Advisory Council for the New Boston School District. He and wife Eleanor, special education teacher at New Boston High School, have a son, Stanley Jr., who is in the fourth grade. Both my wife and I are in-

volved with students," he said. "I credit her for many of the accomplishments we've had with our youth group." Mrs. Hillard is active in the Students For Excellence youth choir, a group which performs and raises money for community projects.

Involmement is important, Hillard believes, and he takes an active role in several organizations. He currently serves as Vice President of the Minister's Conference for the State Baptist Convention, Treasurer of the State Youth Convention, Chairman of his District Baptist Institute, and Vice President of the Greater New Boston Baptist Ministerial Alliance. He also holds workshops across the state, lecturing on church development and leadership.

Hillard lives by a few simple rules, he said. "Love God, and treat others the way you want to be treated," he said. "As for a work ethic, I got that from my high school band director, Bobby Goff. He taught me to have the right attitude and give a 100% effort to whatever I do. That may not make you a success, but it sure makes you competitive!"



Stanley T. Hillard

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE COLLEGE NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

February 1, 1968

James R. Skinner
Executive Secretary Cotton Bowl Council

Dear Mr. Skinner:

It is a privilege for me to recommend to you the New Boston High School Band as one of the most outstanding marching bands in Texas. This band is not only superior in marching but also in playing.

The New Boston Band won first place in our homecoming parade at Stephen F. Austin this year. They were one of the top bands at our Region IV marching contest.

They are a well disciplined and well trained group. Under Mr. Goff's fine direction, you can be sure that this band will give you an outstanding performance if given an opportunity to do so.

Genneth L. Freen

Kenneth L. Green

Director of Bands

Stephen F. Austin State College

Box 6145 SFA Station

Nacogdoches, Texas 75961

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COMMERCE, TEXAS 75428

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

February 7, 1968

James R. Skinner
Executive Secretary
Cotton Bowl Council
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Skinner:

I am very pleased to write on behalf of the New Boston High School Band. I have observed this band on the marching field and I can honestly say it is one of the finest in our Northeast Texas area. Mr. Goff has done an outstanding job of training the musicians to march and play in a very professional manner. In other words, this band not only looks sharp but they have also a very fine sound. I would recommend them to you without any reservation, and I know that your audiences in the Cotton Bowl would be thrilled to see and hear this group. If you wish further information or recommendation, please don't hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely.

Neill H. Humfeld, Chairman

Instrumental Music Division

NHH: js

February 5, 1968

Mr. James R. Skinner Cotton Bowl Parade Committee Dallas, Texas

Dear Jim,

I would like to recommend the New Boston High School Band for consideration by the Cotton Bowl Committee to take part in the parade on New Years Day and any other connected activities.

The band has a reputation which speaks for itself; they have a first division record in marching which dates back to 1958. While the band has always performed well, the over all quality of the program has improved since Mr. Goff became director, and the band once again has become known as a fine marching and playing organization.

I feel certain that the New Boston Band will do credit to the Cotton Bowl Festivities. I speak from personal expreience when I say that their appearance would be backed and supported by Superintendent Weldon McCord and the citizens of the community. The youngsters take great pride in their organization and will compare favorably with any band which might appear in the parade.

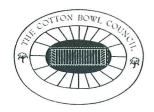
Sincerely,

Eldon Janzen, Director of Music Activities

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Mr. Bob Goff Band Director The Lion Band New Boston High School New Boston, Texas

Dear Bob:

We are pleased to extend a cordial invitation to the New Boston High School Band to participate in the 1969 Cotton Bowl Festival Parade.

All Band members, bus drivers and chaperones will be given seats to the game in the afternoon. In addition, the Cotton Bowl Council sponsors a party-dance for all out-of-town band members on New Year's Eve. Miss Teenage America acts as hostess for the party.

Please furnish an up to date picture of your band if one is available.

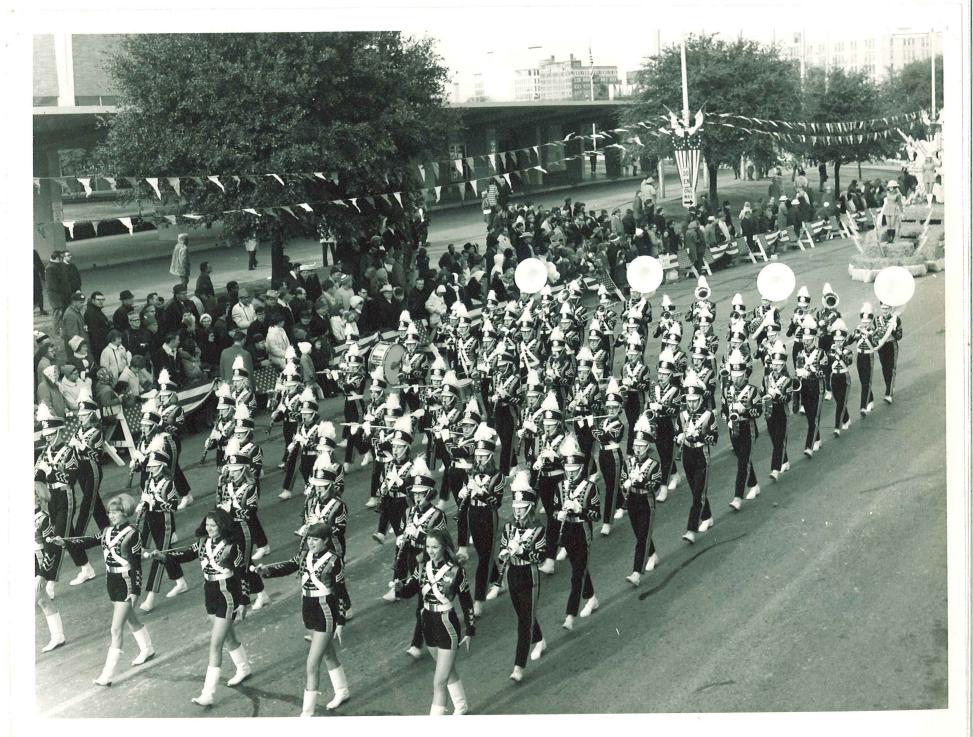
Bulletins will be sent out beginning in early fall, but if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know.

We would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible as to whether you will be able to accept our invitation since we still have a large number of applications on file that we must act on if you are unable to make the trip.

Very truly yours,

James R. Skinner Executive Secretary

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12th Annual Cotton Bowl Festival Parade



The NBHS Lion Band

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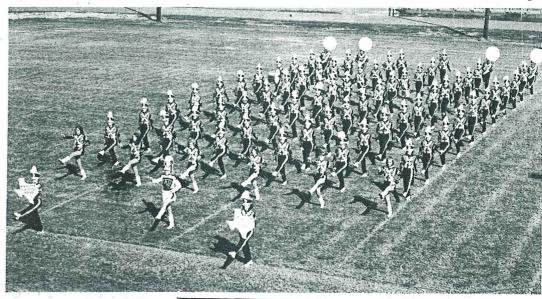
Each autumn, two weeks before school starts, thousands across the state of Texas begin a year of work that will take them many thousands of miles and afford them many thrills and many heartaches. We are talking about the students who perform in the high school bands across the state.

Here in New Boston we account for 85 of the students who start this long and hard road. The New Boston High School is made up of students in the 8th through the 12th grade. The band is under the direction of Mr. Bobby Goff who is in his fourth year as leader of the Lion Band.

Some people think that the only activity that the band participates in is the halftime at the football games. While this is a major portion of the band's performance in the fall, they also have other activities. Just as athletics, math, and various other subjects are judged in an Interscholastic League meet each year. the band also participates in Interscholastic League contests.

There are three parts to the Band contests each year leading to the Sweepstakes Band Award. The first contest that the Band engages in is the Marching Contest that is held each fall, usually in November. The second contest is the playing contest which consist of two parts, the concert portion in which the band must play at least three numbers. The second area is the sight-reading contest. After the band finishes its concert it is given the music to a number that they have never seen before, the Director has a certain amount of time to explain any difficult parts of the music. When the time period is up the band then plays the tune for the judges and is judged on how well they perform.

Stepping Out To Cotton Bowl Wednesday



The bands are rated ac- complished the band is acording to how well they perform by divisions. There are five divisions (or places) 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, but play in concert, and and 5th. If the band is an all-around band then they will be judged a 1st division ool Band has been a Sweepareas. When this is ac-

warded the title of Sweepstakes band, or a band who can not only march, read their music.

The New Boston High Schin each of the preceeding stakes Band for the past two years. The band has made a first division in marching for the past 13 years. Being named a Sweepstakes Band is the highest compliment a high school band can receive.

The New Boston Band not only competes in Interscholastic League contests, last year the band took part in the opening of the HemisFair, took part in the Stephen F. Austin homecoming activities, where they were named the number one band two years in a row. The band will perform at the Texarkana Titans' football game this Saturday night. and they will top the first half of their year off when they will take part in the Cotton Bowl parade and half-time on January 1st.

The New Boston Band is a completely volunteer unit. with each band student taking pride in how well the band performs. They put in many hours each day practicing as a unit, and at home practicing on their own.

Next time you are at one of the Lion football games. take time to watch the Lion Band perform at half-time, you will be impressed.

May 21, 1968 mr Liff Can't till you how much it has meant to us having our Denny in your band this
year. It certainly has been
marvelous the progress you
have made evit that group of epengeters o me couldn't let the year go by without letting you know we do appricate your hard work * interest in the group. He are proud of the work she, as an individual, has done This year under your leadelship. Thanks Charles & Kachen Hopkins P.S. Do you need any keep Saturday? Cace is if we can help in any way.

A. A.

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE COLLEGE NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS

Department of Music

November 21, 1968

Mr. Bobby Goff New Boston High School Band New Boston, Texas

Dear Mr. Goff:

Congratulations to you and your fine band for winning First Division honors at the Region IV Marching Contest The playing and marching quality of your performance was exemplary of the finest bands in the state and shows much hard work and fine training.

Best wishes for a successful concert season and the completion of a U.I.L. Sweepstakes in the Spring.

Musically yours,

Mel Montgomery / Director of Bands

May 13, 1969

Mr. Weldon McCord Supt. New Boston High School New Boston, Texas

Dear Mr. McCord:

I would like to take a moment of your time to tell you what a fine group of young people your school had on a Band trip, that visited Hot Springs, Arkansas last week.

I had the privilege to have two groups in the Malco Theatre and I want to say that they were the best behaved groups that I have seen in a long time, all were well groumed, very clean in appearance and conducted themselves like Ledies and Gentlemen.

I certainly think the parents, school and churches are to be commended on the conduct of this group of young people. New Boston should be proud of the lasting impression they made on everyone who came in contact with them.

May I say again it makes a person feel good to see a group of young people with such a high standard of conduct.

With regards,

R.H. Spencer

Manager

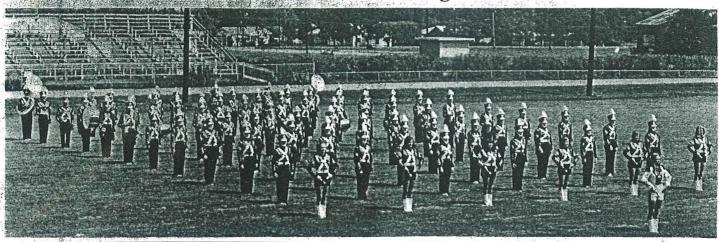
Malco theatre

Hot Springs, Ark.

RHS/hm

CC: Mr. Goff, Band Director

New Boston Band Wins First In Marching



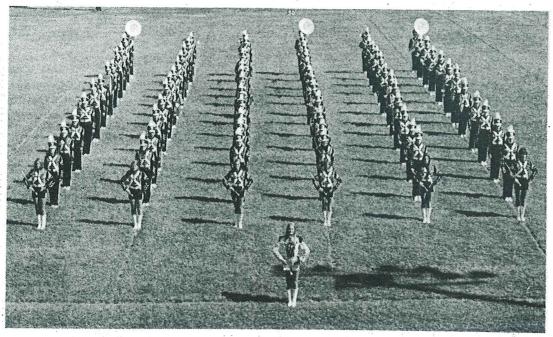
The New Boston High School Band won a Division I at the University Interscholastic League Marching Contest, held Thursday November 19, at Grim Stadium in Texarkana. The New Boston Band competed with thirteen other AA bands. Each of the three judges gave the band a Division I rating.

The judges for the contest and their comment are as follows: Mr. Jack Hardin, Mansfield High School, Mansfield, Louisiana; Good alignment at beginning of drill, Good company fronts, Good files, Good sound, Nice special Maneuver, Exit effective, A good job of performance, and Good instruction.

Mr. Douglas Silva, Spring Branch High School, Houston, Texas; Good alignment, Beautiful carriage and stride, Very nice exit, A good overall performance, and Congratulations.

Mr. Ike Michalsky, Buna High School, Buna, Texas; Very good opening, This band marches very well, Overall the band does a very good job. There are so many good things about this band.

LION BAND WINS DIVISION 1 HONORS







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The New Boston High School Band won a Division I rating at the Univerity Interscholastic Marching Contest held Thursday, November 18, 1971, in Greenville, Texas. The band was given a First Division Rating by all the judges. The Judges and their comments are as follows:

Mr. Lowell Clark -- Smiley High School, Houston, Texas.

Good Carriage----Good smooth marching stride--Good execution of marching fundamentals. Band--I enjoyed your drill very much---You march with pride and dignity and you play well. Congratulations to

you and your fine director for giving you this type band. Good Luck.

Mr. Herman Gauthier---Nederland High School, Nederland, Texas. Band has nice sound on Columbian March--- Good Steady Tempo Nice Baritone work-Alignment good as band keeps foot placement the same on yardline---Band holds tempo well on parallelogram Drill done very well---Spacing good on side-line---This is a fine Band and I enjoyed it very much.

Mr. Ron Allen---Camden High School Camden, Arkansas. Nice March Columbian---Good clean runs--Good well-balanced sound--Good Baritone--Interesting drill, well planned and well executed---An enjoyable performance---Fine band and director Congratulations---Good Marching Fundamentals

In the top picture above are 1971-72 Drum Major and Majorettes of the New Boston High School Band. They are left to right: Head Majorette-Brenda Akins, Laura Hawkins, Becky Tidwell, Drum Major--Kathy Tidwell, Cindy Rosser, Brenda Thompson and Kathy Raney.

By the truck are the Officers for 1971-72 of the New Boston High School Band. They are left to right: Brenda Akins, Assistant Drum Major, Larry Roberts, President; Betty Schiffner, Reporter; Kathy Raney, Secretary-Treasurer; Glene Norton, Vice-President and Kathy Tidwell, Drum Major.



BAND LEADERS MEET—When band leaders get together and they're not taling about music, they are probably taling about instruments. Members of the Four States Band Association are meeting at Texarkana Community College this weekend. Here Bobby Goff of New Boaston, vice president, and Bob Ingram of Texas High School, president, check over a tuba, among other new instruments on display. (Staff Photo).

Bobley Loff Charles Oderning Ralph Hale Presented To

BOBBY GOFF

1965-1972

IN APPRECIATION FOR THE YEARS INVESTED IN THE NEW BOSTON BAND PROGRAM.
WE THE PEOPLE OF NEW BOSTON, EXTEND TO YOU OUR DEEPEST GRATITUDE.
WITH THIS AWARD GO OUR BEST WISHES AND HEARTFELT THANKS.

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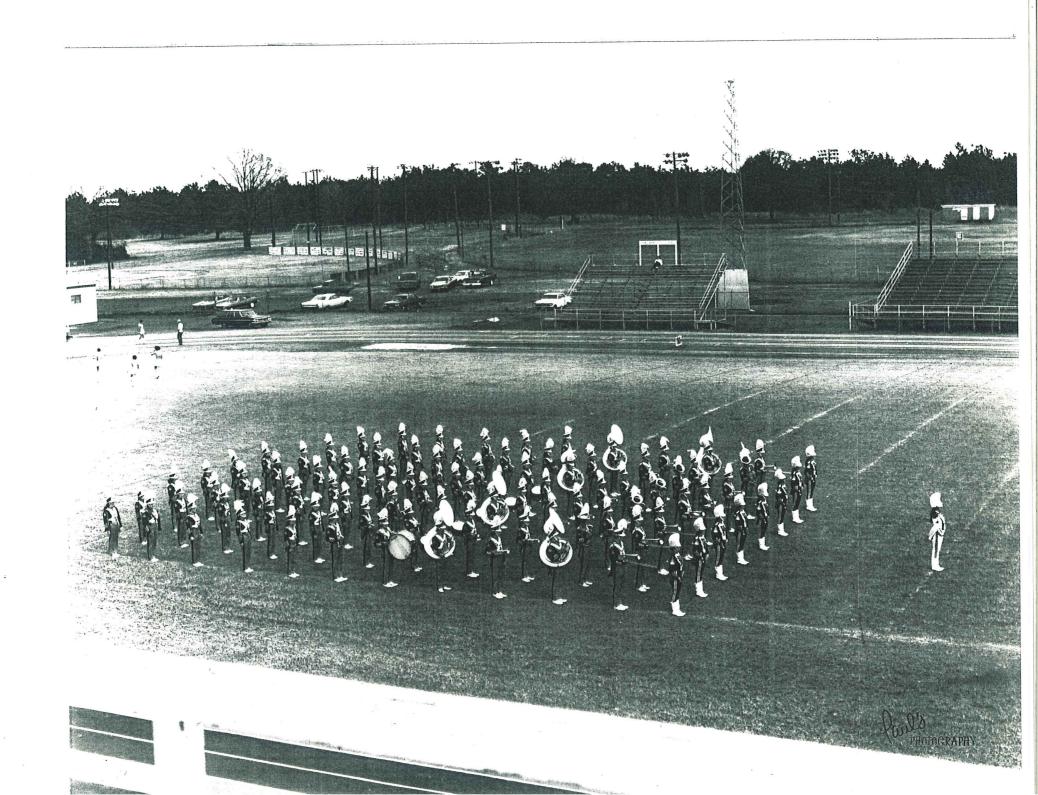
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Bobby Goff, Hallsville High School Band Director, and students

Thirty Years Of Music

The high school band students and parents gave Mr. Bobby Goff a surprise party after band practice, Tuesday 27.

Bobby Goff, Band Director for Hallsville High School, is celebrating his 30th year of teaching band.

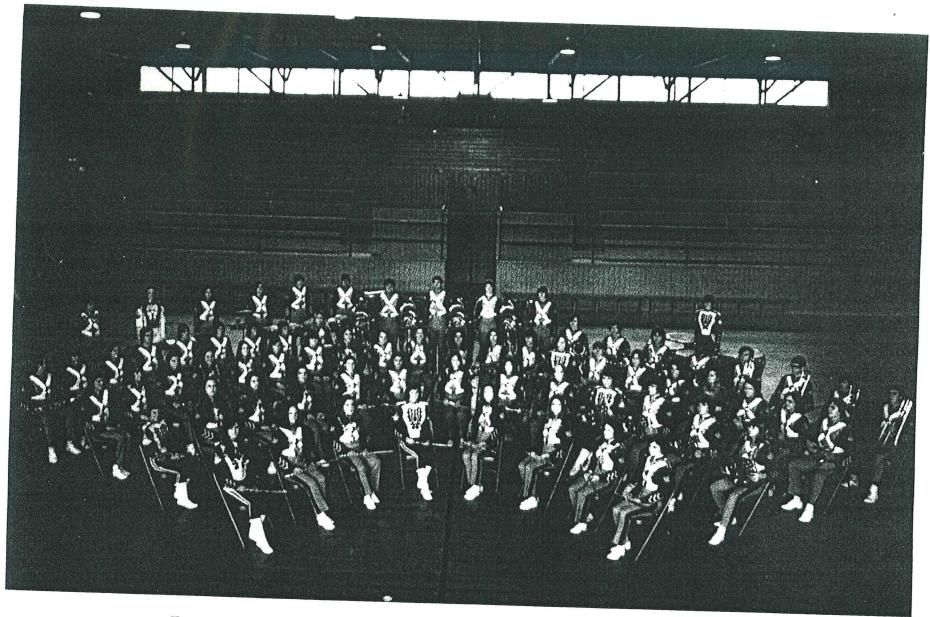
Out of 87 contests his band has won first division 68 times.

Mr. Goff has taught at Hallsville for 12 years. Out of 33 contests Hallsville has won first division 31 times.

The HHS Band recently went to Kansas City this past April and won Best in Class and Outstanding Band out of 47 Bands in the Festival of Bands at World of Fun.

Out of the past three entries, Hallsville has won Outstanding Band in the SFA Homecoming Parade three times.

Congratulations Mr. Goff on your 30th year!



hallsville bobcat sweepstakes band

1975



SR. OFFICERS - V. Pres. - Terry Vrana; S.C.R. - Kris Plaschke; Pres. - Earl Gammons; Reporter - Cathy Cain; Sec. - Lisa Jones.



ALL REGION - Bobby Latham, Jimmy Barker, Wade Strong, Mark Forsyth, Lisa Jones, Robby Lee, Cathy Cain.



All District Band Members



ALL ZONE - Lisa Jones



BAND DIRECTOR - Bobby Goff

MR. GOFF

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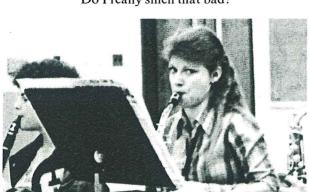
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Pres. — Robbie Lee
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Reporter — Donna Wilson
S.C.R. — Linda Jones





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I've got sax appeal!

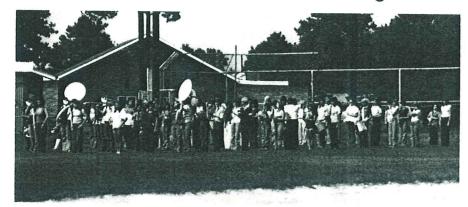


We are the champions!



Boogie-Woogie Bass Drum Man

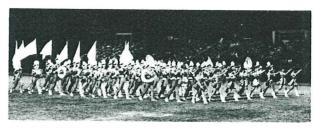
Bobcat Marching Band

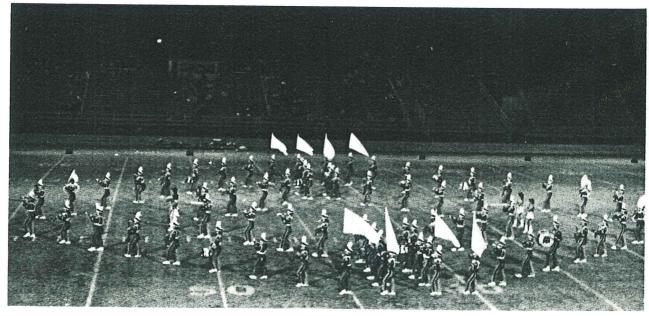


The band starts practice in the heat of the summer. Many hard working hours are a must with every student but the pride, fun, and friendships, are all worth the efforts.









TO MR. GOEF

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Bobcat Concert Band





The patches on our jackets symbolize the most successful year a band could ever have. To be a sweepstakes band requires receiving a superior rating in marching, concert, and sight-reading contests. Hallsville High School has had a Sweepstakes Band for the past eight consecutive years.



BOBBY GOFF THE BEST DIRECTOR Thank you for five of the most memorable years of our lives. SENIOR BAND MEMBERS LLSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL



BOBCAT BAND

The Hallsville Bobcat Band received a first division rating at U.I.L. marching contest in Pittsburg this year. The group is under the direction of Mr. Bobby Goff. Each year, the group's main goal is to receive a Sweepstakes award; this is achieved by making a first division at playing and sight-reading contest.

BOBBY D. GOFF

A Very Special Person Who Made Our Dreams Come True

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H. H. S. BAND 1979-80

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BOBCAT CONCERT BAND...

Performed a Concert for the Public on March 19. They Also Participated in U.I.L. Concert and Sight Reading Contest Held at H.H.S. in April. Bobby Goff is the Band Director.





Staff photo by David Hopper

HALLSVILLE POSTS DECADE OF SWEEPSTAKES

Bobcat Band members earned No. 1 ratings in both UIL concert and sight-reading contests Tuesday.

Longview and Pine Tree bands will be judged this afternoon in the contest hosted by Hallsville High School.

Hallsville Band marks decade of sweepstakes

By MELISSA EMBRY Staff writer

HALLSVILLE — First they played, then they cheered.

"We kind of screamed our lungs out," admitted Hallsville High School senior Louise Rogers, on learning that double "1" ratings in UIL concert and sight-reading competition here Tuesday earned the Bobcat Band to its 10th straight sweepstakes band designation.

"We just feel real fortunate this is our 10th year (in sweepstakes),"

said band director Bobby Goff after the shouting died down.

The jubilation contrasted sharply with the scene around here last November, after the band failed to win a "1" in marching contest for the first time in more than a decade.

However, unknown to the students, a change in UIL rules a few years ago awards sweepstakes status to bands which gain the highest rating in the two spring playing contests. Previously, "sweepstakes" designated only a

band which won "1's" in all three contests — marching, concert and sight-reading.

That's the basis on which the Hallsville band won its other nine sweepstakes ratings. But band director Bobby Goff admitted withholding information about the rule change before last fall's marching contest.

"A lot of bands don't go to marching contest for that reason," said Bobby Goff. But "the kids didn't know anything about it until after marching contest."

Hallsville was this year's host for the two playing contests, in which East Texas bands compete against the standards of three outside judges.

Other local bands in competition Tuesday were Kilgore, which received "2's" in both concert and sightreading, and Gladewater, which posted a "2" in concert and a "3" in sightreading.

Longview and Pine Tree bands will compete this afternoon.

Hallsville, Jacksonville Sweepstakes Winners

Hallsville and Jacksonville, both Class AAA bands, took sweepstakes awards in the Region 4 University Interscholastic League band competition Tuesday at Spring Hill High School.

Both high school concert bands took first place in concert playing and sight reading during current competition. A first place last fall in marching contests earned the two bands the top award.

Others competing and places earned Tuesday include: Kilgore, second in concert and sight reading; Henderson, second in concert, first in sight reading; Chapel Hill, third concert, second sight reading; Daingerfield, second in both contests; Mt. Pleasant, second in concert and sight reading; nter, second concert, first

sight reading; Sulphur Springs, second concert, first sight reading; Crockett, second in both competitions.

Wednesday Class AAA competitiors are: Kilgore orchestra and bands from Gilmer, Carthage, Athens, Clarksville, Liberty-Eylau, Atlanta and Pine

The Longview orchestra and second band along with Lufkin second band also competed in Class AAAA.

Thursday contestants include AAAA bands. They are John Tyler of Tyler; Nacogdoches, Robert E. Lee of Tyler; Greenville, Texas High Texarkana and Lufkin.

Concert judges are Arnold Whedbee, Don Owens and Sherry Albritton. Jerry Payne is sight reading judge.



TO MR. GOLF

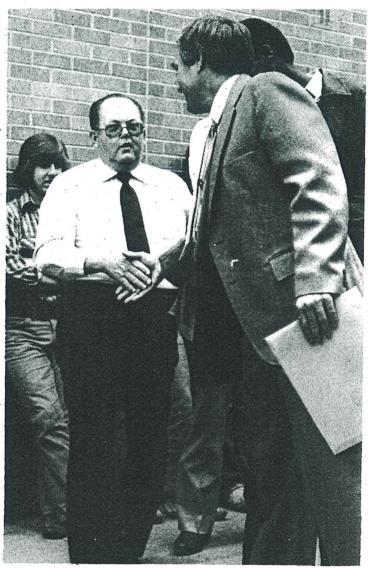
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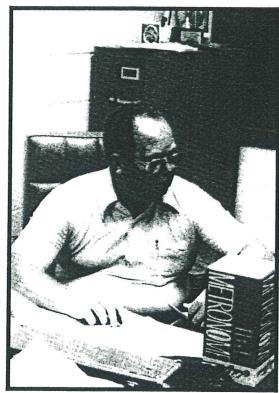
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Principal Votto Gaddis congratulates Band Director Bobby Goff upon being the recipient of the yearbook dedication.

A Tribute To Mr. Bobby Goff

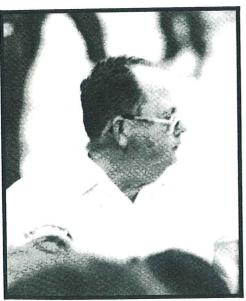










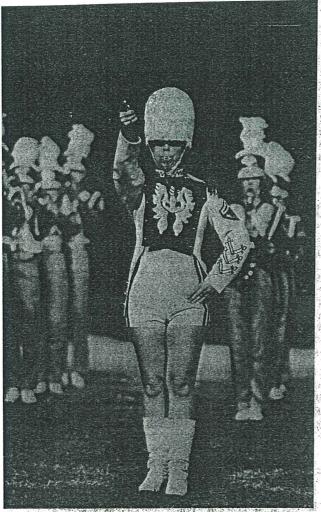


Through the years, the annual has been dedicated to an outstanding faculty member. The dedication is a tribute to the individual's help he has given to the students of the Hallsville Independent School District.

The 1981-2 Bobcat Annual Staff has chosen a man who has given his students motivation, determination, and pride. He has taught them to strive always for success and to give their best efforts at anything they attempt. At times he has become aggravated with his students and has wondered if they would ever accomplish the job given to them, but he has just "hung in there" while giving a little push and shove every now and then.

During his nine years at HHS, he has built up the band program producing a Sweepstakes Band, and for all his efforts and successes, the 1981-2 "Bobcat" is proudly dedicated to Mr. Bobby Goff.

Hallsville band marches toward 10th sweepstakes



Staff photo by Ricky Russell

Forward. . .march!

Drum major Cathy Thomas leads off Hallsville High School's band during the halftime performance at last Friday's football game. The band goes to marching contest this week for the first leg of a three-part competition which could earn it its 10th straight sweepstakes honor.

compete against a standard, three will bring the band a not against each other. "It's first division. possible for more than one ... Next spring, the band will band to be rated first," Goff attend the final contest

At competitions, bands place rating from two of the

pointed out. And possible, events — a concert perfortoo, for no band to receive a mace over music it has pracfirst division — the highest of five levels of rating:

Each contest has three judges, but decisions need pot he unanimous. A first playing ability will be the not be unanimous. A first playing ability will be the

By MELISSA EMBRY Staff Writer

HALLSVILLE - Seven and a half minutes in Texar-fect of winning. Goff continkana Thursday afternoon will sustain the hope 88 strong point is their attihigh school band members tude. They try very hard to here have of acquiring their 10th straight sweepstakes rating - or dash it for the rest of the season.

"Sweepstakes award is the highest award that a band can achieve," said band director Bobby Goff. It's an award Hallsville High School's marching and concert band has taken home for the past nine years. seven of them under Goff's direction.

And Thursday the purple wave will flow in military formation over the field at Grim Stadium on the first part of the triple-pronged contest schedule which concludes next spring. Only by receiving a first division rating in all three competitions — marching, concert and sight-reading — can a band win a sweepstakes rat-

Keeping up the wins season after season is arduous, but Hallsville's reputation hasn't made band members careless, said Goff, a rosyfaced elf of a man with a reputation among students for making wrong-doers long for holes to crawl into.

'I suppose the hardest thing we have to fight is that there's no kid in the band that's ever missed. So they get a little complacent that it's going to happen. I keep telling them, there's nothing that's just going to

single most important factor the judges will look and lis- be the winning tradi ten for.

During the band's 71/2 sweepstakes in his 26 y minute show (contest rules of teaching, For the pas specify a minimum of five minutes, maximum of 10) lead his students to h Hallsville's band will also be school banddom's high scrutinized for proper align honor. Two decades ment, stride, precision and unbroken wins sure we

happen."

But complacency hasn't been the most important efued, "Of course, I think the try to achieve this sweep-stakes award. It's something that's very special to them." The feeling seems to be that after so many sweepstakes, no student would dare do anything to break the winning streak.

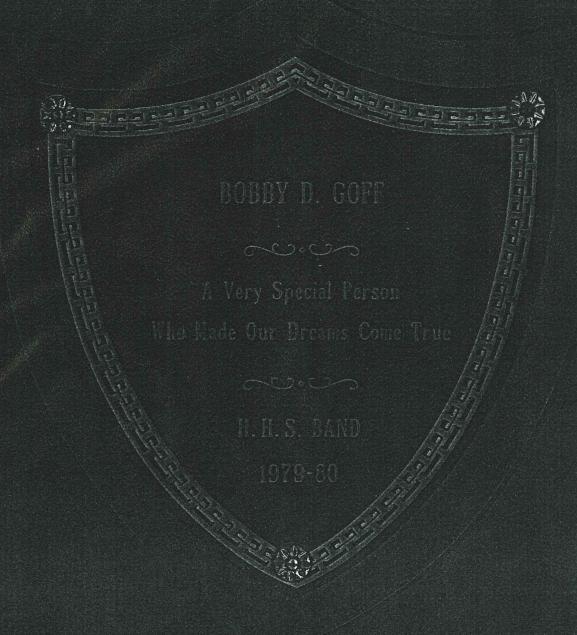
Credit also goes to the band's booster club, parents of band members and school administrators.

"We have such community support for this band program. Our band booster club and our school administration. It's hard to get along without them. You kind of feel like you're up there walking on a string. If you didn't have this support to help you there wouldn't be much of a performance,' Goff said.

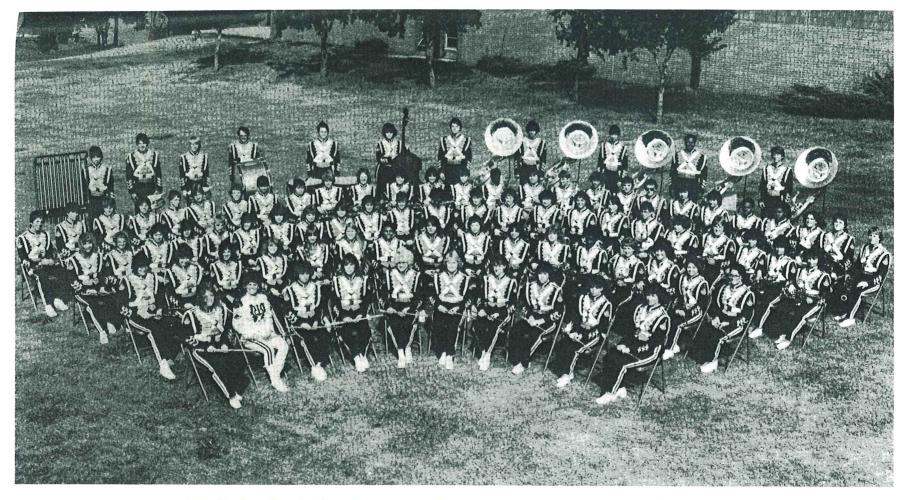
"One person couldn't do this. And the parents - see we practice three afternoons a week — and they bring the kids. I know it's expensive and time-consuming."

Contest preparation begins with opening practice the first Monday in August. "Really, all the things we do lead up to this contest," said Goff, Shows early in the season typically are presented twice - at home and away. Later shows are varied more often, but the show for contest has already been presented to home and on-the-road audiences.

Going with the band that brought Goff's ba here and in other school years he has never faile



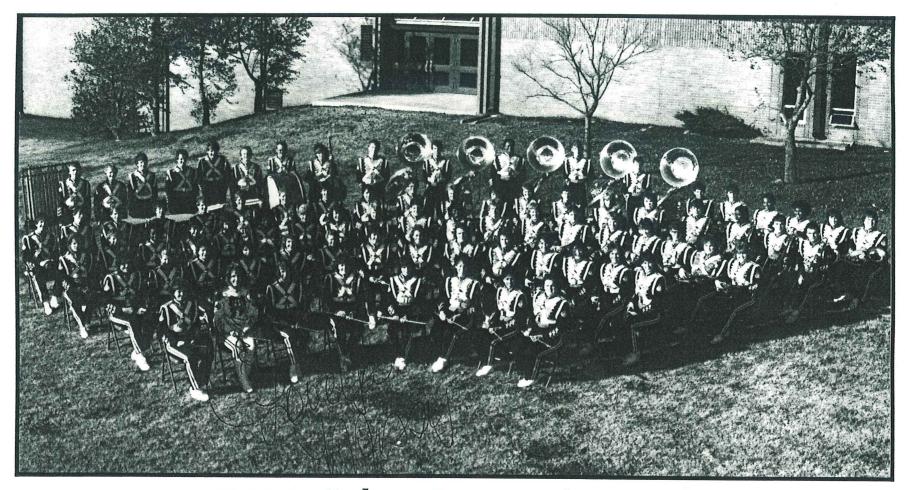




1983-84 Bobcat Sweepstakes Band

This year the H.H.S. Band received a 1st division rating at UIL marching contest in Longview. Each year the group works toward a sweepstakes award which is achieved by a 1st division in marching, concert and sight-reading contest.

The band is under the direction of Mr. Bobby Goff who has been directing for 30 years.



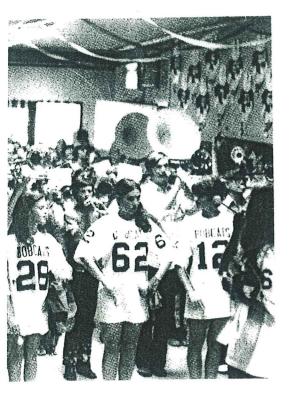
1984-85 Bobcat Sweepstakes Band

Band members are: (First Row) Beatrice Barnes, Missie Finley, Leigh Baker, Marsha Bissell, Christie Preston, Melissa Facer, Vivian Delegarza. (Second Row) Kristin Graham, Kimiko Anderson, Missy Teeas, Michelle Campbell, Martha Fisher, Mary Lipe, Ellen Lawrence, Julie Hayes, Dione Jones, Tracy Dickens, Kris Sinkule, Ann Haskell, Kathy Mize, Tracy Murphy. (Third Row) Kim Davis, Sheri Brown, Ruth Brazile, Elizabeth Mize, Mellinda Finley, Tonya Rison, Jackie Murphy. Tracy Walker, Stephanie Hunt, Laura Craig, Kathy Whitman, Paul Kaster, Tammy Kelsey, Bruce Barton, Shannon Holt, Amy Landers, Lester Lipe, Denise Bostick, Stephanie Blaick. (Fourth Row) Doug Wells, Jim Egner, Mike Stutchman, Steve Rice, Chris Bunt, Jonathon Lockhart, Bruce Malone, Kevin Snyder, Walter Kelley, Royce Midgley, Lisa Renfrow, Marjorie Porter, Kathy Fuller, James Pierce, Monica Norman, Renee Curry, Michael Brinkley, Terry Smith, Scott Lockridge, John Taylor. (Fifth Row) Jeff Davis, Bobby Garrett, Mike Coffee, Kevin Wright, Lindsey Shields, Tom Wier, Clayton Jones, Jayne Crowley, Stacy Garrett, Alan Fielder, Ricky Johnson, Mike Carter, Carl Haskell, David Anders, Richard Nelson, Chris Smith, Paula Ingram, Leslie Storey, and Roger Harper.

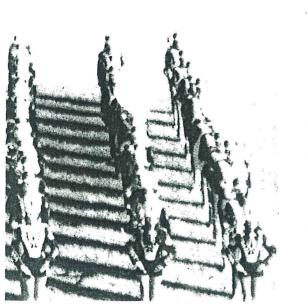








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this year, but only as the result of constant work and effort put forth by the members. Special recognition should be given to the new director, Mr. Bobby Goff, for his outstanding leadership throughout the year. The band will undoubtedly continue its reputation of success in the days ahead.

The band marched to many victories

MR. BOBBY GOFF

DESIREE CANTRELL S.C. Rep.

TERRY SEXTON V. Pres. MIKE GODFREY Pres. NANETTE McFARLAND Sec.

LEWIN HUMPHREY Reporter



The University Interscholastic League of Texas Region IV CONCERT AND SIGHT READING CONTEST

April 13-14, 1983

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Hallsville High School

Bobby Goff, Local Host Don Lawler, Contest Director

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HALLSVILLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM MARCH 22, 1988

Region IV

UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE

Concert And Sight Reading Contest

April 22, 23, 24, 1975

Class AA, AAA, AAAA Kilgore College

Wallace Read, Mike Geddie, Hosts

Class A, B, Junior High Lufkin High School Waymon Bullock, Host

Bill Goodson

Contest Director

PRESENTED TO

Bobby Soll

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WITH APPRECIATION
FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE
AND WE WILL MISS YOU

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THE SENIORS AND BAND
MEMBERS OF THE
1989-90 HALLSVILLE HIGH
SCHOOL BAND

A TRIBUTE TO MR. GOFF

MR. BOBBY GOFF, Band Director A name associated with pride for 18 years, A once All-State Trombone player who went to SFA and washed dishes to help pay for his future career.

During his early years as Band Director, He taught a lovely lady who became the love of his life Elizabeth has been beside him through contest after contest, through happiness and strife.

They were blessed with a little boy named Joe. Daddy's little boy has been playing the tuba since he was fo. When they went to the hospital to pick him up, Mr. Goff said, "Elizabeth, are you sure this is the ugly little baby we chose?" He's all grown up now, and all of the values and lessons he has taught him, he knows.

One day on the way to band practice an unfortunate accident occurred.
Mr. Goff was told he would never walk again.
The strength of his career was blurred.
Against all odds, he walked again and He marched his bands through thick and thin.

He has taken his students to places unknown. To Colorado, Pensacola, St. Louis, and to the future they have flown.

He taught them more than music. He taught them the values of responsibility and of respect. Values that later in their lives they will look back on and reflect.

The love for his students was so strong, He risked their returned love when he corrected their wrongs.

Mr. Goff always loved to tell the Aggie jokes And every once in a while he would say, "Is there sumpun funny, folks?"

Now, it's time to place his baton on the shelf And his record of 28 Sweepstakes bands, speaks for itself.

Mr. Goff loves music and his students more than we all know And we, your students, want you to know that we will never forget you, wherever we go

By Mary Hoffman

BOBBY D. GOFF

Hallsville High School
Band Director
1973-1980

In recognition of 18 years of dedicated service to the Hallsville Band English The Hallsville Eart Booster Club on this day, May 7, 1990 establishes

THE BOBBY D. GOFF

SCHOLARSHIP FULLD





BOBCAT BANDS



A Winning Tradition...





Goff retiring as band director

RENEE AGEE News Messenger Correspondent

HALLSVILLE - Thirty-six years ago, Bobby Goff raised his baton to teach students the melodious art of band orchestra music. Four school districts and a few thousand students later, he lays that baton down pleased

with the final product.

The Hallsville High School band director has gathered a fist full of accomplishments in his directing voyage. "Over the last 18 years we've made 15 sweepstakes and have also achieved 47 first divisions out of 54 contest," Goff said. Goff's travels have taken his band from Kansas City of Disney World, St. Louis and Colorado.

One way to measure a man's success is by the awards and plaques that accumulate over the years. A much more precise way is the response given by parents, students and peers to

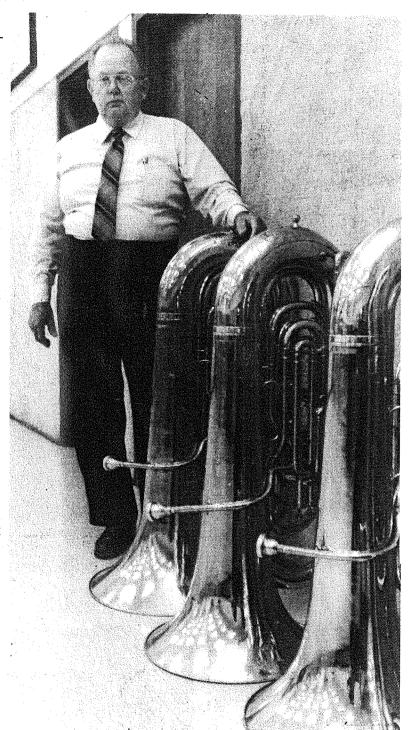
Goff's retirement.

The Hallsville Band Booster Club announced at the spring band concert that a scholarship fund has been established in the name of Bobby D. Goff. And what could be a better display of appreciation by his peers than to have 35 fellow band directors attend his last concert.

Then, to add a little icing on the cake of life, junior-clarinet player Mary Hoffman wrote a poem honoring the 57-year-old entitled A Tribute to Mr. Goff.

Bobby Goff is involved in every part of the band program in Hallsville ISD. He works with the beginners in sixth grade, nourishes development of the junior high band and directs the high school band. He has maintained an excellent report with the school district, students, and parents. "It's been very rewarding and we've been successful. I appreciate HISD for giving me a chance to work in this situa-tion. And I particularly ap-preciate the efforts of the parents and students.'

While the honoree is retiring from teaching, he will still be involved with bands in a different way. Goff will be selling band uniforms for a company in



Bobby Goff is retiring as Hallsville's band director.

Marshall.

Other band directors will come and go from the band podium at Hallsville High, but few, if any, will have the impact of Bobby Goff's magic baton. One parent said it best when he dropped by Goff's office to bid farewell. "Those are going to be mighty big shoes to fill."

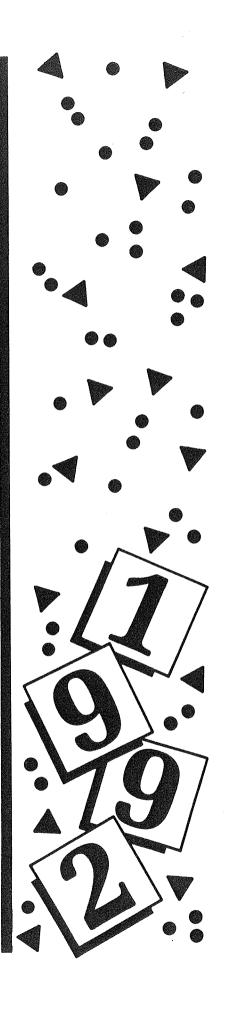
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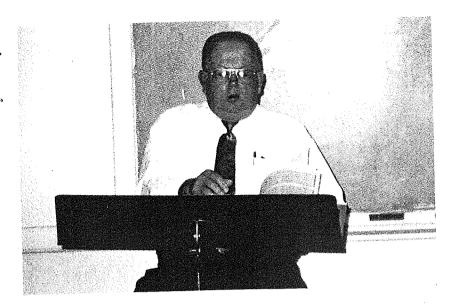
Leverett's Chapel

1991-1993



Leverett's Chapel





Band

Mr. Goff has done a fine job with our fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. They provided parents, staff and other students with a wonderful performance at Christmas.







Hallsville Bobcat Band

50th Anniversary Celebration



BOBBY GOFF

for

Outstanding Service & Dedication

to

"The Roarin' Band from Bobcat Cand"

Theri Morgan

Sherri Morgan - Band Director Hallsville High School Band Jim Dunlap - Superinte

Jim Dunlap · Superintendent Hallsville Independent School District

Long-time band director Goff honored

The Hallsville High School band recently celebrated it's 50th anniversary by paying a special tribute to one of the legendary band directors of East Texas, Mr. Bobby Goff.

Mr. Goff served as the Hallsville High School band director for 18 years from 1972 until his retirement in 1990. His support of the Bobcat Band throughout the years has made a lasting impression and impact on the lives of the students he taught.

Mr. Goff was presented a 50th anniversary celebration certificate to commemorate the occasion by Jim Dunlap, Superintendent of Schools and Sherri Morgan, HHS Band Director.

Mrs. Goff was presented with a dozen roses for her years of support and service by Gary Fort, HHS Band Director and Spike Buie, Band Booster President.

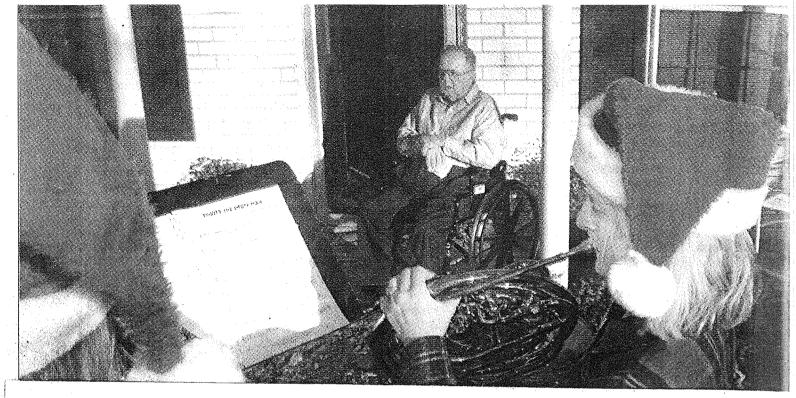
The Hallsville Independent School District, the Bobcat Band, Hallsville Band Boosters, Bobcat Band Directors, family, Friends, and



Band honors Bobby Goff

The Hallsville High Band recently celebrated its 50th anniversary by paying special tribute to Bobb Goff, who was HHS band director for 18 years from 1972-1990. He is pietured with Sherri Morgan, current Bobcat Band director, left, and Mrs. Goff.

former students salute Mr. Bobby Goff and say a special thanks for his dedication to the Bobcat Band.



Hallsville High School senior Cindy Grogefendt, plays for Bobby Goff Tuesday afternoon at his home in Longview.

Kevin Green/Staff Photograp

A special Hallsville Christmas

Band seniors take holiday program to man's front door

By Becky Bell Staff Writer

Bobby Goff didn't have to travel to his mail box to pick up Christmas greetings Tuesday.

The Hallsville band seniors brought the gift of music to his front porch.

They played songs like "Frosty the Snowman," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and a finale of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas."

The 12 senior band members got attention from more than the former Hallsville band director and his wife, Elizabeth. Children gathered at the edge of their yards to hear the music, and one neighbor held her cordless phone up high so her friend could hear

the goings-on.

Neighbor Julie Klink said she couldn't stay away when she drove past and saw the band.

"I didn't know what was going on, but I had to stop," Klink said.

Klink was a saxophone player when Goff was band director.

The musical presentation at Goff's is just a sampling of what the band hopes to deliver all over the East Texas area as part of their current fund-raiser. Weekdays from 4p.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 3p.m. to 8 p.m., students will deliver songs for donations. Three song performances cost \$15 and five songs cost \$20. Both selections include "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

The seniors will use the money they make

to take a spring break trip to Bahamas, said Lisa Sides, a trumpet player.

Goff's gift was complimentary, said band director/Sherri Morgan in a written statement. Goff, 67, was band director from 1972

"His support of the Bobcat Band throughout the years has made a lasting impression and impact on the lives of the students he taught," Morgan said. "His love of music and his ability to share this love with all those he has come in contact with is the reason the Bobcat Band seniors have decided to share music with Mr. Goff."

Goff's home was the students' second gig so far. Playing for an audience member with

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Goff's expertise was stressful, admitted senior Aaron Marshall. He plays the baritone saxophone.

you are messing up," Marshall Rande Grotefendt. said.

Yeah, he does, replied Damekia Stevens. The band's flag captain, said this performance was about giving back to Goff for all his dedication. Stevens said she was glad

Goff's neighbors were entertained by the musical gift. The idea came from Hallsville Independent School "You have to wonder if he knows District School Board President

"This brings the community together, I guess. I love little kids and they were having a good time. That puts a smile on my face," Stevens said.

Grotefendt's daughter, Cindy,

end, said she thought her dad's idea was working out great.

Cindy, who plays a french horn, wore a Santa hat during the performance.

"It's fun playing Christmas carols for everybody," Cindy said.

For more information on the music programs or to request a performance, call the Grotefendts at 758-8302. The performances

IN LOVING MEMORY

Bobby Dean Goff

DATE OF BIRTH

Monday, August 1, 1932

DATE OF DEATH

Friday, March 16, 2001

FUNERAL SERVICE

Longview Church of Christ Monday, March 19, 2001 10:00 o'clock a.m.

OFFICIATING

Mr. Mike Hurley Rev. John Mooney

Music

"Farther Along"
"Blessed Assurance"
Lead by Mr. Don Griffin

INTERMENT

Corinth Cemetery Monday, March 19, 2001 2:00 o'clock p.m.

SURVIVORS

WIFE

Elizabeth Goff

SON

Joseph Dean Goff

SISTER

Rutha Steele

TWO NIECES

PALLBEARERS

Neil Grant Jo

John "Pete" Kunkel

Don Lawler

Jimmy Yancey

Ronnie Page

Ronnie Ferguson

Jim Hagood

Jim Jones

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Alto Tatum

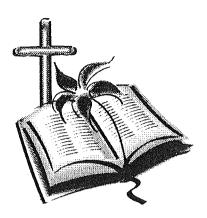
Paul Stroud

Jack England

Bob Ingram

SERVICES ENTRUSTED TO
WELCH FUNERAL & MEMORIAL CENTER
LONGVIEW, TEXAS

There will be no formal funeral procession to the cemetery.



Bobby Goff Memorial Tribute 1932-2001



Mr. Bobby Goff 1932 - 2001

The Hallsville Band and Staff are saddened by the loss of Mr. Bobby Goff. Mr. Goff died on Friday at his home in Longview, Tx. after fighting illness for several years.

Services were held Monday, March 19th at the Longview Church of Christ with Mike Hurley and Rev. John Mooney officiating. Burial was at Comith Cemetary in Timpson, Texas. Mr. Goff was born on August 1, 1932 to Everett and Josephine Wilson Goff in Shreveport, La. He served as band director for Hallsville High School from 1972 until his retirement in 1990.

Mr. Goff was a member of the Longview Church of Christ, a lifetime member of the Texas State Teachers Assosiation, Phi Beta Mu Honorary Bandmasters Organization and the Stephen F. Austin Alumni Association. He taught band in East Texas for 41 years.

Mr. Goff is survived by his wife Elizabeth, son Joe, and sister Rutha Steele.

The family requests memorials be made to the Bobby Goff Scholarship Fund. Memorials may be sent to Hallsville I.S.D., P.O. Box 810, Hallsville, Texas, 75650



The East Texas Symphonic Band

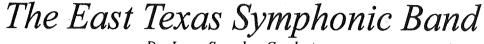
Memorial Day Concert

Teague Park, Longview, Texas Thursday, May 31, 2001 8:00 p.m. (Free Admission)

Dedicated to memory of
BOBBY GOFF
Long-time East Texas high school band director

Marches and Patriotic Songs by East Texas Symphonic Band Eighty-voice Choir from Eustace, Texas Guest Soloists: Robin Fincher and Christian Reed

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Dr. James Snowden, Conductor

presents

H Memorial Day Concert

dedicated to respected friend and colleague

Bobby D. Goff

on Thursday, May 31, 2001

Teague Park Amphitheatre in Longview

recognizing the dedication and service

he gave so unselfishly to Texas bands over 40 years.



He's Gone Away

Commissioned by the Hallsville High School Band Booster Organization.

In memory of Bobby Dean Goff, Hallsville High School Band Director 1972-1990.

