Downers

July 4th Parade



























German Band visit

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School bands host German gue ts

By Steve Holtz

Friday's Downers Grove North High School football game will be special for two reasons.

The first is the continuation of a 10-year relationship that will bring a band from a German music school to perform during the pregame and halftime shows.

The game also will be a first for both Downers North and South.

"This is the first time we've ever had the marching bands from North and South perform together," said Craig Roselieb, director of the Downers South

band. "It's also a wonderful thing to share cultures like this with the German band."

The concert band from the Music School of Bietigheim in Bisingen, Germany, will perform at the football game and in a concert Sunday at Downers North.

The visit from the 70-member German band marks the sixth time in 10 years that District 99 and the German music school have visited one another.

"We went there last in 1993," Roselieb said. "We hope to go

again in 1997."

This year's visit will be the

has been the Downers North band director for two years, participates in the cultural exchange. He said he is looking forward to it.

"Anytime you have a chance to have cultures come together, it's a benefit to both groups, he said.

Both Teague and Roselieb said they think band students from District 99, which serves parts of Darien, Downers Grove, Oak Brook, Westmont, Woodridge, Bolingbrook and unincorporated areas, will find interesting differences in how music is taught in Germany compared to the United States.

Il show, The pregame for which will inclu performances of both the U.S. and German national anthems, will begin at 7:15 p.m. The halftime show will begin at approximately 8:15 p.m.

The Sunday concert, which begins at 2 p.m. at Downers North, 4436 S. Main St. in Downers Grove, will include performances by the German concert band and jazz bands from both Downers North and

While in town, the members of the German band are staying in the homes of members of the







Normal Competition



















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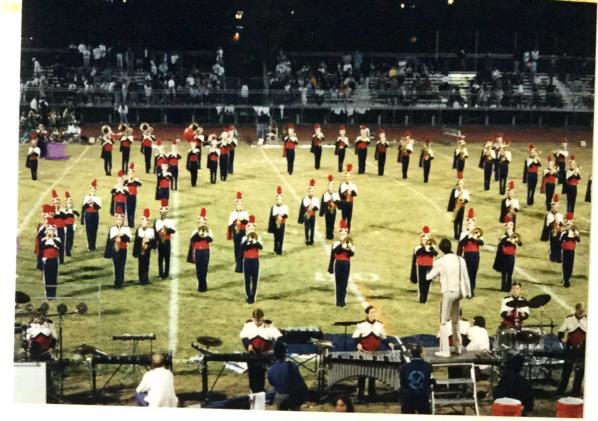












Football Games





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Class of 1996





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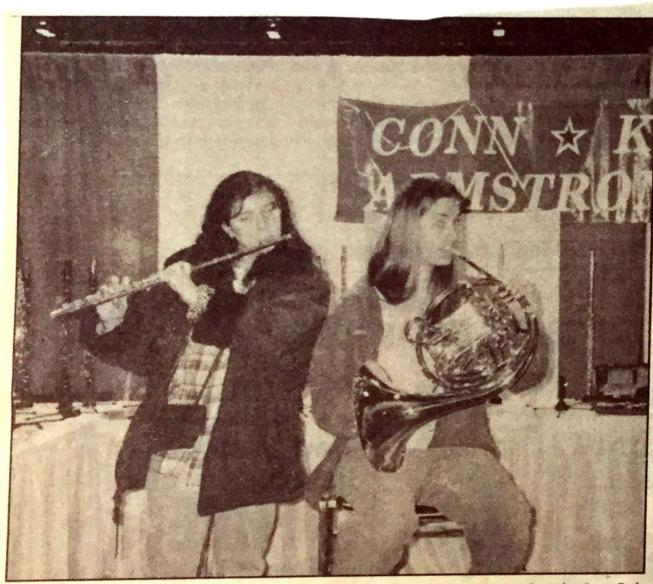


photo by Jane Suh

Seniors Sarah Sandusky and Amanda Bilecki perform at the IMEA All-State Festival in Peoria, Illinois.

Twelve DGS musicians attend 1996 IMEA All-State Festival

by Jane Suh

Twelve Downers Grove South students participated in the annual Illinois Music Education Association All-State Festival on Feb. 1-3 in Peoria.

Students were chosen from DGS's band, orchestra, and choir.

The state-wide music convention is held every year and is a chance for serious music students from all over Illinois to rehearse and perform together for both their peers and the public.

"I'm very excited that my students got to participate in this festival," said Karla Gustie, orchestra director. "They were extraordinarily successful last year, and this was another exciting and rewarding weekend of music. Their level of dedication is amazing and I am very proud of them and their success."

The top music students from the IMEA District Festival were chosen to participate in state.

Students who attended the state festival were: Amanda Bilecki, senior; Ben Bokor, senior; Dave Kelly, senior; Aaron Kielbasa, senior; Anny Moravec, senior; Dave Norem, junior; John Robatcek, junior; Katie Rule, senior; Sarah Sandusky, senior; Shourin Sen, senior; Jane Suh, junior; and Brian Wall, sophomore.

Moravec, a violinist who also participated in state last year, said, "I feel honored that I got to go because the quality of music is so high at this conference, and it's a lot of fun."

Upon their arrival in Peoria, the musicians re-auditioned to determine their seating and positions. The students rehearsed together for two days before the concert and the morning of the concert.

Sandusky, a flautist, said "This was my first year going, and I was very excited to be able to play in a group of such talented musicians."

The Downers Grove South musicians placed high in their seating. Among them are Bilecki, first chair honors band; Sandusky, first chair all state band; and Kelly, first chair for percussion in honors band.



FEBRUARY CONCERT



Indoor Drumline



























