

July 4th Parade

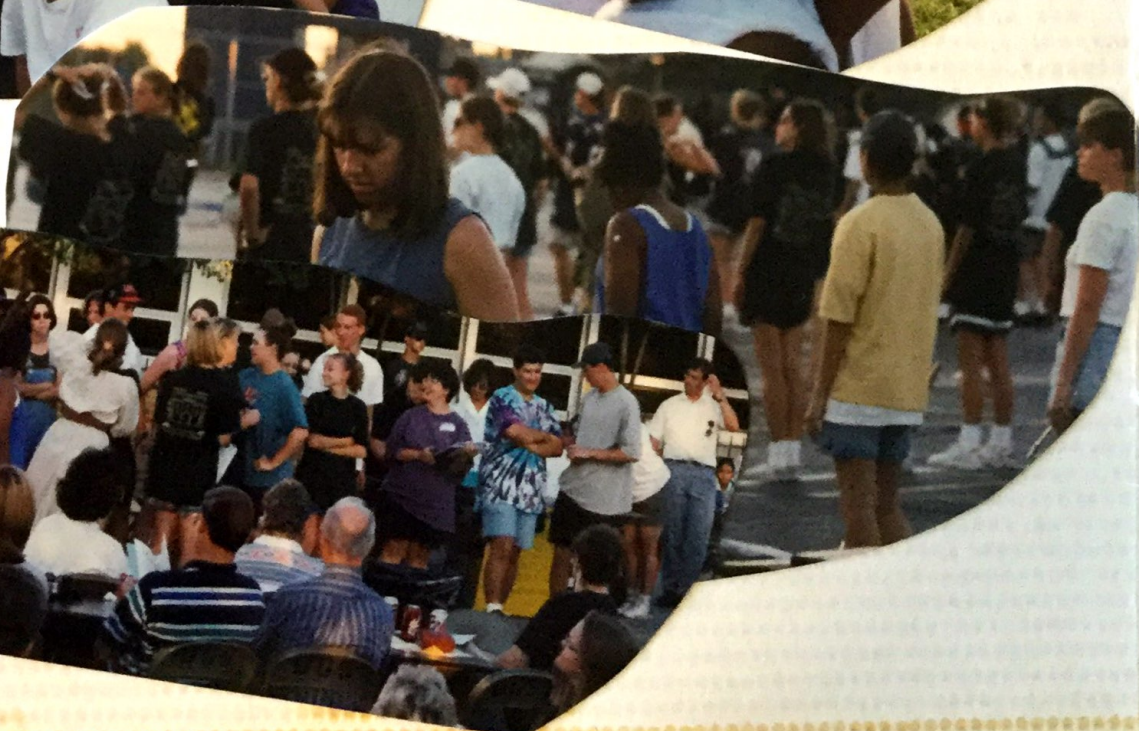






Band Camp





Lake Park Competition







Ensemble provides cultural exchange

A visit by three distinguished musicians from Kyoto, Japan, recently provided an opportunity for Downers Grove residents to learn more about the Japanese people and their culture.

Asumitsu Fukumori, Yoko Azuma and Daikay Iwaskaki are members of the Biwako Daiko ensemble touring three cities in the United States. The drumming troupe will also visit Kansas City, Mo., and Phoenix later this month.

Biwako Daiko members arrived at O'Hare International Airport Sept. 19 and traveled to Downers Grove South High School to meet their host families. During their visit, they stayed with the families of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Grana of Downers Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rhee of Downers Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Schuh of Woodridge. After rehearsal on Friday, they attended a Downers Grove South home football game, where they observed a performance of the Marching Mustangs Band.

The group was discovered through David Wolfe of the Shawnee Mission Center for the Cultural Arts in Mission, Kan. Craig Roselieb, music director at Downers Grove South High School, welcomed their visit, during which several of his students learned traditional Japanese drum and dance routines.

Six South students received instruction on the drums by Fukumori and performed with his troupe on Sunday, Sept. 22, for the general public.

Eli Urbaniec, Kristin Hanes, Doug Paxson, Dave Reichert, John Tautkus and Fran Zurbano also performed with Biwako Daiko again on Tuesday, Sept. 24, for the student body.

Danette Peterson, Melissa Bocker, Stacey Buzay, Shanna Sloan, Mario Gumabong and Tracy Flynn learned a traditional Japanese dance also presented during the Biwako Daiko performances.

The Japanese troupe's selections included a dance with the Hannya mask, symbolic of the devil; the famous Samurai sword dance, in which the warrior protects a young lady from evil at-



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Asumitsu Fukumori dances in the traditional Hannya Mask symbolic of the devil while Daikay Iwaskaki plays drums.

PHOTO BY LINDA BUZAY

tackers; a traditional festival dance; and the Ayu drum dance, symbolic of fish and fish jumping.

A special piece normally only presented during Shinto festivals is the Tengu mask dance. The mask, with a very long nose and a wild, long white wig, represents Tengu, a mystical magician not of this world, who brings good luck to people and protects them from evil.

Fukumori's Biwako Daiko ensemble is the only performing

group accepted to perform at the traditional Shinto festivals in the shrines and temples of Kyoto, Japan. In 1994, Fukumori was also invited to perform for the emperor of Japan.

Biwako Daiko's Downers Grove audiences received valuable exposure to the Japanese visitors and their culture. It is hoped that Fukumori and his troupe also enjoyed their visit with their host families and had an opportunity to learn more about life in the United States.

Japanese Drumline





HOMECOMING



LIFE photo by Mike Voss

A night of fanfare

Framed by the bright lights, Syreeta White, a junior member of Color Guard, spins her rifle during the Downers Grove South High School Homecoming festivities Friday. The Mustangs dropped a crucial division game 26-14 to Addison Trail.







Football Games







Illinois State Competition







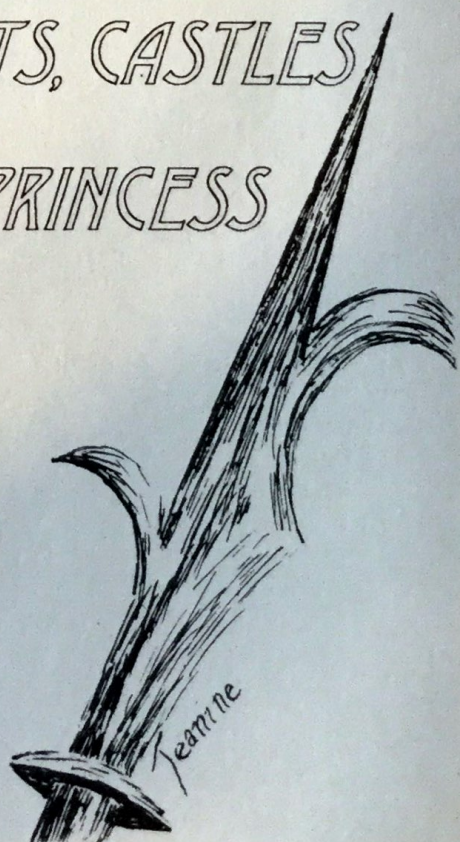
1996 BAND-O-RAMA

DOWNERS GROVE
SOUTH MARCHING
MUSTANGS

present

*OF KNIGHTS, CASTLES
AND A PRINCESS*

October 24, 1996
South Gymnasium
7:30 P.M.



MUSTANG BAND STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Drum Majors

Erin Horeni
Lola Edwards
Jennifer Bulla

Color Guard Commander

Tracy Flynn

Color Guard Captains

Katherine Lewandowski
Liz Pawlak

Section Leaders

Flute - Akila Ramaswamy
Clarinet - Diane Rhee
Alto Saxophone - Tim Sandusky
Tenor Saxophone - Anthony Mazzulla
Trumpet - Laura Grey
Mellophone - Janine Matts
Trombone - Mike Strelecky
Baritone - Thomas Wehr
Tuba - Mike Stankos

Percussion (Tenors) - John Tautkus
Snares - Bob Bryar
Bass Drums - Doug Paxson
Pit - Kristin Hanes
Mallets - Eli Urbaniec

MARCHING MUSTANG 1996 AWARDS

Lake Park Lancer Joust

9th in Class AAA - Score 53.2
10th over all out of 21 bands

A.A. Stagg Marching Band Jamboree

1st in Class AAA - Score 82.3
1st over all out of 22 bands

Grand Champions
Best Percussion & Brass
High General Effect

Illinois State University Championship

3rd in Class 6A - Score 72.6
14th overall out of 34 bands









Knights, castles and a princess bring band honors to DGS

by Linda Buzay

The 1996 season for Downers Grove South High School's Marching Mustangs Band has come to a close. This group of 175 students has been presenting its halftime show, called "Of Knights, Castles and a Princess," during six home football games as well as three marching competitions.

The band's season started on Sept. 14 at the Lake Park Lancer Joust, when it placed ninth in Class AAA with a score of 53.2 and 10th overall out of 21 bands.

There was dramatic improvement on Oct. 5 during the A.A. Stagg Marching Band Jamboree, where the band took an impressive first place in Class AAA, scoring 82.3, which placed it at the top of 22 other bands and earning it the title of grand champion. It also received the recognition of best percussion and brass.

The band's final competition took place at Illinois State University in Normal on Oct. 19, when ISU hosted the championship competition. The Marching Mustangs took third in Class 6A, scoring 72.6, and placed 14th out of 34 bands overall.

The theme of the 1996 show, "Of Knights, Castles and a Princess," conjures up medieval pageantry and a familiar story from days of old.

It began with "Day of Discovery," featuring soloists Laura Grey and Mike Strelecky, followed by "A Knight's Quest," in which the prince was played by David Blonn. In "Love Is Found," Katherine Lewandowski portrayed a princess threatened by a fierce dragon, which was actually Shanna Sloan whirling a beautifully painted dragon banner.



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In "A Call To Arms — The Final Battle," the prince rescued the princess from the beast. Drum majors Erin Horeni, Lola Edwards and Jennifer Bulla wore royal purple and blue robes and tall, pointed princess hats to carry out the medieval theme.

It takes a tremendous number of people to put a show like this together with a healthy helping of cooperation, hard work and patience.

Director Craig Roselieb was assisted by Associate Director Karla Gustie and student teacher John Draws. Musical arrangements were done by Roselieb and percussion instructor Dwayne Rawl. Color Guard instructors were Danette Peterson and David Wiles.

Tracy Flynn was color guard commander, and Katherine Lewandowski and Liz Pawlak were color guard captains. Marching technician was Neal Das and student assistance was provided by Yvette Roselieb.

The Marching Mustangs section leaders were Laura Grey, Kristin Hanes, Janine Matts, Anthony Mazzulla, Akila Ramaswamy, Diane Rhee, Tim Sandusky, Mike Stankos, Mike Strelecky, John Tautkus, Eli Urbaniec and Tom Wehr.

Downers Grove Community High School South has an enrollment of 3,115 students, and this year's band consisted of 175

members. The Marching Mustangs are also supported by an active booster organization of parents who conduct several fund-raisers throughout the year.

In addition to the Marching Mustangs, Downers Grove South boasts a complete and comprehensive fine arts program with courses in band, orchestra, choir, jazz band, music theory, guitar, rock and jazz music appreciation, and electronic MIDI music.

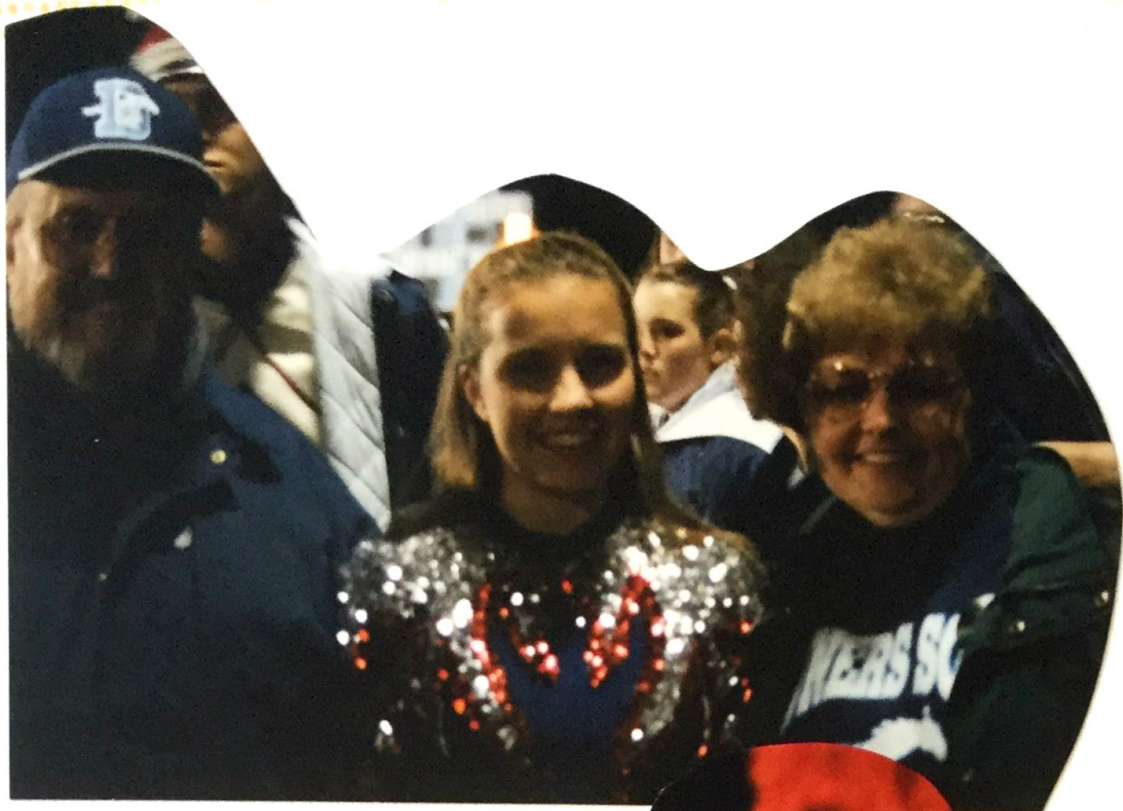
Besides the Marching Mustangs there are also three concert bands, two jazz bands and a jazz combo, pep band and indoor percussion ensemble.

Some of the Marching Mustangs' previous noteworthy accomplishments include second place in Class AAA in 1994, and third place in Class AAA at the 1995 Chicagoland Marching Band Festival, fourth place overall at the 1995 Normal Invitational Marching Band Contest, first place marching percussion and third-place parade at the 1995 Holiday Bowl Festival in San Diego, and third-place bronze medalists at the 1996 WGI International Indoor Concert Percussion Festival in Dayton, Ohio.

Training will begin all over again with band camp next summer in preparation for 1997 competitions. Go, Marching Mustangs!

Class of 1997







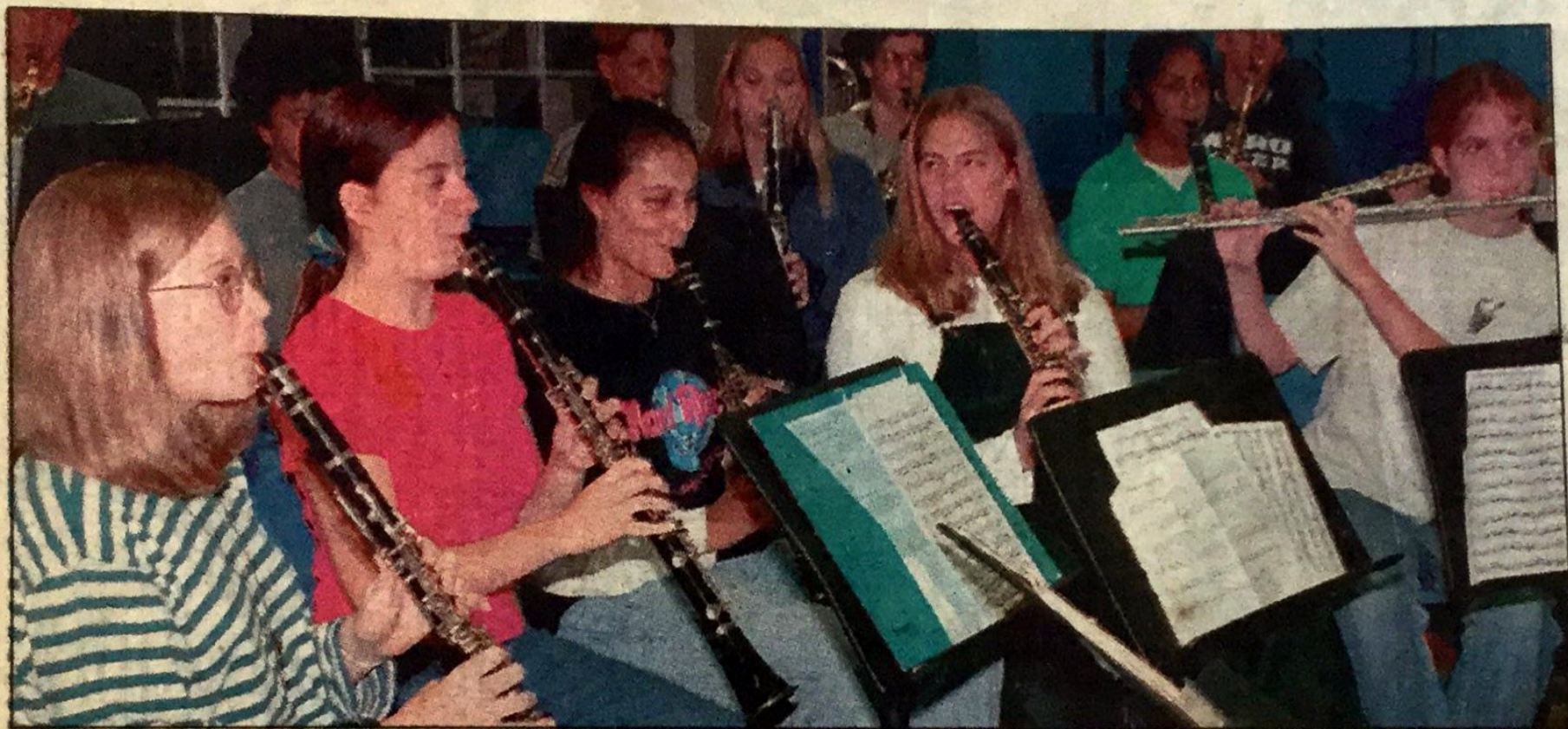






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San Diego, California

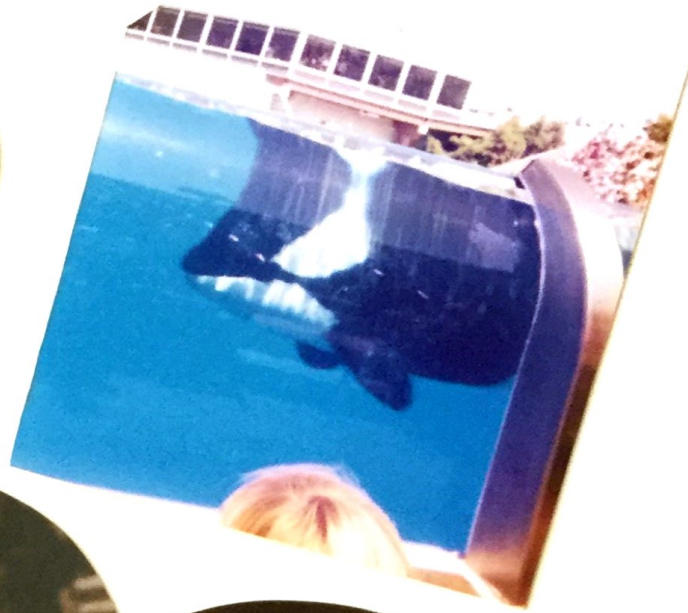


















INSIDE Disneyland TODAY



Pep Band



February Concert









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Musical interlude

Renju Mathew of Bolingbrook (front) and Roderick Ordonez of Darien warm up for the winter orchestra concert in Downers Grove High School District 99. Members of the concert orchestra, sinfonia and wind chamber ensembles gave their classmates and parents a musical diversion from the winter doldrums.

Indoor Drumline



LIFE photo by Dennis Sieron

Spectacular spirit

Eli Ubraniec of Darien plays the marimba during a Spirit Week Assembly at Downers Grove South High School.





SPRING CONCERT





Band Banquet



