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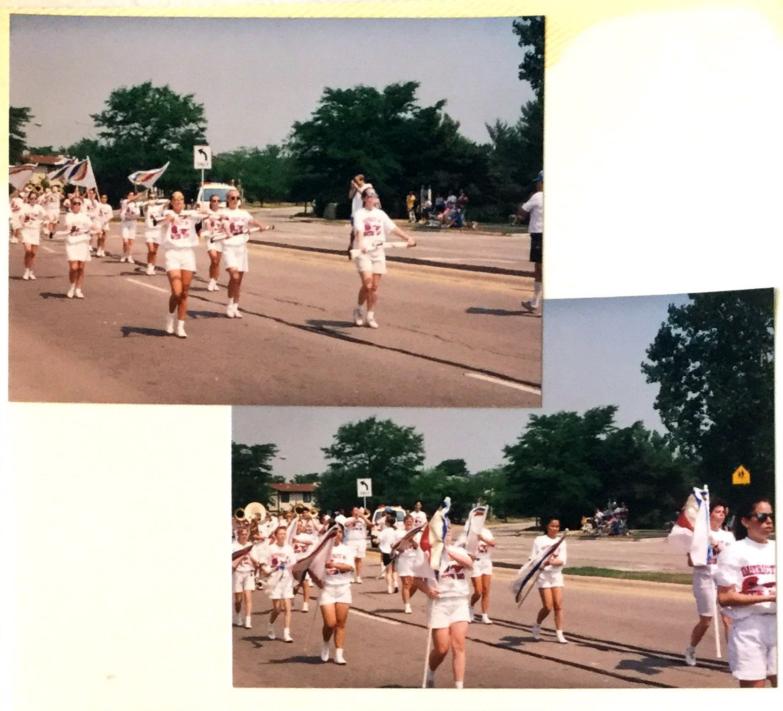
Seventy-six trombones?

District 99 Marching Band members (from left)
Zak Stall of Woodridge, Aimee Campos of
Downers Grove and Steve Graunke of Darien
practice for Monday's appearance in the Dow-

ners Grove Fourth of July Parade. The band is a cooperative effort of the band directors of Downers Grove North and South high schools and features students from both schools.



Seniors??





































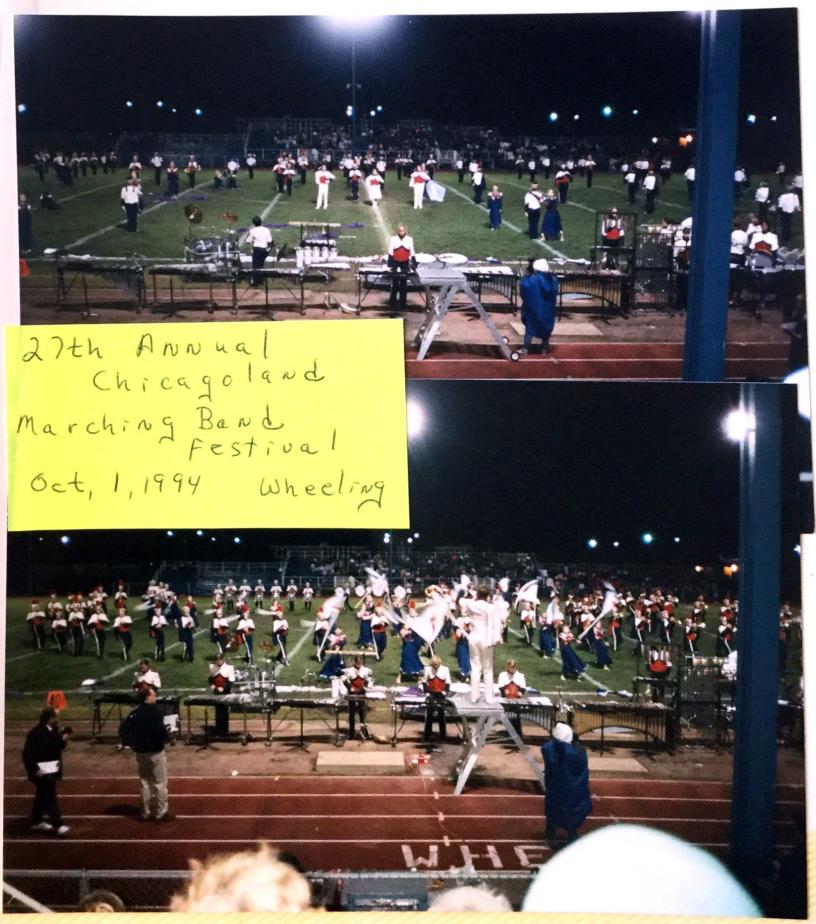












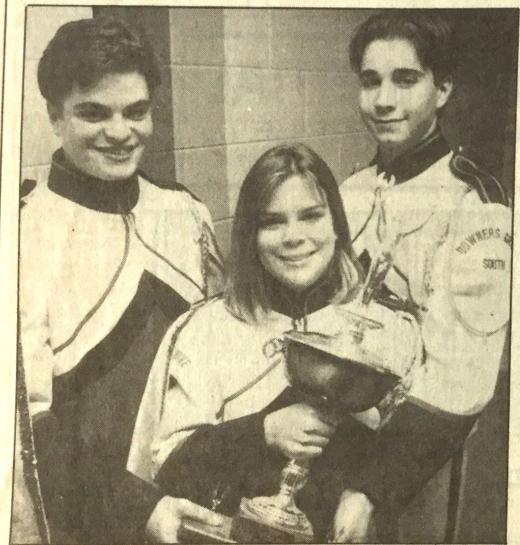








and Place Class AAA Band



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Mustang music-makers

Band members at Downers Grove South High School Joel Allison, Woodridge (left), Karen Bennett, Downers Grove, and Chris Young, Downers Grove, display the second-place prize the band won in Class Triple-A competition at the Chicagoland Marching Band Festival. The 140-member band performed a show with a Western theme.







DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER

Coming Up

Retirement Planning: The American Lung Association offers a free semi-nar on retirement planning and estate protection from 10 a.m. to noon at the Downers Grove Park District's Lincoln Center, room 503, 935 Maple Ave., DG. Local financial and legal experts will take part in a panel discussion. For reservations call the American Lung Association of DuPage and McHenry Counties at 469-2400.

ibrary Input: The Downers Grove Public Library Board hosts a public meet-Ling for residents to share ideas on how the library should grow to better meet patrons' needs at 7:30 p.m. in the library's meeting room, 1050 Curtiss St., DG.

Band-O-Rama: Downers Grove South High School presents the first Band-O-Rama at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium, 1436 Norfolk Ave., DG. The Mustang band, cheerleaders and the Fillies pompon squad will perform. Ad-

ounty Board: Residents are invited to attend the next DuPage County Board meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the County Board room, third floor, administration building, 421 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton.

Suburban LIFE Graphic, Saturday, October 22, 1994

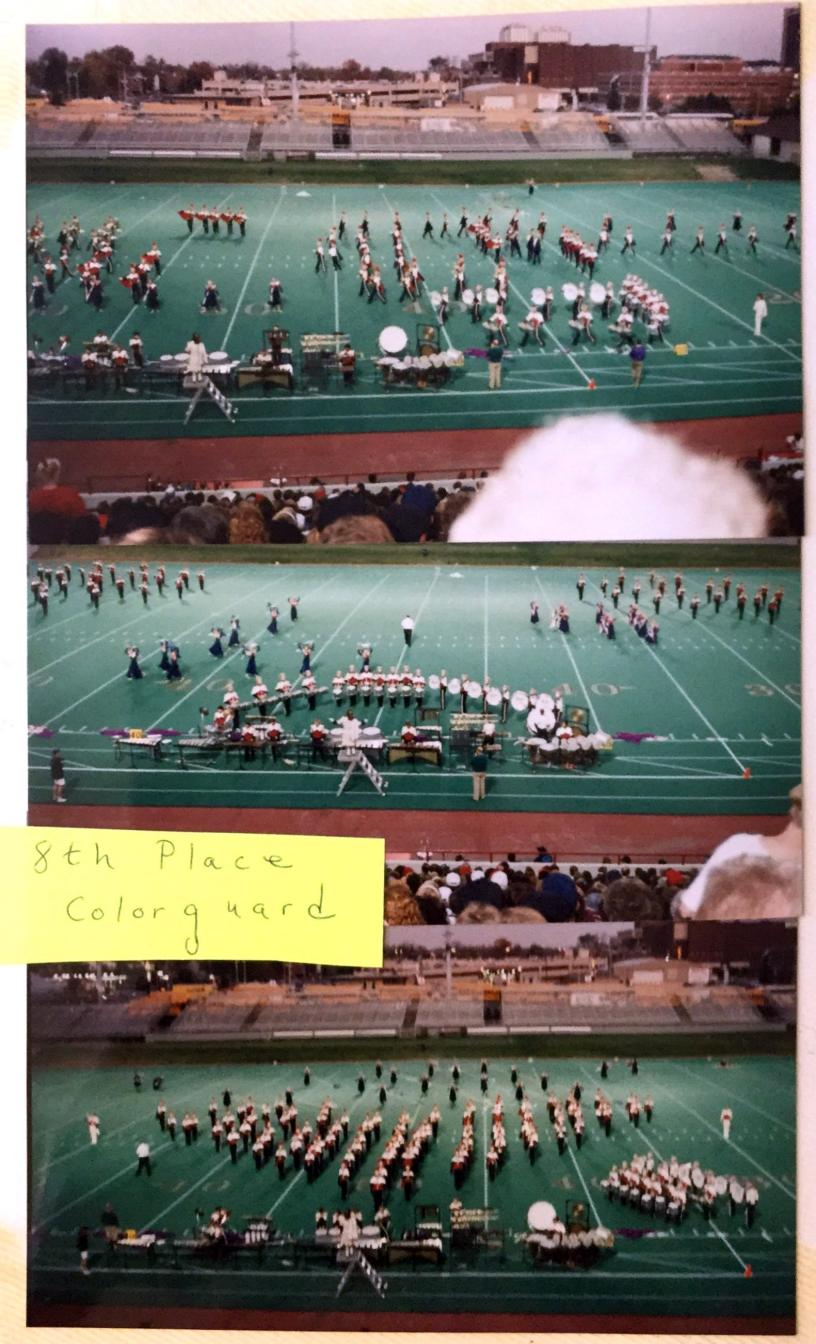
'Band-o-rama' is set for Tuesday

The Downers Grove South High School Mustang Band Boosters will present the first "Band-o-rama" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, with performances by the Mustang Band, cheerleaders and the Fillies.

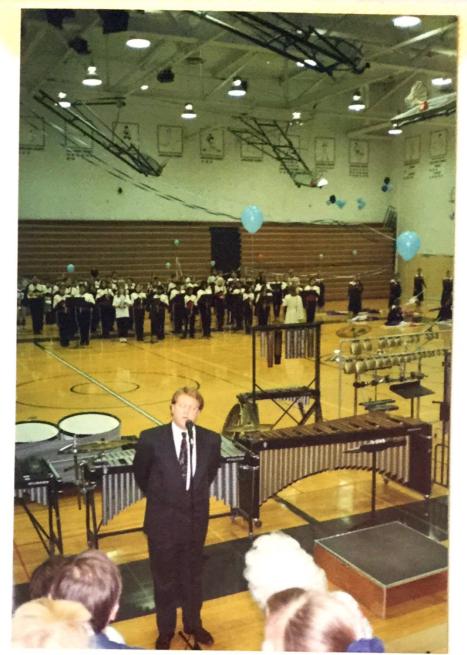
Admission is free for the event, which will take place at Downers Grove South High School gymnasium, 1436 Norfolk St., Downers Grove.





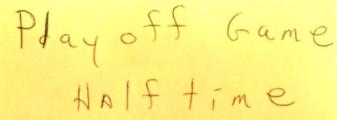


BAND, O. RAMA















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Coming Up

Thursday, Feb. 23

Band Concert: Downers Grove South High School Mustang bands present the music of "two ages" in a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium, 1436 Norfolk Ave., Downers Grove. Admission is free.

The Suburban LIFE Graphic, Saturday, February 18, 1995

High school bands to play free concert

The Mustang Bands of Downers Grove South High School will present a free concert featuring songs from two musical ages Thursday.

The school's two Concert bands and the Symphonic Wind Ensemble will play music from the golden age by Gilbert and Sullivan and Camille Saint-Saens and the modern age by Vincent Persichetti, Malcolm Arnold and Frank Bencriscutto, as well as other composers.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the school at 1436 Norfolk St., Downers Grove.

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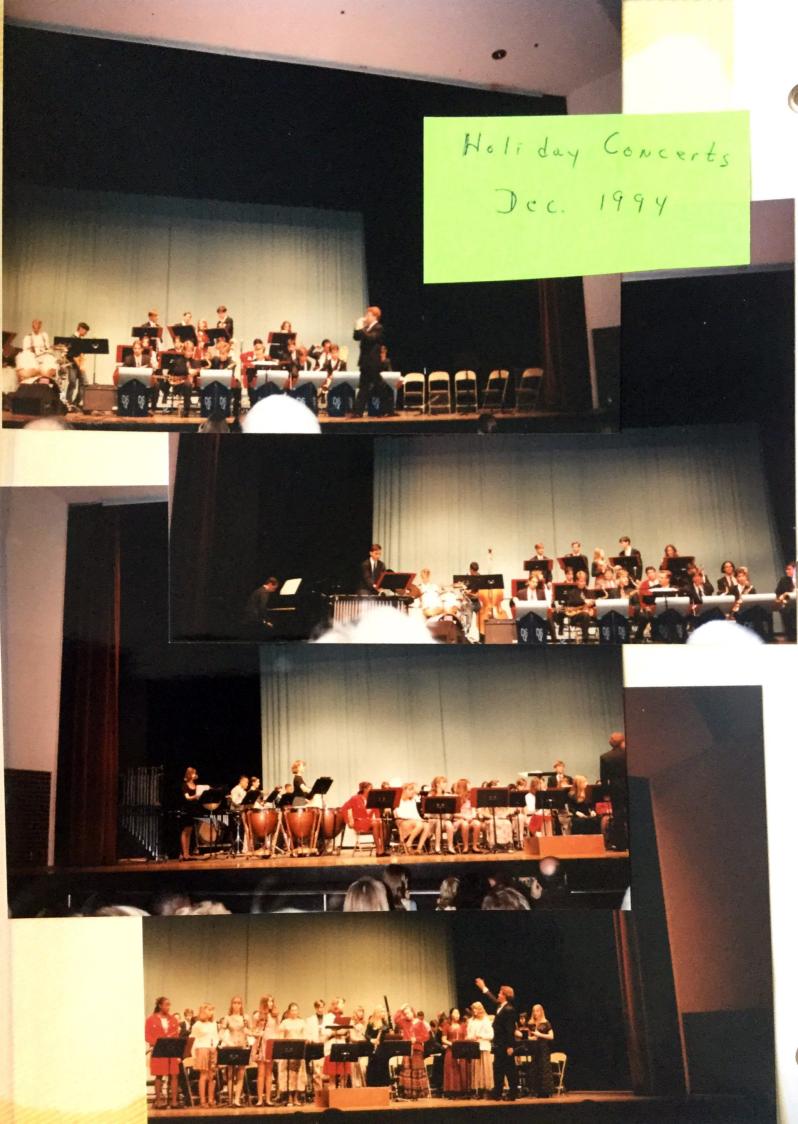
Thursday, November 3, 1994



Strike up the band

Photo by Kristen Norfleet

Cheers, fanfare and celebration followed the Downers Grove South varsity football victory Saturday - leaving the team ranked top in the state. Details in sports.























Drumline beats path to success

Not many people have had the opportunity to be a part of a kaleidoscope; but the 36 members of the Downers Grove South High School Indoor Drumline are practically living there.

Several of the Drumline members live in Woodridge.



Woodridge Rap

Nancy Duderstadt

Darin Achilles, Joel Allison, Lachea Hall, Doug Paxson, Barb Pittinger, John Tautkus and Kristina Wilson are some of the incredibly talented musicians that make up this group.

All 36 members are volunteers, and there is no class credit or practice time during regular school hours. Instead, and built by Drumline parents. they practice at night, sometimes until 10 p.m. "These kids are like an extended family," says instructor Dwayne Rawl. "Sometimes if we have a 6:30 practice, they don't even go home. They take homework to the band room and do it, rehearse, do homework, rehearse...."

The Indoor Drumline consists of "the pit," a section of mallet instruments far removed from the PlaySkool xylophone. There actually is a xylophone, but there also are marimbas, chimes, a vibraphone, electravibes, laser bells and a synthesizer. There is an instrument called a bellaphone, which is one of a kind, invented by Rawl

The Drumline also boasts a battery, which is made up of snare, bass and several tenor drums. A framework of five drums is each carried by a member. The Drumline is in a constant state of motion, with pit members moving from one instrument to another, and the drummers bobbing and weaving like boxers.

The kaleidoscope effect comes into play when the cymbal section does its thing. The cymbal line uses not only cymbals, but props as well to add color and interpret the music that is being performed. The

Drumline performs a sevenminute program, and every minute is full of life and movement. There are sharp, staccato moves and the fluid beauty of rhythmic gymnastics and their ribbons.

This weekend, the DGS Indoor Drumline heads to the Mideast Regional Competition in Miamisburg, Ohio. The music was written specifically for the line by Rawl. "The Saga of Sven Babuta" is based on a true story of a Viking of African descent.

The Suburban LIFE Graphic, Saturday, March 18, 1995

Drumline gives lively performance



Sean Archer of Downers Grove awaits his cue to hit the gong during a practice session of the 36-member Drumline musical team.



Members of the Downers Grove South High School Indoor Drumline include xylophonists (from left) Frances Zurbano and Joanne Ha, both of Darien, and Joel Allison of Woodridge. Directed by Dwayne Rawl of Downers Grove, the Downers team placed ninth out of 42 participating teams in the WGI World Nationals in Ohio.













The Suburban LIFE Graphic, Saturday, June 17, 1995

Downers South teens receive band awards

Seven Downers Grove South High School students received awards for their participation in the school's bands.

Downers Grove residents to receive awards were Karen Bennett, Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award; Louise Richart, Louis Armstrong Jazz Award; Sean Archer, Downers South Jazz Soloist Award; Jim Sterner, Alan D. Roselieb Outstand-

ing Band Student Award; and Caresse Broker, Downers South Indoor Percussion Award.

Darin Achilles of Woodridge received the John Philip Sousa Award. The Downers South Color Guard Award went to Jenny Ehrsam of Westmont.

The honors were awarded to each of the students during an end-of-the-year band banquet held in May.

WOODRIDGE PROGRESS

Coming Up

Friday, March 31

Dillard Talk: The Downers Grove Women's Republican Club invites all interested women in the area to hear state Sen. Kirk Dillard (R-41, Hinsdale) speak on what's going on in Springfield, at 7:30 p.m. at the Downers Grove Public Library, 1050 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. For information call 960-1349 or 963-6310.

Plant Sale: The Downers Grove South Mustang Band has a spring plant sale now through Tuesday, April 18. Orders of flats of impatiens, marigolds, petunias, begonias and other spring plants are taken, by a band member or call 963-8815 for information, Pickup date is Saturday, May 6.

Spring plant sale

Downers Grove South High School Mustang Band is sponsoring a spring plant sale through Tuesday, April 18.

Flats of impatiens, marigolds, petunias, begonias and other spring plants will be available. Potted geraniums and hanging baskets are also available.

Orders may be taken by any band members or they may be placed by calling 963-8815.

Saturday, May 6, is the pick up date.







