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Sept. 21, 1991

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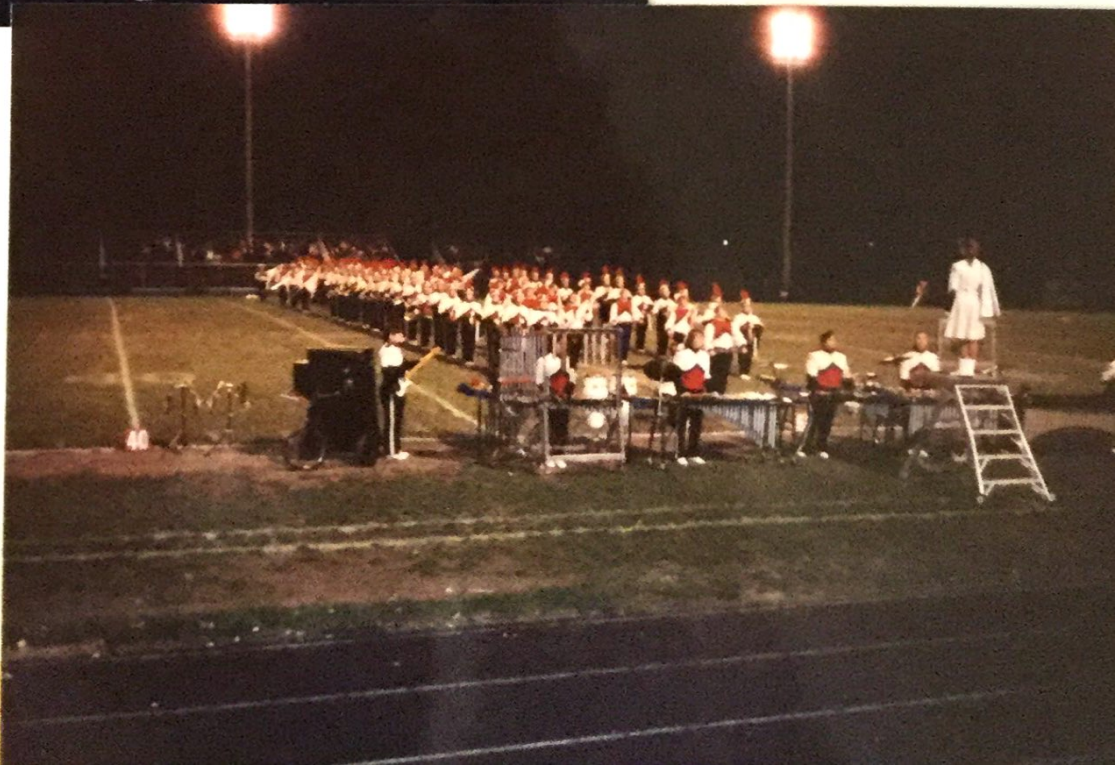
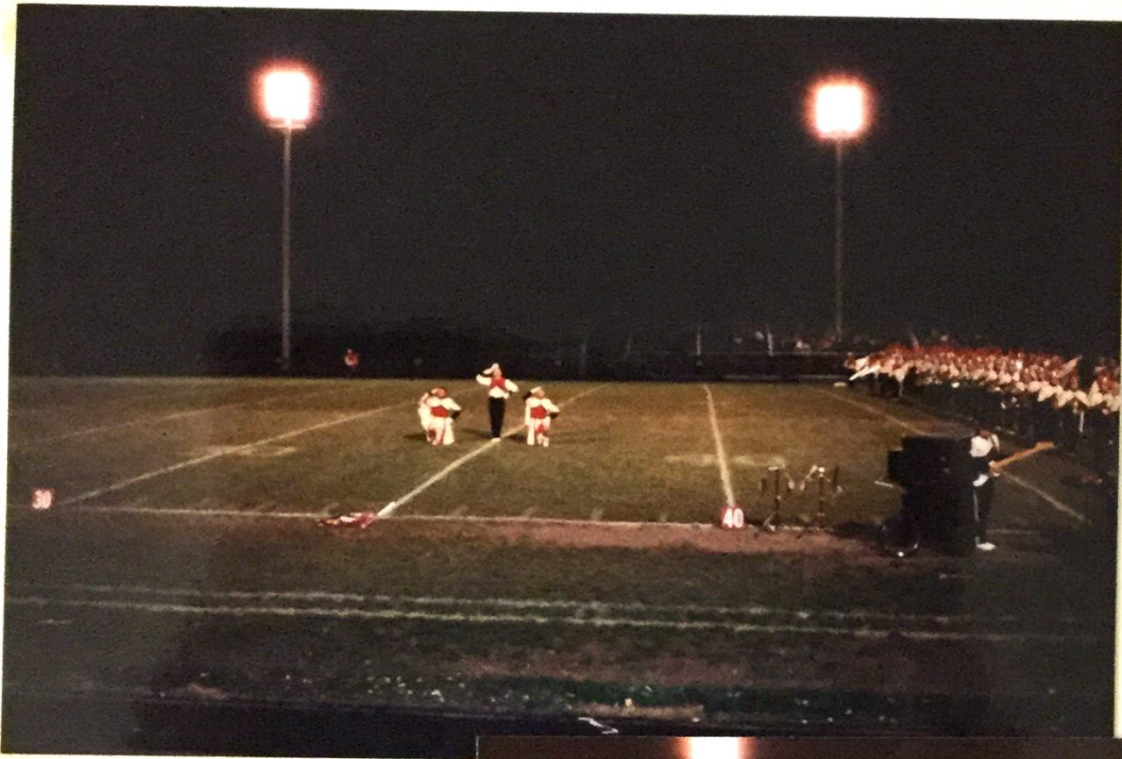
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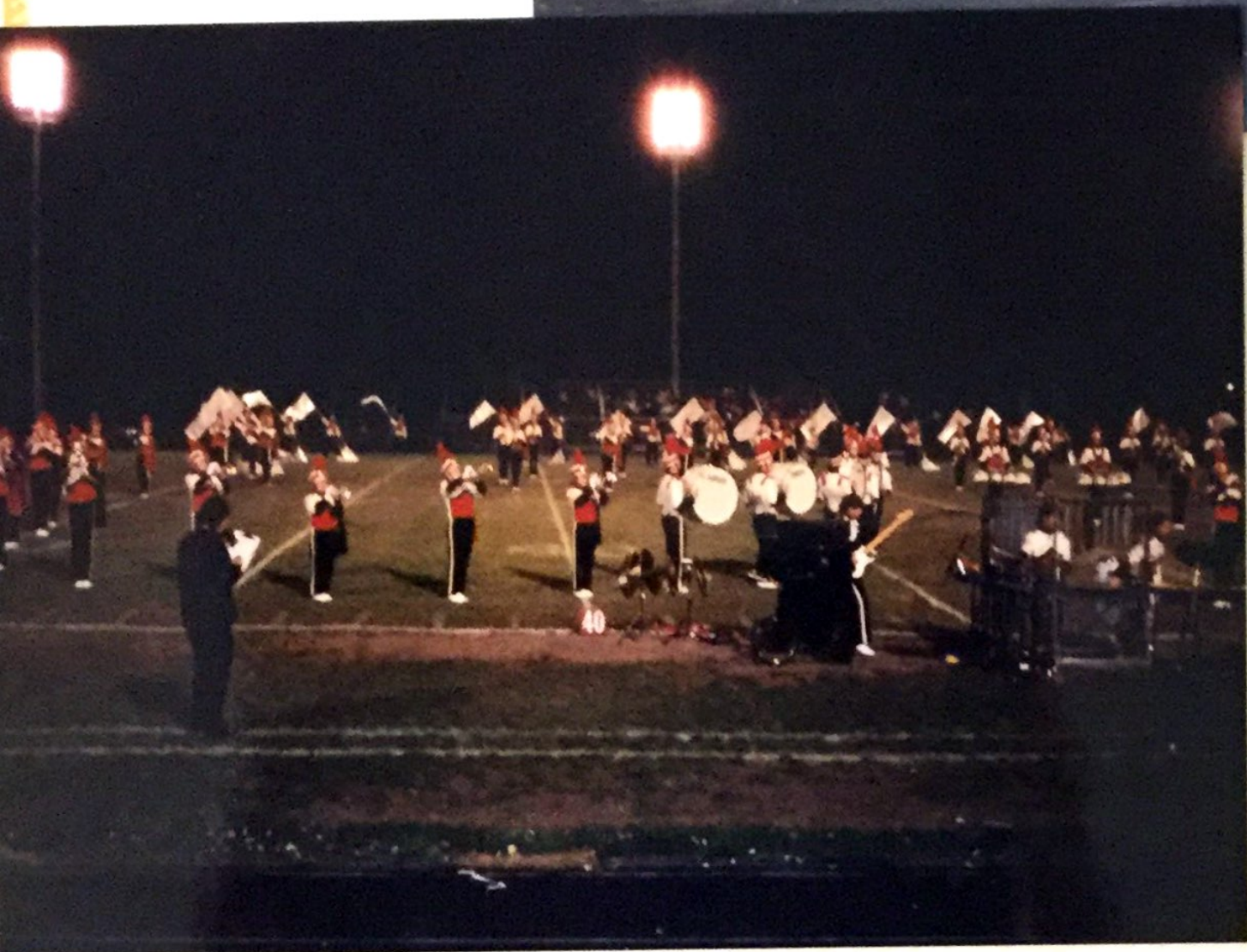
Tuesday, Oct. 1

• **Marching Mustangs Meeting:** The Downers Grove South High School Marching Mustangs have a general trip meeting at 8:30 p.m. Important information will be given about the Hall of Fame Bowl trip to Tampa and Orlando, Fla.

Competition
October 12, 1991
Wheaton, IL.

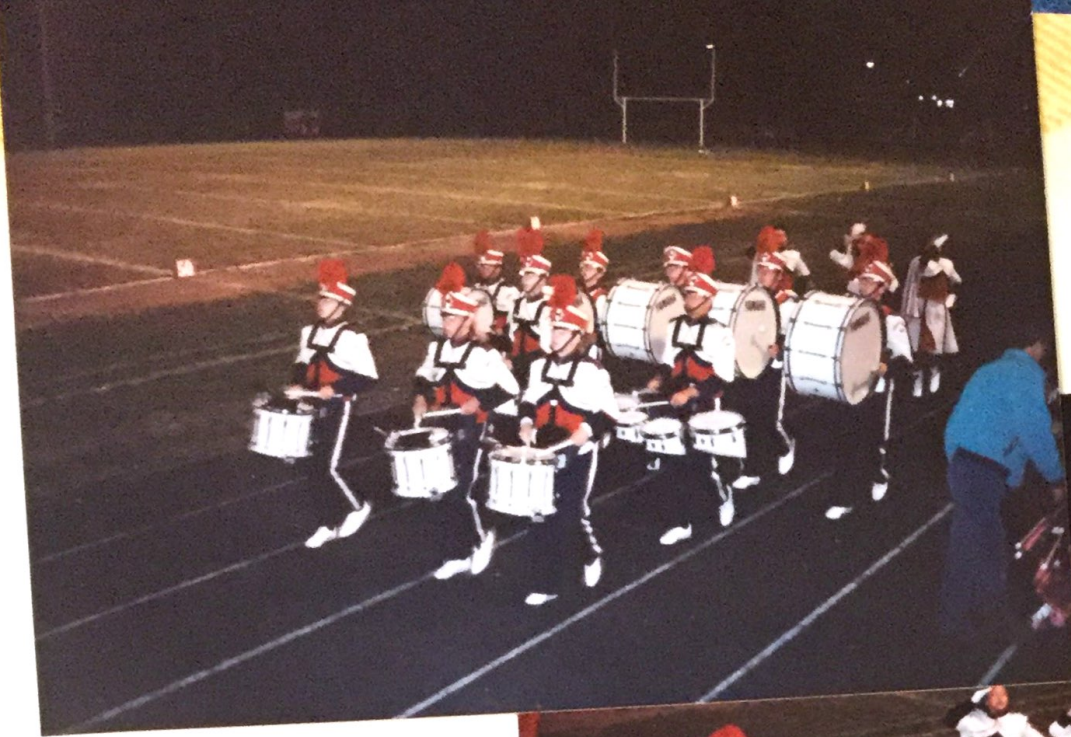












2nd Place

Class AA

Food/Recipes

Marching Mustangs Boosters share Market Day favorites

by Elaine LaBuda

The Downers Grove South Marching Mustang Booster Club is a support group to the marching band. They help with the care, cleaning, fixing and maintenance of uniforms and instruments. Transferring of equipment and band members as well as chaperoning, videotaping and paper work are just part of their job.

For the Downers Grove South Marching Mustang Band, practice is year round with five summer days at a band camp. They play all the home games and go to five competitions. This year, over the school Christmas Break, Dec. 29 to Jan. 3, they will march and compete in the 1991 National Hall of Fame Bowl Festival.

The Booster Club will again help by raising funds through Market Days set up in the front lobby at Downers Grove South High School. The Booster Club's next Market Day will be Saturday, Nov. 2. Order forms are available by calling 852-7262 or 910-1123. The forms must be returned by Oct. 24.

Some of the Booster Club members are sharing recipes as to what they make from the Market Day products they buy. Other tips they give are as follows: Band director, Al Roselieb recommends sole almondine for a quick, simple, nutritious meal that's "great year-round; we buy it every time." Co-president Ed Berleman's family loves the frozen chocolate chip cookies because they're easy, and you can make as many or as few as you want for a great after school treat.

Monthly purchases for the Erlichs include bagel dogs, french toast sticks and Swiss mix. Merle Erlich, membership vice-president, says "I always have baby Swiss cheese on hand for unexpected company. It comes in a two-pound round which I slice in half and then wedge. It's good alone, with fruit, and with crackers."

Chicken Gems Parmesan

Market Day Chicken Gems
Market Day Mozzarella Cheese
Market Day Pasta Perfects
Spaghetti sauce

Bake as many Chicken Gems as you need at 425° in your oven, turning after 12 minutes. Transfer to microwave

safe plates or serving dish, top with favorite spaghetti sauce and shredded mozzarella cheese. Microwave until sauce is hot and cheese is melted. Serve with favorite pasta perfects.

Cathy Berleman - Husband Ed is co-president



MARKET DAY — DGS sophomore Jennifer Zurbano sorts peanuts and snacks during market day pick-up.

PHOTO BY DAVID DUROCHIK

Turkey Cornmeal Burgers

1 lb. pkg. of Market Day Ground Turkey
 2 T. corn meal
 1 T. lime juice
 1 egg white
 2 t. cumin (opt.)
 2 t. chili powder
 1/2 t. salt (opt.)
 1/4 t. blackpepper
 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and finely chopped
 1 T. vegetable oil

1 C. whole kernel corn, (drained)
 3/4 C. salsa or picante sauce

In bowl, combine all ingredients except oil, corn and salsa. Mix together well and shape into 5 patties. Heat oil in skillet and cook 3 to 5 minutes on each side. While patties are cooking, combine salsa and corn in small saucepan, and heat it through. Serve over or with turkey burgers.

Barb Baumann - Fund Raising Vice-president

Youth

Marching Mustangs earn 2 awards

The Marching Mustangs of Downers Grove South High School received a second place and third place award in Class AA at the Falcon Marching Band Tournament in Wheaton.

Drum Majors Maria Zurbano and Debbie Fialek and Color Guard commander Renee Harris direct the band.

Performing soloists include Myra Alfaro, Stephanie Baumann, Mike Calaway, Amy Sejnost, Andrew Wright and John Zicarelli.

Mustangs win 2nd place award

The Marching Mustangs of Downers Grove South received a second place award in Class AA, at the Falcon Marching Band Tournament in Wheaton, also scoring third in the festival.

The band is under the direction of Drum Majors Maria Zurbano and Debbie Fialek as well

as Color Guard Commander Renee Harris.

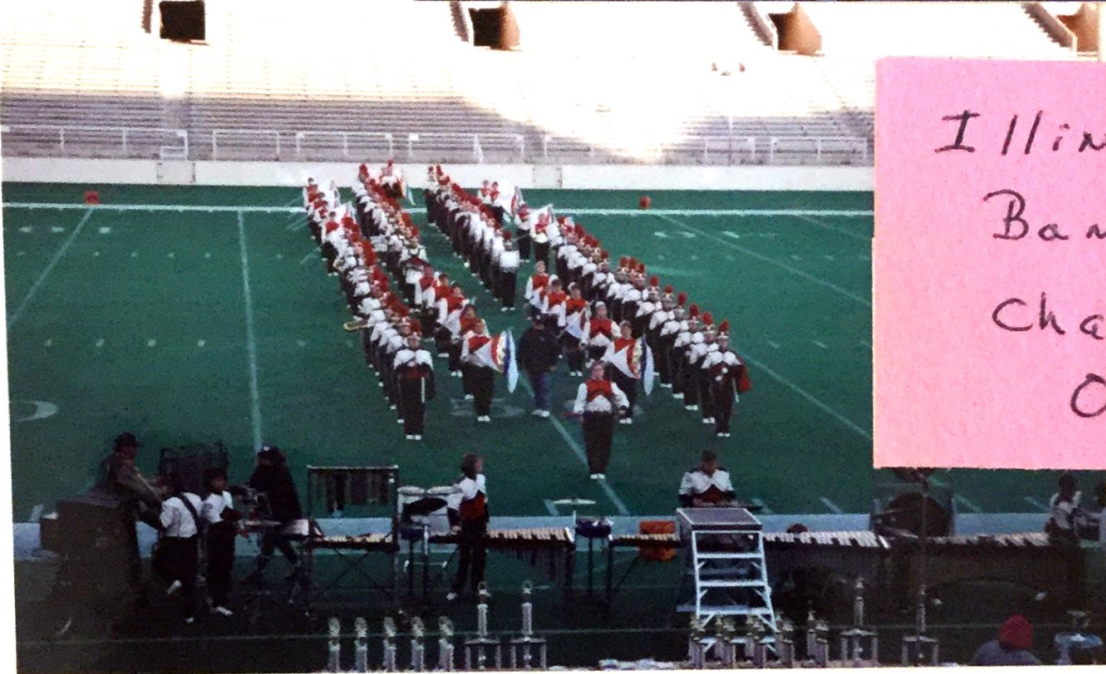
Performing soloists for 1991 are Stephanie Baumann, Amy Sejnost, John Zicarelli, Myra Alfaro, Andrew Wright and Mike Calaway.

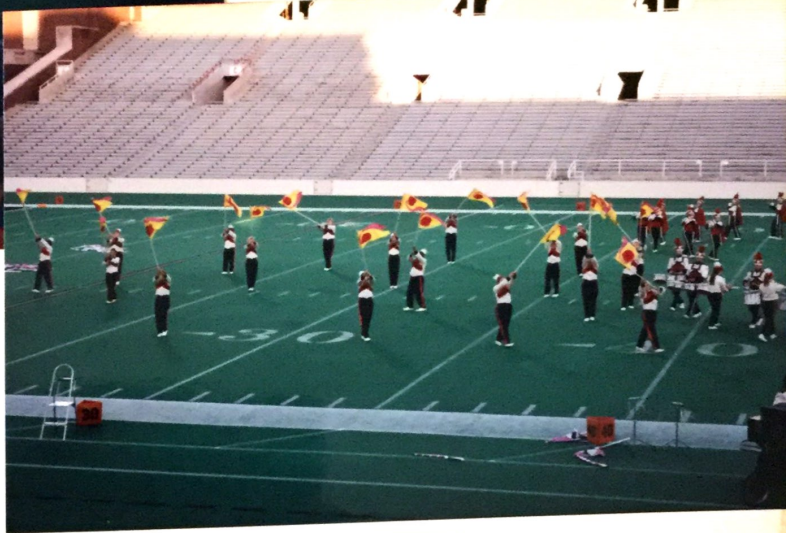
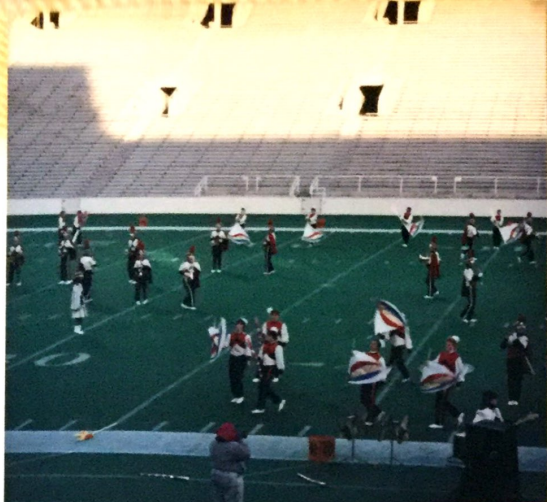
Their show presentation included "Strike Up the Band," "Invention," "Land of Make Believe" and "Music of the Night."

Over the school Christmas break, Dec. 29 to Jan. 3, they will march and compete in the 1991 National Hall of Fame Bowl Festival in Tampa, Fla.



Illini Marching
Band Competition
Champaign, IL
October 19, 1991





Marching
Illini





Football Game
Half-Time
Show
October 25, 1991













Suburban LIFE

Band's travel plans up in the air

By Dan Carney

The Downers Grove South High School Marching Mustangs Band was scheduled to join 28 other marching bands at the Music Bowl Festival in Tampa, Fla., from Dec. 29 to Jan. 3 — a trip that would culminate in a mass band halftime hoopla at the Hall of Fame Bowl.

Now the Marching Mustangs may be inducted into the hall of fame as the most disappointed marching band in history.

In January this year, the band was supposed to travel to Germany but was forced to cancel the trip because of the conflict in the Middle East.

Now, another conflict — the shut-down of Midway Airlines — has once again left the Mustangs' plans up in the air. The band had secured 110 tickets on the airline for the trip at a cost of \$27,440 — money it had raised

through Market Day proceeds.

"For a lot of the kids this is a double disappointment," said the band's director Al Roselieb. "We knew Midway was having problems,

'It's disappointing to see our two years of hard work going down the drain.'

Allison Walis
plays the snare drum

but we got daily assurances that it was not going to be a problem. Now, everyone feels sorry for us, but, the truth of the matter is there is nothing anyone can do at this point."

"It's disappointing to see our two years of hard work going down the drain," said 16-year-old Allison

Walis, who plays snare drum in the band.

While the city and the airlines duke it out in court, the band can do nothing but watch. Well, not really.

Roselieb said he has heard from United, Northwest, Delta and American Airlines and while exploring various avenues. He even made tentative arrangements to charter buses for the trip.

Steve Pocock, a former Midway pilot from Downers Grove, is trying to secure a plane, fuel, a flight crew and a maintenance crew to take the band to Florida himself.

"It's a longshot," Pocock admitted. "But this is something the kids shouldn't get cheated out of. I have teen-age kids and I know what it's like to raise funds.

"That's what I really like about the Midwest and Downers Grove — people really try to help each other."

Pocock, who has been a captain for

Midway for the past five years, said his plan depends on insurance and on how long the airline can keep its operating certificate. A plane should not be a problem, he said, if the other matters are cleared up. Midway has 30 unused airplanes to pick from, 17 of which were bought from Eastern Airlines when it closed.

The school also called on state Rep. Thomas McCracken (81st-District) for help. A spokesman there said they are "doing everything in their power to help."

According to Roselieb, the marching band travels to different areas in the country every year. Past trips have included visits to the Festival of States in St. Petersburg, Fla., the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington D.C., the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York, the Kentucky Derby Festival in Louisville, Ky., and the Aloha Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii.

by Janet Pimentel

and Carri Karuhn

The Downers Grove South High School Band was quite proud of its plans to perform at the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Fla. on New Years Day.

But the students are devastated and wondering how they will get there because the shutdown of Midway Airlines Wed. Nov. 13 has left them holding about \$27,000 worth of tickets and no one to honor them. Thousands of other area travelers are experiencing the same dilemma with their Midway tickets.

"A lot of students are very mad, depressed and down right now because they were part of the band trip to Germany that was cancelled earlier this year due to the Gulf War Crisis," said Al Roselieb, director of bands at Downers Grove South.

"Now we don't know anything definite about how we will get to the game," Roselieb added.

Earlier this year the band purchased 110 seats on two Midway Airline Flights for Dec. 29. Roselieb said the band planned to compete at the Fame Bowl for awards in field show, parade, colorguard and percussion against 28 other high school bands from around the country.

Afterwards, all the bands were to play together for the audience during half-time.

The trip was to end with the students riding the bus to Orlando to spend a day at Disneyworld's MGM Studios. They would take the bus back to Tampa and fly home on Midway Airlines.

The band students planned fundraisers beginning in November 1990 to raise money for the trip.

However, the students' plans stalled when Northwest Airlines announced it would not honor its deal to purchase Midway's assets. As a result, Midway ceased operations.

Area travel agents tried to work non-stop to protect those passengers traveling on Midway tickets or those clients who had already purchased them, according to Rosalyn Murr, owner of Action Travel in Downers Grove.

However, the agents could only issue refunds to clients who had booked their flights on cred-

it cards. Murr said clients who paid cash, like the Downers South Band, were left unprotected.

"Right now our money is tied up until the bankruptcy court decides the suit between Northwest and Midway Airlines," Roselieb said. "If an airline did recognize our situation, they must wait until the settlement to receive their money. That could take years of litigation."

School officials tried contacting other major airlines, such as United, American, Delta and Northwest Airlines, in hopes of finding someone "who will recognize this is a good opportunity for public relations and honor our tickets."

However, Roselieb said he has yet to find an airline which can provide them the space they need during the highly traveled holiday season.

"We take up quite a bit of space for our equipment, uniforms and band members," Roselieb said.

Murr added that many travel agents are working frantically to re-issue tickets and accommodate travelers "as a chance to create a lot of good will with their clients."

"The travel agencies really haven't lost anything from the situation," Murr said. "What can happen in the long-term is an increase in competition among airlines and people paying for their tickets with credit cards instead of cash."

Roselieb said the only other alternative is for the band students to ride a bus to Florida. However, he said this would mean the students would need to raise another \$27,000 for the trip.

"That would be difficult to do," Roselieb said. "If we choose not go, we will also lose the money we already paid for the hotels there."

Roselieb and the other school officials still remain hopeful their tickets will get honored. Currently, State Sen. Thomas McCracken (R-81, Downers Grove) and Alan Dixon are trying to make contacts and help find a solution to the band's dilemma.

Roselieb said the students have been dedicated to practicing during the week and on weekends since the summer in preparation for their performance.

Midway plight affects high school band trip

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School band has tickets, can't travel

By Casey Banas
Education writer

When Midway Airlines was grounded by its financial woes, so, too, were the high-flying plans of the Downers Grove South High School to march in the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa on New Year's Day.

The band, with 92 members and 18 school staff members and adult chaperons, paid \$27,720 for airline tickets on Oct. 30 to fly Midway to Florida. Now the band is waiting in the wings for an airline rescuer.

Quality Travel, a Bowling Green, Ky., travel agency specializing in arranging high school band trips, has the band's Midway tickets and has been unable to persuade another airline to honor them.

What's worse, this is the second time this year that the band's travel plans have hit a snag. The band was supposed to go to Germany and Austria in April to play and tour, but that was canceled by the school board because of air travel concerns prompted by the Persian Gulf war.

"We're a creditor standing in line with many others," Craig Zeck, Downers Grove South principal, said of the latest fiasco. "No airline has come forward to help."

After Midway's announcement last week that it was going out of business, Downers Grove South band members were stunned.

"I wondered what was happening with our money and whether we will need to raise more money for the trip," said



Alan Roselieb, director of the Downers Grove South High School band, is surrounded by dis-

appointed musicians, whose travel plans are on hold because of Midway Airlines' closing.

Stacey Vein, a percussion player.

Jamie Podojil, a snare drum player, said he was more optimistic—for a while.

"I thought some airline would come right away to help us," he said. "I am mad at the airlines. We have been practicing a long time, and we want to go down there and prove ourselves."

For 14 months, band members have been working to raise funds by selling candy and tulip bulbs and through "Market Day," a program in which relatives,

friends and neighbors order food that is delivered to the school and distributed.

The trip, scheduled for Dec. 29 through Jan. 3, will cost \$78,000, including the air fare, hotel and other travel arrangements.

The Downers Grove South band was to be among 25 high school groups giving a combined halftime presentation at the Hall of Fame Bowl. It also was to be in other shows and in competitions with other high schools. Plus, there was to be a visit to

Disney World after the football game.

"I feel cheated, and I also feel we got caught up in a problem in the airline industry we had no control over," said Alan Roselieb, band director. "The airline industry owes us."

Roselieb and band members believe an airline has much to gain in public relations value in coming to the band's rescue by honoring its tickets.

A similar rescue took place in

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March when United Airlines saved a trip for the Palatine High School choir and symphonic band. That band was set to go to a musical festival in Hawaii when the money for tickets was found missing from its bank account. A former booster club treasurer was later indicted on embezzlement charges.

United provided nearly \$90,000 worth of tickets.

But Roselieb conceded there are big problems to overcome if the Downers Grove South trip is to occur as planned.

"One is the time of year we are traveling," he said. "It is the busiest travel time, and airlines' equipment and personnel are stretched thin."

"The second problem is another airline is not going to get this money from Midway for a long

time because it will be tied up in court battles. When Midway ceased operations, it announced other airlines would honor its tickets. However, when we asked about it, we were told it was on a standby basis.

"When we are flying 110 people with instruments, uniforms and equipment, we cannot fly on a standby basis. We need guaranteed seats."

Roselieb said the band had a difficult time in even making the initial arrangements, but Midway scheduled it to use two flights, one for 40 people and the second for 70.

Despite these formidable obstacles, band members remain optimistic they will be in Florida on New Year's Day.

"We have been working so hard," said Karen Hudzik, a saxophone player. "I am hoping some airline will honor our tickets so we can make this trip."

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Viewpoints

Letters to the Editor deadline: 10 a.m. Monday

Thanks goes out to airline for helping Mustang band

We in the Gecowets family would like to express our appreciation for United Airline's decision to accept Midway Airlines tickets for the Dec. 29 trip to the Downers Grove South High School marching band.

Our two sons (who graduated in 1981 and 1983) made several trips with the Marching Mustangs when they attended Downers Grove South. These turned out to be invaluable life experiences for our whole family. United Airlines Inc. chair-

man, president and CEO Stephen Wolf's decision to help will touch at least 200 families.

We are aware that the chances of United collecting on the Midway tickets are slim. The two of us have traveled as UAL Premiers for several years. We will continue to do what we can to help make up for the investment in the Downers Grove South Marching Mustangs.

George and Shirley Gecowets
Downers Grove

Suburban LIFE

Downers South band is airborne again

By Dan Carney

When Jack Calo's phone rang at 6:30 Thursday morning, he thought he was dreaming.

The voice at the other end of the line sounded like Downers Grove South High School marching band director Al Roselieb. He was in a good mood. It sounded like he said everything had been cleared up with the band's trip to the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Fla., which had almost been cancelled due to Midway Airlines' recent shutdown.

"I thought it was a dream," said the band's senior bass drummer. "He was so happy and lately, everyone's been stressed out around here."

What Calo heard was not a dream. It was more like a dream come true.

United Airlines has offered to fly the band down to Tampa at no extra charge. And when the bill is somewhere around \$27,000, it's no wonder Calo thought he was dreaming.

"I knew someone would come through, it was just a matter of time," said junior drum major Deb Fialek.

United did come through, but the news came so late on Wednesday that Roselieb had to wait until the wee hours Thursday morning to get the news out to his band members. Downers Grove South Principal Craig Zeck then made the announcement to the entire student body at 9 a.m. Thursday.

"The feeling with (United president and Chief Executive Officer)

Stephen Wolf was that we're a hometown airline and we were in a unique position to step in and help these people," said United spokesman Joe Hopkins.

"I think it gives the kids a deep appreciation that the system works," said Roselieb. "If you just stay with it, something will work out. We're pretty delighted."

It's no wonder Roselieb is delighted. His band's planned trip to Germany in January had to be cancelled because of the Persian Gulf war.

Roselieb extended a big thanks to go to state Rep. Thomas McCracken (R-81st District), who was instrumental in talking to United.

"United was the only choice,"

McCracken said, "They're headquartered here and it was something that needed to be decided at the highest level. It was a very magnanimous gesture."

The band's plans will be slightly rearranged through United. Thirty of the band's 92 members will take a flight to Orlando and hop on a bus to meet the others in Tampa on Dec. 29. There they will join 28 other bands in the Music Bowl Festival, which consists of a series of competitions.

On Jan. 1, all of the bands will play in a halftime bonanza at the Hall of Fame Bowl.

The Downers South band will then travel back to Orlando for a day at Disney World. A fitting end to the saga.

DG South band prepares for flight

by Janet Pimentel

The Downers Grove South High School Marching Mustang Band is ecstatic that United Airlines has agreed to honor their Midway Airline tickets and fly them to Tampa, Fla., so they can perform at the Hall of Fame Bowl on New Years Day.

United officials confirmed the offer with school officials in the early morning Thursday, Nov. 21, after various residents, particularly state Rep. Thomas McCracken (R-81st, Downers Grove) phoned the airline and mentioned the students were grounded with \$27,000 worth of Midway tickets and no one to honor them.

"I cut through the red tape and strongly requested the students' dilemma be considered in the highest quarters," McCracken said.

"I did everything I could to help when the school officials requested my help when it first happened," McCracken added. "I empathized with the students who have worked hard, and I did not want them to miss out on this opportunity."

The Marching Mustangs, their chaperones and equipment are booked on two United flights leaving Sunday, Dec. 29, for Tampa, Fla. They are scheduled

to return Friday, Jan. 3, at no extra cost.

Stephen M. Wolfe, chairman-president-CEO of the airline, made the final decision to accommodate the students once he heard of their situation, a United spokesman said.

"We are donating the tickets and do not know when or whether we will be reimbursed," the spokesman said. "We are not looking for anything. We realize the students have worked hard and want to help them."

The airline is not worried this will set a precedent with other stranded Midway travelers because they consider the students' dilemma "a very unique situation," the spokesman said.

"We are trying to assist all travelers stranded the best we can," she added. "Our phones have been ringing off the hook non-stop. But in the students' case, it is a great honor to play at the Hall of Fame Bowl and in itself is a very unique situation."

Al Roselieb, Downers South band director, said the students cheered when Principal Craig Zeck made the announcement over the school's public address system Thursday morning, Nov. 21.

Roselieb said he was grateful to McCracken for helping his students. He added McCracken



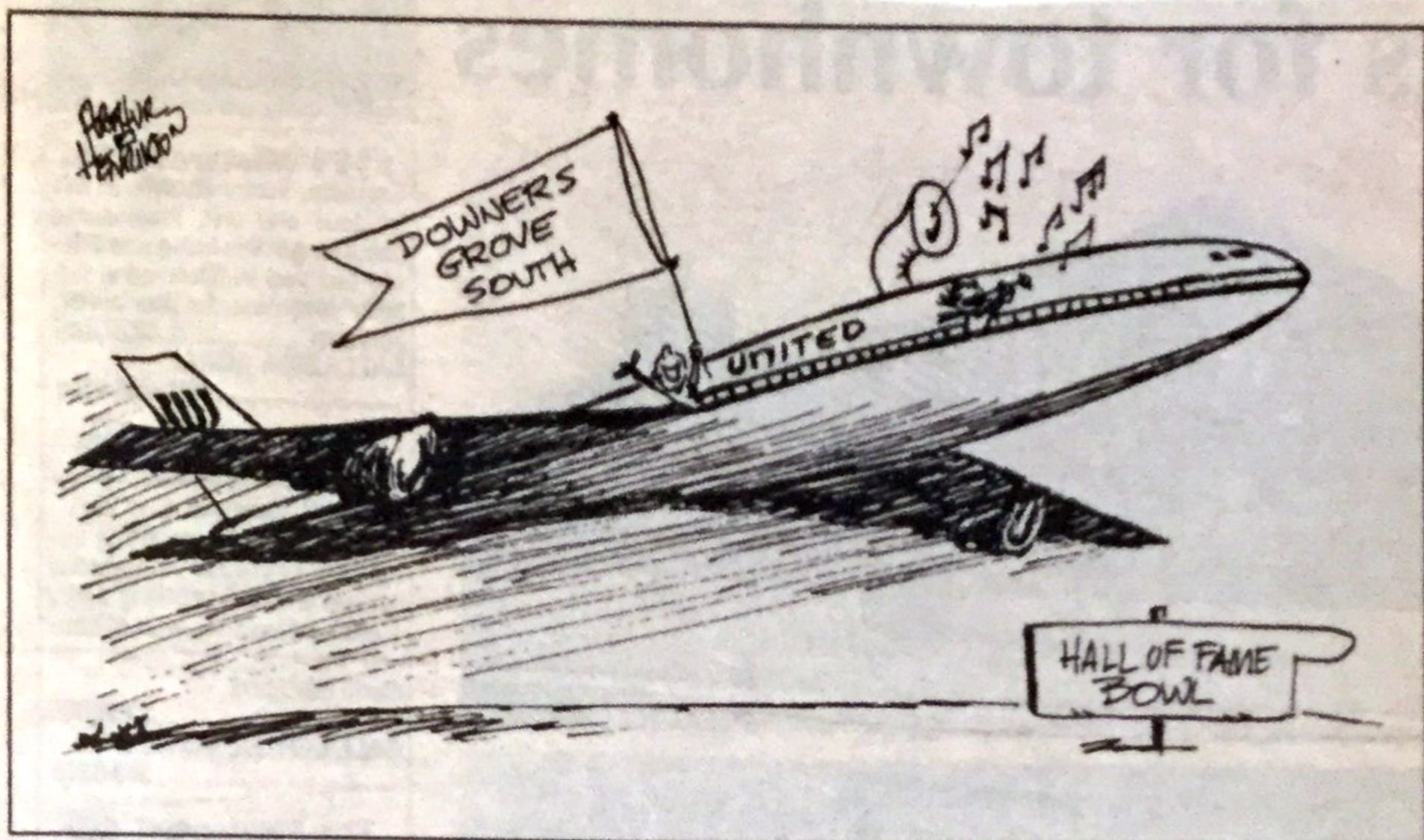
MUSIC TO THEIR EARS — Members of the Downers Grove South High School band rehearse a number in preparation for their trip to Tampa.

PHOTO BY JANET PIMENTEL

helped the band five years ago by securing a state of Illinois grant which partly funded the students trip to perform at the Aloha Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii.

"His help this time was a

tremendous gesture on his part," Roselieb said. "I am grateful for all the support and offers of assistance that the community has also offered. It turned out to be quite a success."



Editorials

Editorials are written either individually or, in most cases jointly, by the members of the **Reporter/Progress Newspapers** editorial board.

Skies turn friendly again

The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are a time to count your blessings and show sincere good will to your fellow man. Downers Grove residents and others from surrounding communities started that good will early to help the Downers Grove South High School Marching Mustang Band secure travel plans to Florida for a New Year's Day performance.

The Marching Mustangs are to perform with 28 other high school bands at the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Fla. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity; an honor for which the 110 students have intensely practiced during the last six months. They have raised funds for an entire year to afford the \$27,000 trip.

The students' hard work could easily have been wiped away when Midway Airlines folded earlier this month, leaving the band with airline tickets and no airline. This would have

been the second crusher this year since the students' canceled their trip to Germany earlier because of the Gulf War Crisis.

Residents, particularly Ill. Rep. Thomas McCracken (R-81st, Downers Grove), came to the rescue. They kept calling major airlines about the students' dilemma, even though they know thousands of other of Midway's would-be travelers would be clogging phone lines with the same travel problems. Their efforts, combined with those of school officials, created an overwhelming concern. It paid off when United Airlines, they of the friendly skies, responded with an offer to honor the tickets.

Residents working together in a common cause is definitely one of the major benefits of living in a small community. Luckily for the students, it is a neighborly responsibility which is taken seriously all year-round.



OFF TO TAMPA — After clearing up trouble with their airline tickets, the DG South High Marching Mustangs are headed to the 1991 Hall of Fame Bowl Festival in Tampa, Fla., from Dec. 29 to Jan. 3. The band will march and compete while there and perform during halftime. Robert Peterson of Leibundguth Movers, Downers Grove, donated packing cartons for the uniforms of band members. Posing with the cartons are Maria Zurbano, senior, Jack Calo, senior Deb Fialek, junior, Allen Roselieb, band director and Peterson.

PHOTO BY ELIAS ZIMANITIS



Lifestyles

Music festival selects 49 local students

Congratulations to 49 music students who were selected by competitive audition to compete in the 1991 IMEA District Festival held Nov. 16.

Chosen for District Chorus are: Kristin Bennema, Monica Brile, Danine Brown, Catrina Bush, Ben Ehst, Trevor Engelhardt, Janet Flewelling, Vlad Fong, Mike Jorda, Amy Kasper, Crishon Lampley, Colleen Lazaro, Lauren Lee, Jim Miller, Mark Piekarz, Marcella Schade, Julie Anne Taylor, Callie Thompson, Michele VanderPloeg, Gemma Wall, John Williams, Marc Wilson.

Selected for Orchestra are: Dar-Lon Chang, Joy Fortman, Sara Gualano, Janet Ibe, Kana Kimura, Jane Kohlman, Meg Kribble, Sarah Lander, Stephen Lin, Katharine Miao, Catherine Okelman, Jennifer Parker, Karrie Schneider.

Band members selected for District Band are: Staphanie Baumann, Marjean Pagotelis, Felicia Vastalo, Corinne Hwang, Shilad Sen, Maria Zurbano.

Band members selected for District Orchestra are: Carolyn Bacon, Andrew Hwang, Jamie Polojil, John Zicarelli, Debbie Fialek, Jason Peterson, Wendy Riordon.

And, four players were selected for District Jazz Band for the District Jazz Festival on Nov. 9: Karen Hudzik, Shilad Sen, Jamie Podojil, John Zicarelli.

Music makers compete

Music students at Downers Grove South High School were selected through a competitive audition to participate in the 1991 Illinois Music Educators Association District Festival.

Chorus

Vlad Fong, Jim Miller and Mark Piekarz, all of Darien; Kristin Bennema, Danine Brown, Ben Ehst, Trevor Engelhardt, Janet Flewelling, Mike Jorda, Amy Kasper, Callie Thompson, Crishon Lampley, Colleen Lazaro, Lauren Lee, Michele VanderPloeg, Gemma Wall, John Williams, Marc Wilson, all of Downers Grove; Marcella Schade of Lisle and Monica Brile, Catrina Bush and Julie Anne Taylor, all of Woodridge;

Orchestra

Kana Kimura of Bolingbrook; Sara Gualano, Janet Ibe, Jane Kohlman, Meg Kribble, Sarah Lander, Steven Lin, Katherine Miao, Catherine Okelman, Jennifer Parker, Karrie Schneide, all of Downers Grove; Dar-Lon Chang and Joy Fortman, both of Woodridge;

Band

Corrine Hwang, Marjean Pagotelis and Maria Zurbano, all of Darien; Felicia Vastalo of Westmont; and Stephanie Baumann and Shilad Sen, both of Woodridge;

District Orchestra

Andrew Hwang and Jamie Podojil, both of Darien; Carolyn Bacon, Debbie Fialek, Wendy Riordan and John Zicarelli, all of Downers Grove; and Jason Peterson of Woodridge;

Jazz Band

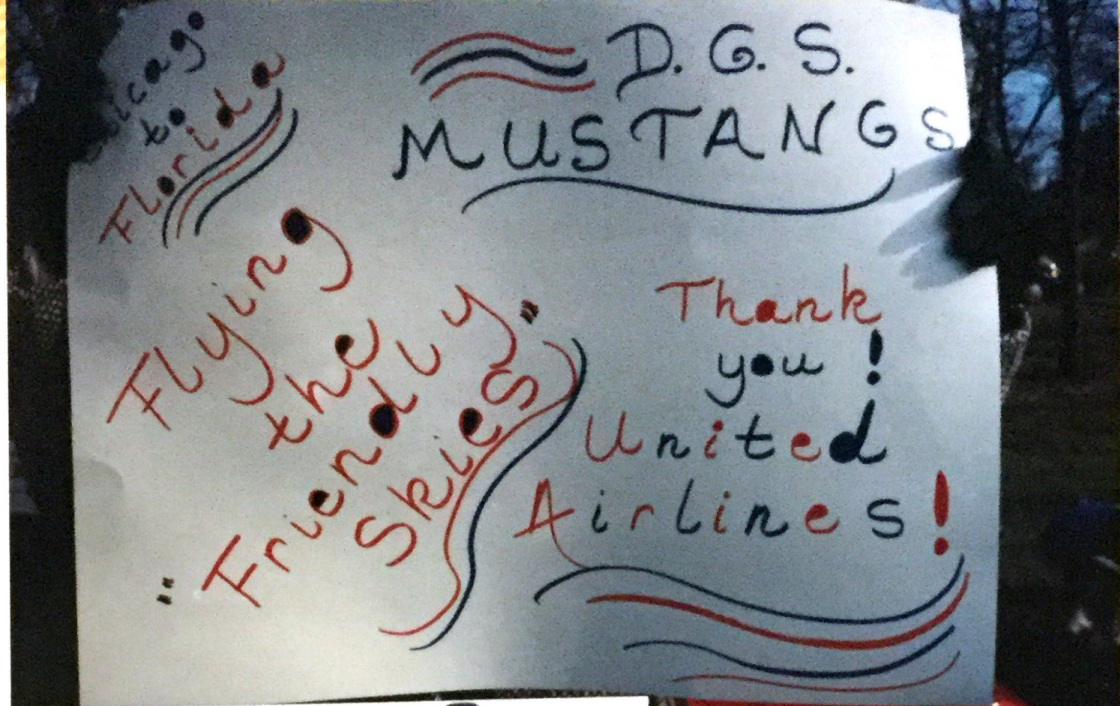
Jamie Podojil of Darien; Karen Hudzik and John Zicarelli, both of Downers Grove; and Shilad Sen of Woodridge.

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Youth

Deadline: 10 a.m. Friday



Downers Grove
Christmas Parade
Dec. 1, 1991







Thank you
United



Jack Calo, President--Stephen M. Wolf, President United Airlines
Julie Wright, Secretary/Treasurer--Alison Boyd, Fr. Rep.--Maria Zurbano,
Sr. Rep. Drum Major--Debbie Fialek, Jr. Drum Major--Shaunna Mazzulla, Jr. Rep.
Laura Schann, Vice-President--Megan Pellett, So. Rep.



Tribune photos by Walter Kale

The Downers Grove South High School band heads to Midway Airport on Sunday for the trip to Florida.

Downers band heads to Florida after all

By James Hill

It had gotten to be a little like a soap opera: good news, followed by tragedy.

But on Sunday afternoon, after 14 months of waiting, hordes of Downers Grove South High School band members and staff stood in Midway Airport, clad in warm-weather attire and bopping to portable radios as they waited to board United Airlines Flight 1804 to Florida.

Many were looking forward to New Year's Day, when they would play at halftime during the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa. Others, like 17-year-old Amy Veith, were looking forward to a little fun in the sun.

"It's awesome," exclaimed the senior. "I'm looking forward to going to Disney World and getting a tan."

The band is to be among 25 high school groups giving a combined presentation at the bowl game. It also is scheduled to be in other shows and competitions. Plus, the trip to Disney World.

Yet the dreams of Amy and the rest who made the trip had almost dematerialized in front of their eyes.

The band, with its 92 members and 18 staff members and adult chaperons, had paid Quality Travel, a Bowling



Barbara Baumann (from left) says goodbye to her daughter, Stephanie, 16, and Emily Bogusch, 17. The Downers Grove South High band members will play at halftime at the Hall of Fame Bowl on New Year's Day in Tampa.

Green, Ky., travel agency specializing in arranging high school band trips, \$27,720 for airline tickets on Oct. 30 to fly Midway to Florida. And when

Midway went bankrupt on Nov. 13, no one else would honor the tickets.

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this year that the band's travel plans hit a sour note. They were supposed to travel to Austria and Germany in April to play and tour, but that was canceled by the school board because of air travel concerns prompted by the Persian Gulf war.

"I was worried when we heard that Midway Airlines had went bankrupt," Veith said. "Then we were saved."

In November, state Rep. Thomas J. McCracken Jr. (R-Downers Grove) contacted United Airlines about the problem and the airline agreed to provide transportation for the entire group.

Dave Mattson, a junior trumpet player in his first year in the band, echoed the sentiments of all aboard.

"I think it's great for them to do this and I would like to thank United for giving us this chance," he said.

The Marching Mustangs will spend five days in the sun before returning to the Windy City.

"The glad we're getting to go," said Mattson. "I had to band throughout school. I had to

earn half of the money for this trip myself and I would have been very disappointed if we didn't get to go.

"I'm going to be looking forward to the jazz competition ... and of course, the sun."

This is not the first time that United has come to the aid of a wind section in distress. In March, the airline saved a trip for the Palatine High School choir and symphonic band, which had been set to go to a music festival in Hawaii when the money for their tickets was stolen.

The airline has earned the nickname of the "patron saint of high school bands," said assistant band director Matt Klickman.

"We really are just grateful," he said as he corralled students and staff at the airport. "Words can't describe how much we appreciate it. There were a lot of kids who got quite panicky."

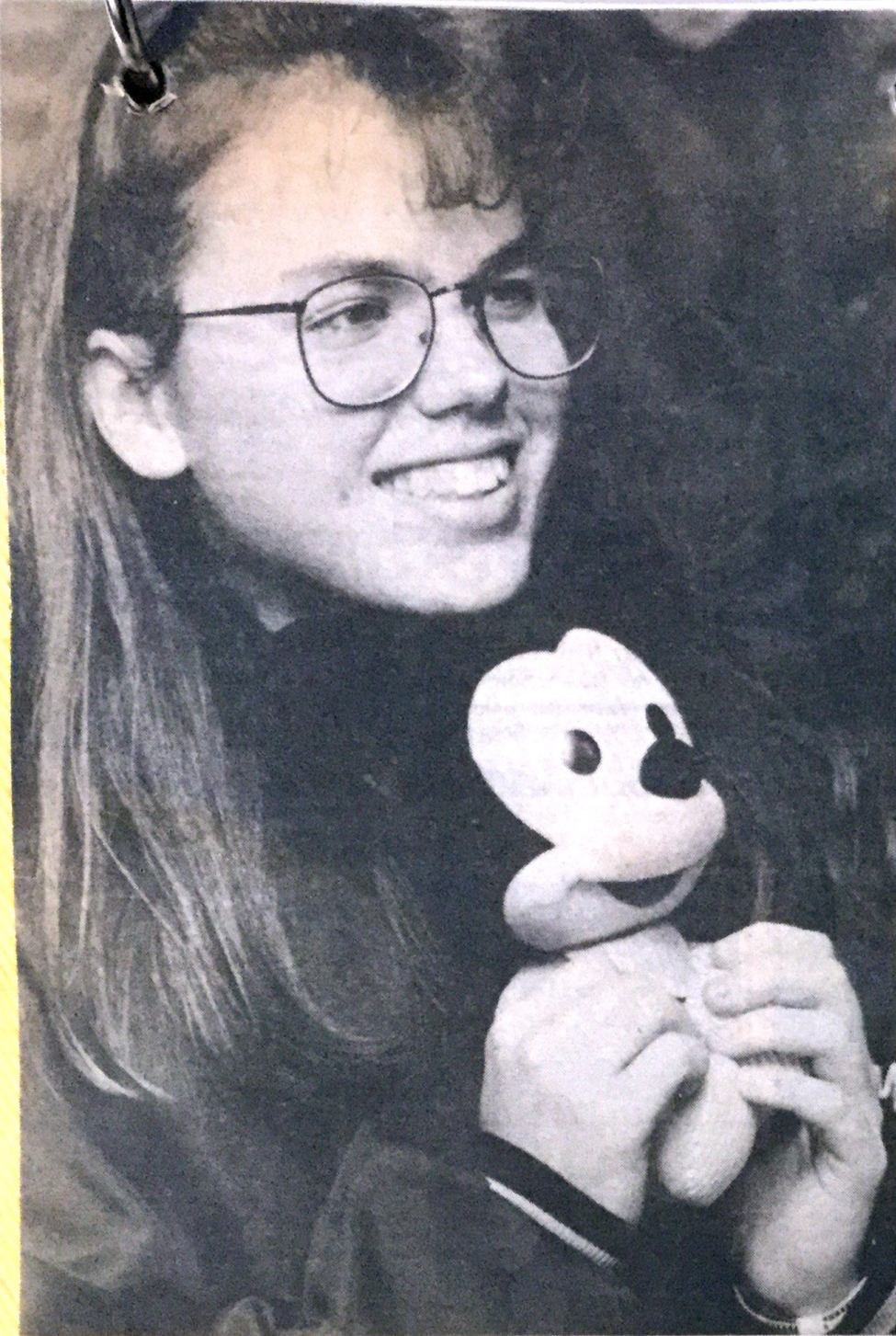
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In Brief

Downers S. band to march in Florida

A total of 109 marching band members, chaperones and staff from Downers Grove South High School left on schedule on two flights out of Midway Airport Sunday and Monday on their way to play at halftime at the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Fla., on New Year's Day.

United Airlines provided the band and its entourage with airline tickets.



COLLECTING MOMENTOS — Above left, Jill Baltazar, a junior at Downers South High School, hugs a Mickey Mouse doll in anticipation of visiting Walt Disney Studios in Orlando, Fla., after performing with the Marching Mustangs band at the Hall of Fame Bowl on

New Year's Day. Above right, Roxan Szczeblewski takes pictures of fellow Marching Mustangs band members as they wait for their United Airlines flight at Midway Airport Sunday, Dec. 29.

PHOTOS BY CAIL LYNN

Mustangs march off to Florida via United

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awards in field show parade, color guard and percussion with other high school bands from around the country at the Bowl.

Afterward, the Marching Mustangs will enjoy the Florida sun and a trip to Disney World in Orlando, Fla., before returning Friday, Jan. 3.



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GETTING READY FOR LIFT-OFF — Above, Downers Grove South Marching Mustang band members wait patiently with family and friends to board their special flight, which was made available after United Airlines decided to honor the band's Midway Airlines tickets. Below, students had no problems boarding their special flight.



DOWNERS GROVE
SOUTH
MUSTANG BAND

DGS Marching Mustangs take off



FLYING HIGH — Marching Mustang Band members wait at Midway Airport for their United Airlines flight which will take them to perform at the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Fla. on New Year's Day.

PHOTO BY CARL LYDA

by Janet Pimentel

Downers Grove South Marching Mustang Band members made it to the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Fla., after all. Eighty band members and 18 staff members and adult chaperones boarded United Airlines Flight 1804 at Midway Airport Sunday, Dec. 29, to perform with 25 other high school bands at the Hall of Fame Bowl on New Year's Day.

The band's travel plans were stalled in mid-November when Midway Airlines shut down operations, leaving the Mustangs holding about \$27,000 worth of Midway tickets and no airline to honor them.

Band members had a difficult time maintaining morale because their first international tour to Germany was cancelled in early February 1991.

With the fear of a second trip cancellation within one year, area residents began an aggressive phone campaign to convince officials at other major airlines to honor the tickets. After state Rep. Thomas McCracken (R-81, Downers Grove) contacted United Airlines about the band's problem, the airline agreed to honor the tickets and provide transportation for the group.

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Tampa, Florida
Here we come.
Dec. 29, 1991













Thank You
Mr. Thomas McCracken







Rehearsal
Hilton Hotel
Tampa, Florida





Nice
socks











Dec 30, 1991
Jazz Ensemble
Competition



Marching
Percussion
Competition
Dec. 30, 1991







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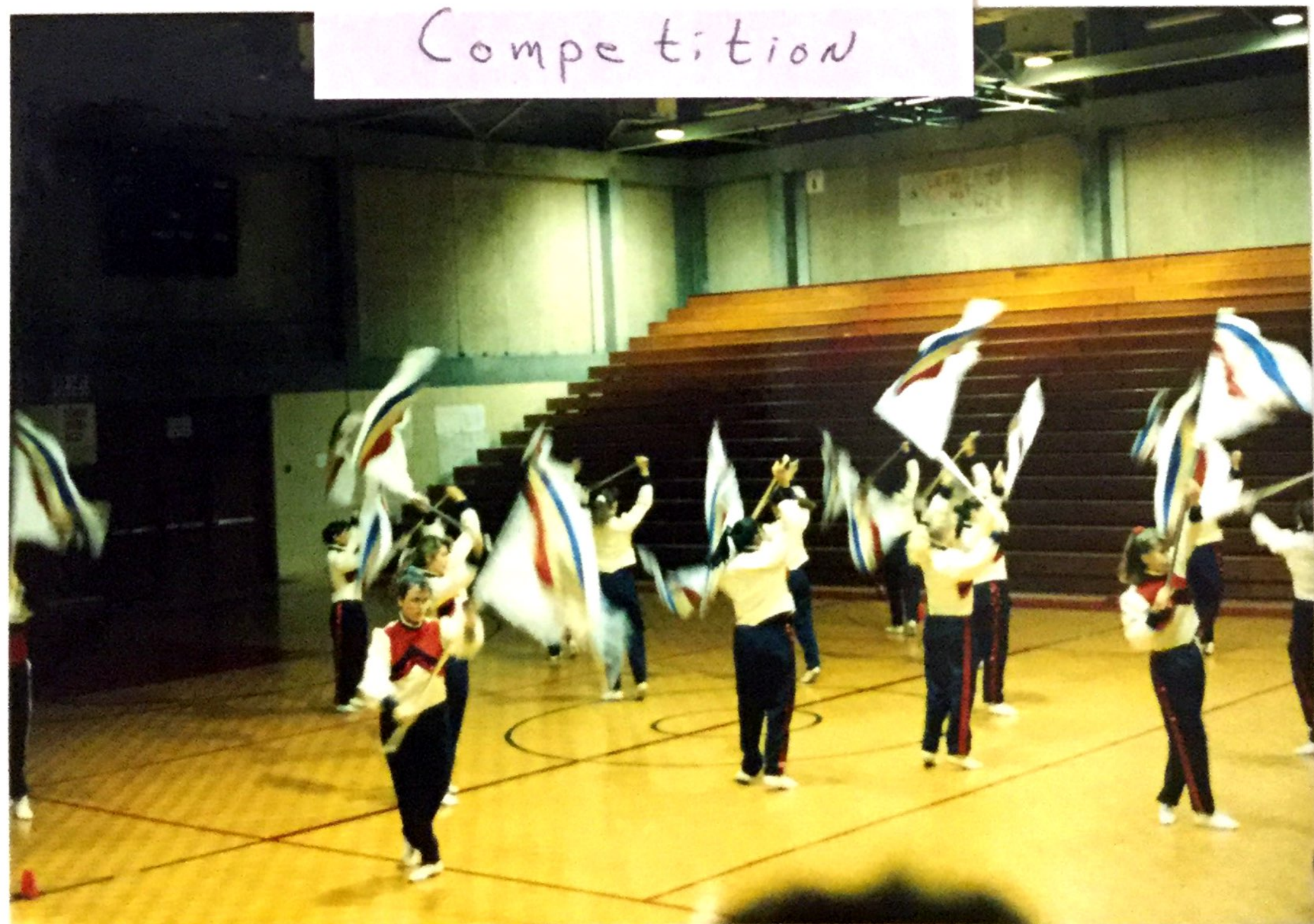




Dec. 30, 1991

Color
Guard

Competition



Dec. 31, 1991

Parade

Competition



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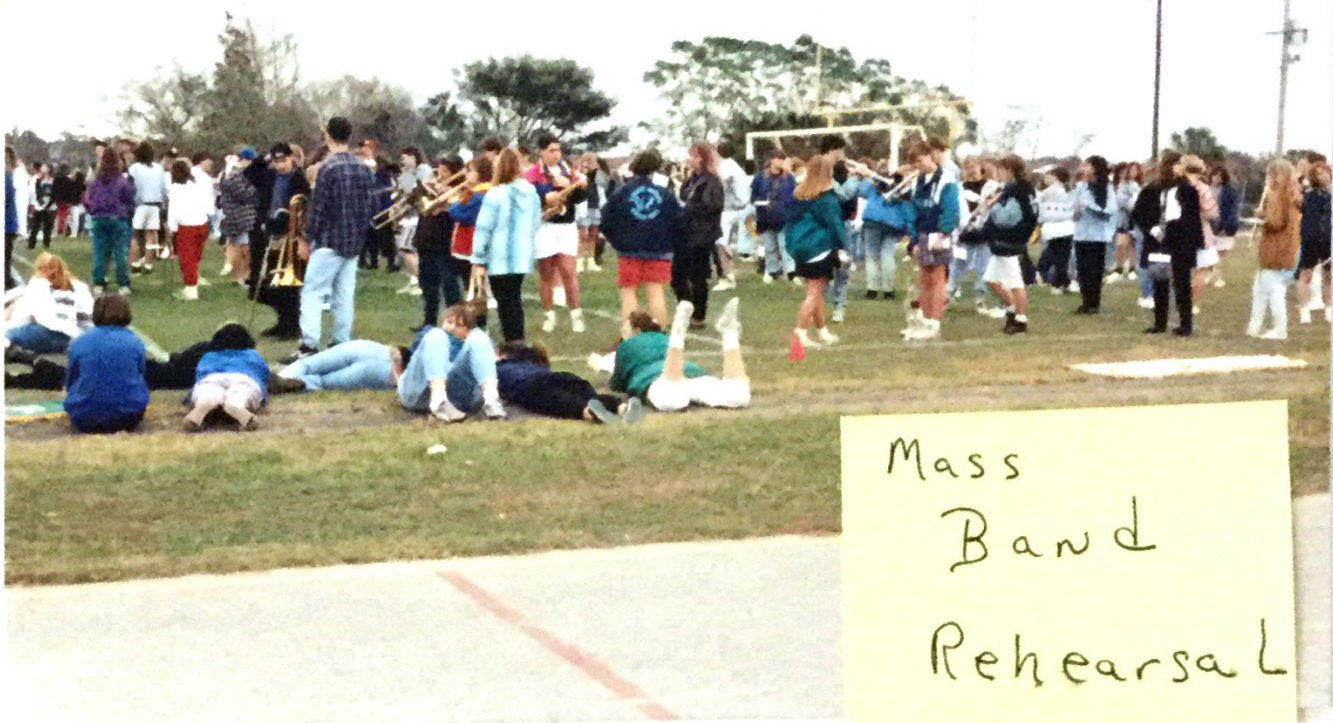




Field Show
Competition
Dec. 31, 1991







Mass
Band
Rehearsal



Caribbean
Beach
Resort

Jan. 1st





Awards
Banquet



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So We Hear

One bodacious band

The band that almost didn't get to go to the National Hall of Fame Bowl Music Festival in Tampa, Fla., from Dec. 29 to Jan. 3 showed why they were supposed to be there, so we hear. The Downers Grove South High School Marching Mustangs, which was almost forced to miss the trip because of the shutdown of Midway Airlines, came home this weekend with seven awards from the festival, including second place for overall performance. Other awards included first place trophies for field show, jazz band and guard show, while trumpeter John Zaccarelli won the top jazz soloist award. The band also won a second place for parade and third place for overall percussion. United Airlines came to the band's rescue when it honored the school's Midway Airlines' tickets.

Mustangs awarded top honors

Hall of Fame Bowl venture reaps success

by Janet Pimentel

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At the bowl, the Marching Mustangs competed against 21 other high school bands from across the country to win first place and a superior rating in their division for field show, second place overall and a superior rating for parade, third place and a superior rating for marching percussion, and first place and an excellent rating for color guard.

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PROUD CHAMPS — Marching Mustang jazz band ensemble members Karen Hudzik, John Zicarelli and Liz Alexa show off the first of several trophies the band won after participating in high school band competitions at the Hall of Fame Bowl on New Year's Day.

PHOTO BY ELIAS ZIMIANITIS

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Returning
Home
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The
Winners

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

CONGRATULATIONS
JOHN ZICCARELLI
OUTSTANDING JAZZ
SOLOIST AWARD - TRUMPET
HALL OF FAME BOWL

Practice key to Mustangs' success in Florida

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GRAND CHAMPIONS — From left, Karen Hudzik, John Zicarelli and Liz Alexa show off the Grand Champion Jazz Band trophy won by the DGS Marching Mustangs at the Hall of Fame Bowl.

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DGS Mustangs march home with top honors

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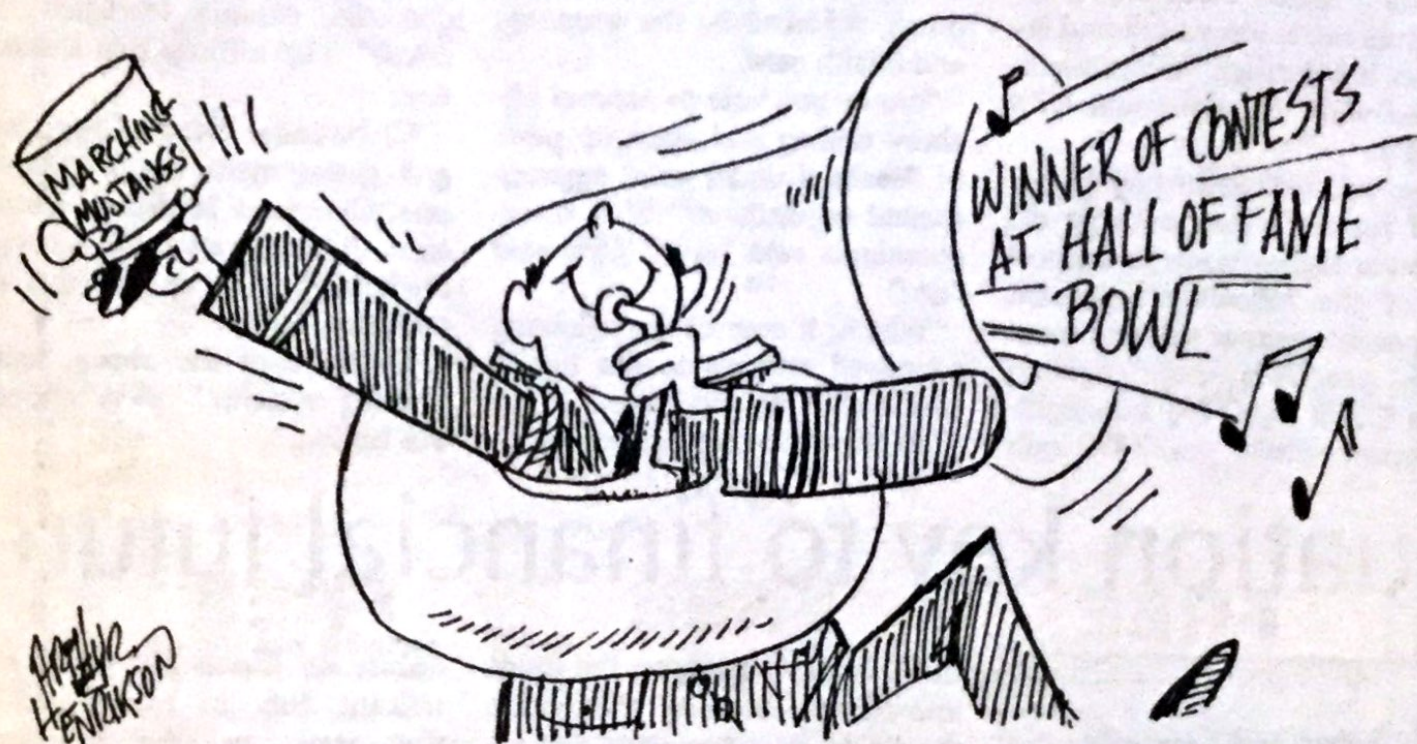
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Opinion/Editorials



Editorials

Editorials are written either individually or, in most cases jointly, by the members of the **Reporter/Progress Newspapers** editorial board.

Hitting a high note

Congratulations and a dip of the pennants to the Downers Grove South Marching Mustangs band for a great show at the Hall of Fame Bowl.

The Mustangs survived an airline collapse and the competition of a score of other high school bands to win a tuba full of honors. The honors come from persistence and practice to hone their individual abilities.

The trip itself was made possible by the efforts of many people, notably state Rep Tom McCracken of Downers Grove and United Air Lines which arranged to get the band to Tam-

pa after their original carrier folded.

In the overall scheme of things, it may be of little moment but these kids worked hard for this and, as Sarah Deuter, player senior piccolo, said, "It was a nice way to end my career."

Al Roselieb, the band director, sounded a higher note when he called it "a tremendously rewarding experience."

For the band, for their parents who also invest a great deal in this, and for the village as a whole, its a fine moment we can all share. Congratulations to the Marching Mustangs.



"Last November I was confronted with a real problem. The Downers Grove South High School Marching Band was scheduled to perform at the Hall of Fame Bowl in Florida. The band members lost their airplane tickets when Midway Airlines went bankrupt. My Booster parents immediately called Tom McCracken, Jr. Through his help and determina-

tion, Tom was able to get replacement tickets on United Airlines. Thanks to Tom McCracken, Jr., our students were able to perform and had a great time!"

- Alan D. Roselieb, Downers Grove

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LIFE photo by Dennis Sieron

A good trip

Band members (from left to right) Karen Swanson, Karen Hudzik, Debbie Fialek, Maria Zurbano, John Zicarelli and Jamie Podojil of Darien, of the Downers Grove Marching Mustangs display the trophies the band won for first place in jazz ensemble, color guard and field competition, for second place in the parade competition and for third place in marching percussion during its trip to the National Hall of Fame Bowl Music Festival in Tampa, Fla. Zicarelli, a trumpeter, also won a first place trophy for outstanding jazz soloist.

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Band wins big Florida trip successful for Marching Mustangs

by Sue Meyers

The Marching Mustangs' efforts to find another major airline to honor their Midway tickets to Florida were worth their endeavors. Besides performing at the Hall of Fame Bowl on New Years Day, they also returned home with seven trophies and awards.

"Doing well in competition was very rewarding," said Band Director, Al Roselieb. "But the support we received from the community, the media and concerned companies made it all the more worthwhile."

"We had reached what seemed to be an insurmountable obstacle and then a big business stepped in to provide flights where on of their own had failed," said Roselieb. "United's sole reason for helping the band wasn't instant publicity, but merely basic humanitarian goodwill. This is what the band members will remember long after

they have forgotten the awards."

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The jazz ensemble won the Grand Championship in all classes, first place in its division and a superior rating. Senior John Zicarelli won the Outstanding Jazz Soloist Award for his trumpet performance.

"Before leaving we had special band rehearsals, each four to five hours long and while in Florida the jazz band practiced in a conference room at the hotel and the Marching Mustangs practiced in the hotel parking lot," said Craig Roselieb, director of the jazz band.

"Our band is one of the few in the



Band members display trophies won in Florida. photo: courtesy of Al Roselieb

country that doesn't require all general band members to be in the marching band," said Craig Roselieb. "Those kids that are in the Marching Mustangs want to be there and the results show this dedica-

tion."

Band member Dave Mattson, a junior trumpet player said, "The Florida trip was what all of our practice since this summer had been leading up to and our good perfor-

mance made it worthwhile."

"It was definitely worth the effort that made to help us get there," said Sarah Deuter, a piccolo player. "As a senior, the trip was a nice way to end my band career."

Students hit high note at IMEA

by Lisa Rablola
Lisa Schramm

Twenty-four students from Downers Grove South were chosen to perform in the Illinois Music Educators Association State Festival from Jan. 30-Feb. 1 in Peoria.

"It's an unusually high number of people from any school," said Diane Hires, Chairperson of the Music Department.

"I was very excited. I couldn't wait to be around other musicians who are my age and have the same musical ability," said Deb Fialek, junior.

This was Fialek's first year at All-State IMEA. Fialek was chosen as the first chair French horn player in All-State Honors Orchestra.

"It was a valuable experience. I enjoyed participating in it," said Jamie Podojil, junior, who placed

second place for percussion in Honors All-State Orchestra.

Students began their quest for recognition by competing in district auditions. Selected students then attended the state festival, competing for chair positions in the various musical events. After positions were assigned, all the participating musicians performed a collective concert.

It was also the first time that Jason Peterson, junior, participated in the All State IMEA competition and festivities. Peterson placed third in honors orchestra.

"The two people who got first and second were both seniors," said Peterson, "I had a good time, but I'll have an even better time next year when I take first chair!"

Jane Kohlman, senior, had re-

ceived sixth place out of 27 string bass players.

"I wanted to make the top five but you can't have your bass and eat it,

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too," said Kohlman.

"I was shocked when I found out I had made first chair contra bass in honors band," said junior Margy Pagotelis. "It is amazing that you can be the best at your instrument in the state. It's surprising that so many high honors came our bands."

"It's reassuring that I got first chair this year," said Wendy Riordan, senior, who placed first chair clarinet in honor orchestra, "It's a nice way to leave my musical high school career."

Students who made All-State Honors Orchestra were Jane Kohlman, String Bass, sixth chair; Catherine Okelman, String Bass, tenth chair; Debbie Fialek, French Horn, first chair; Wendy Riordan, Clarinet, first chair; Jason Peterson, Oboe, third chair; and Jamie Podojil, percussion, second chair.

Students who made All-State Orchestra were Sara Gualano, Violin; Katherine Miao, Violin, and Jennifer Parker, Viola.

Students who participated in the All-State Honors Choir were

Catrina Bush, Soprano; Janet Flewelling, Alto; Amy Kaspar, Soprano; Lauren Lee, Soprano; Ben Ehst, Bass; Vlad Fong, Bass; Jim Miller, Tenor, and Mark Piekarz, Tenor.

Students who participated in the All-State Choir were Mike Jorda, Bass; Marcella Schade, Soprano; and Gemma Wall, Soprano.

Students who were selected for All-State Honors Band were Margy Pagotelis, Contra Alto Clarinet, first chair; and Andrew Hwang, Clarinet.

Felicia Vastalo, Bassoon, was selected first chair in All-State Band.

John Ziccarelli, Trumpet, was selected first chair of All-State Jazz Band.

The Grand Finale Concert was held at the Peoria Civic Center Arena.



Freshman
Dennis Cajigas



Sophomore
Matt Ertz



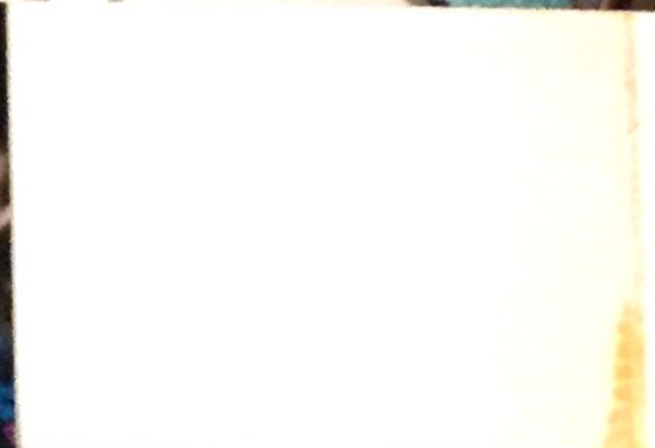
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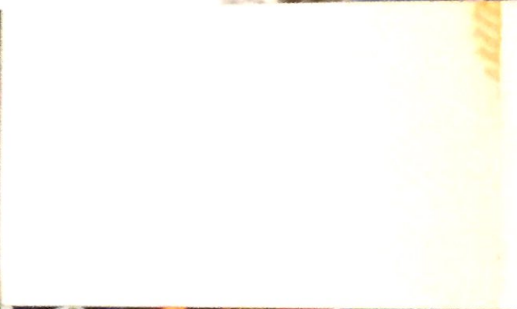
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High School Notes

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Musical students compete

Music and choral students at Downers Grove South High School received superior ratings for their performances at the Illinois High School Association State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

In the ensemble category, Maria Zurbano won three awards. Students who won two awards in that category are Stephanie Baumann, Karen Bennett and Amy Sejnost.

Solo performances

Jeanette Brockman, Emily Bogusch, Allison Domanus, Janice Driggers, Debbie Fialek, Vlad Fong, Corrine Hwang, Cara Kennedy, Lauren Lee, Jim Miller, Jason Peterson, Mark Piekarz, Jamie Podojil, Clayton Ruyle, Laura Schan, Shilad Sen, Natalie Webb, Julie Wright, Kristy Wrobel, John Zicarelli and Maria Zurbano.

Ensemble performances

Myra Alfaro, Liz Alexa, Neil Bacon, Emily Bogusch, Mike Calaway, Ben Ehst, Fialek, Fong, Karen Hudzik, Hwang, Janet Ibe, Mike Jorda, Christine Kelly, Kennedy, Tabby Konkoly, Gail Meyers, Catherine Okelman, Peterson, Podojil, Margie Pagotelis, Piekarz, Wendy Riordan, Sarah Roose, Sen, Carolyn Simpson, Felicia Vastalo, Diana Volodka, Allison Walis, Andrea Wolfe, Maria Wuchich, Wright and Zicarelli.

Girl wins scholarship

Maria Zurbano of Darien, a student at Downers Grove South High School, was selected by the Boosters' Organization Parent Committee as an outstanding senior. She will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Freshman Dennis Cajigas, sophomore Matt Ertz and junior Karen Hudzik, all of Downers Grove, were chosen by band director Al Roselieb and his staff to receive \$200 each to use toward further music education.

Music transcends language barriers

By Lisa Daigle

While spoken language can be a barrier, music is a language that everyone understands.

The Youth Concert Band representing the Music School of Bietigheim in Bisingen, Germany, is visiting Downers Grove South High School this week during a tour of the United States.

The band presented a concert Sunday at the high school and visited with students Monday. German band members and teachers stayed with District 99 host families.

Siebylle Patriarca, a German music student participating in the exchange, said she is learning American culture and customs and "that music is the language that is spoken in all countries."

When she spoke to high school students, Patriarca said, most wanted to know what the legal driving and drinking ages are in Germany and what they do for fun on their time off.

She also was asked about the reunification of Germany.

"It went very fast," Patriarca said.

While some West Germans are angered by the large groups of former East Germans looking for jobs and housing, she isn't. She likened the former East Germany to a Third-World nation.

Student interaction helps to break down some of the cultural barriers, showing students that there are similarities, said Thomas Schaefer, a German percussion instructor.

"When they are standing in the hallway you can't tell who is who," Schaefer said.

The experience teaches students about the United States and what differences and similarities there are between the two countries, he said.

"It's a different country with different habits," Schaefer said.

The Music School is funded by the state. It focuses on playing, preparing students to play in professional orchestras and bands, he said.

"I've got a student who started playing Brahms at age 6," Schaefer said.

He has another 20-year-old student who just enrolled.

School District 99 orchestra members and Downers Grove South High School concert band members plan to visit Germany for 10 days during spring vacation next year to perform and learn about German culture, he said.

"We planned it last year but it was cancelled because of the war," Alan Roslieb, music director said.

The musicians spent five days in the Chicago area and will spend 10 days in Kansas City performing and interacting with students.

Darien Progress



SPECIAL GUESTS — German band members Jan Dietrich, Diana Dapper and Melanie Menrath show the saxophones they played in a special concert Sunday, April 13 for area residents.

PHOTO BY ELIAS ZIMIANITIS

Germans bring music to area

by Janet Pimentel

In Germany, there is such a love of music that over 90 percent of the population knows how to play some type of musical instrument, even if it is just for fun.

Downers Grove Community High School District 99 students, parents and officials learned these and other fascinating German facts after rolling out the red carpet for 68 members of the German student band known as Jugendblasorchester der Musikschule der Stadt Bietigheim-Bissingen.

The German band arrived Friday, April 10, for a five-day stay as part of its yearly tour of the United States, which includes an 11-day stopover in Shawnee, Kan.

The visitors received a candid glimpse of American home life, as well as shared stories of their homeland, since families of Downers Grove South Band members volunteered to serve as host families.

"I hope they take back with them our friendliness and realization that even though our countries are different in many ways we are alike," said Downers Grove resident Robert Hudzik, who had six German band members stay at his home.

Martin Bauer, a 21-year-old French horn player who stayed with the Hudziks, said he was surprised that our shopping malls are 10 times the size of those in his country. The six students requested to visit a mall with the Hudziks to buy blue jeans because they are much more expensive in Germany than in America.

"We mainly have department stores in our cities," Bauer said in clear, understandable English, because all German students are required to learn it as part of their curriculum.

The German students were allowed to experience the American school system by attending classes at Downers North and South high schools Monday, April 14. During the day, they also played a rehearsal with the Downers South band.

The highlight of their visit was a special concert performance at Downers South Sunday, April 13. Almost 500 area residents attended and wished the students well on their visit.

But whether the German students will be allowed to play a farewell concert Wednesday, April 15, at the Daley Civic Center was still undetermined at press time Tuesday afternoon due to the downtown flooding problem.

Club News



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS — Old friends meet again at recent Downers Grove Evening Kiwanis Club meeting. They are Alan Roselieb, Downers Grove South High band director, Reimund Schiffer, conductor of the visiting German band, Heltz Steidel, minister of culture and sports of Bietigheim-Bissingen, and Evening Kiwanian Bob Jacobs.

Grove Evening Kiwanis Club in 1985. That year a 45-piece accordion band visited the community.

In 1988 a brass band visited Downers Grove, and in 1990 a string orchestra from Bietigheim-Bissingen toured.

Almost 200 Downers Grove families have been involved during the four visits, Kiwanian Bob Jacobs said. "It's been a blessing for Downers Grove," Jacobs said.

This intercultural exchange began when Jacobs learned that the traveling band was visiting Kansas and also wanted to see Chicago. Jacobs recognized the opportunity for an international relations project for the Downers Grove Evening Kiwanis Club in coordination with Alan Roselieb's Downers Grove South High School band.

In 1990 and 1992 the South High band took over responsibility for the visiting band with community support from the Kiwanis and other organizations.

A combined Downers Grove South and North band plans to visit Bietigheim-Bissingen next spring. A trip there in 1991 was cancelled due to the Persian Gulf war.

German friends visit DG Kiwanis

The Downers Grove Evening Kiwanis Club had the opportunity to learn about Germany's current political situation when the adult chaperones of the visiting German band from Bietigheim-Bissingen, Germany attended a recent club meeting.

The 72-piece band arrived in Downers Grove April 10 as part of their yearly tour of the United States, which also included an 11-day stopover in Kansas. The musicians ranged in age from 15 to 22.

The students stayed with local families and experienced a candid glimpse of American home life. Two concerts, one for area residents and another at Chicago Daley Center, were presented during the stay.

"It's become a tradition to be in Downers Grove. I feel at home here," said Heinz Steidel, minister of culture and sports of Bietigheim-Bissingen. "It is an exchange in culture, music, understanding and good will," he added.

The band's first trip to Downers Grove was entirely supported and organized through the Downers

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Seniors



Dana
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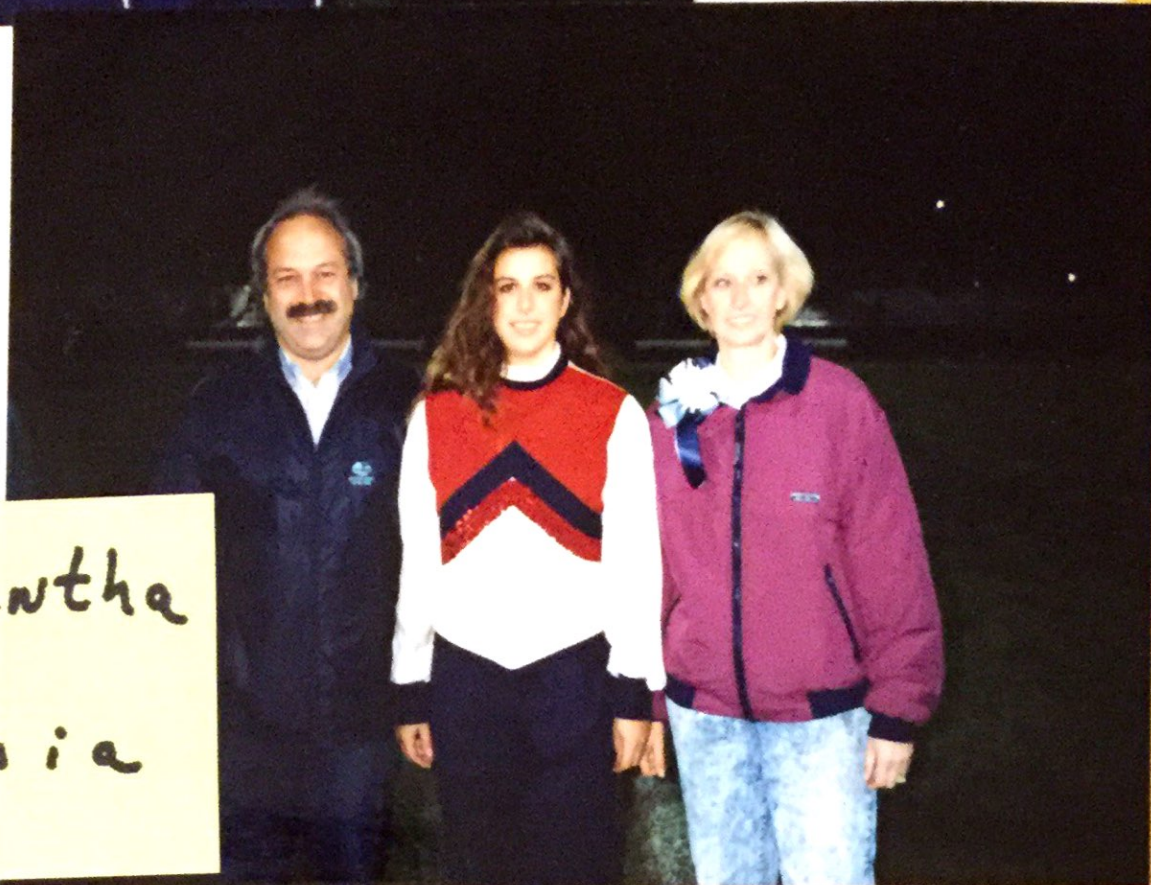
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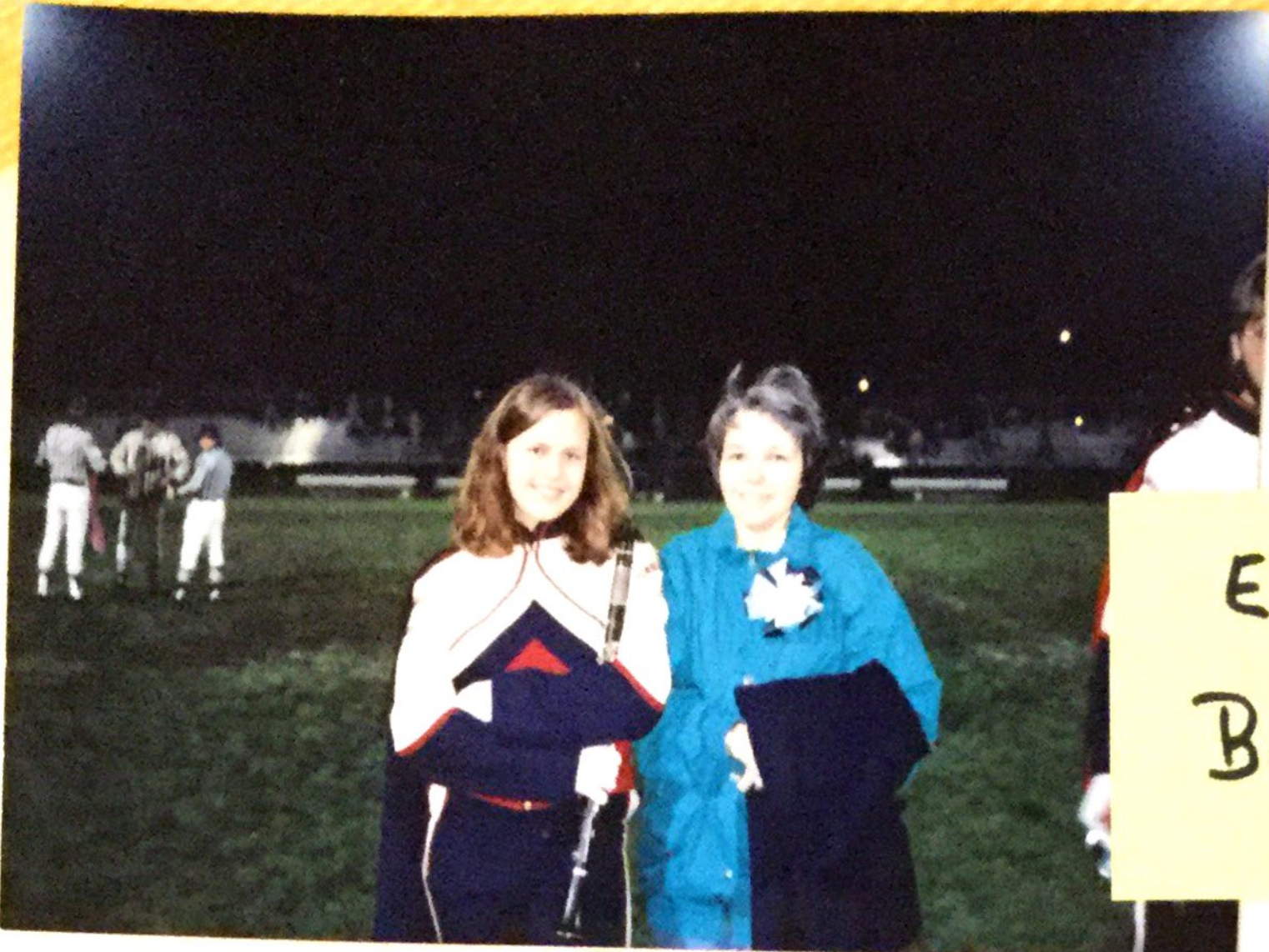
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Deuter



Jack
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Michael
Cala way



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Bogusch



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Bellisario



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Alfaro



Brooks
Rayle



Amy
Veith



Corianne
Hwang



John
Zicarelli



Liz
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Becky
Silvia



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