

South of the Border Fiesta

The halftime theme took fans away to a Mexican Fiesta with music consisting of *Barcelona*, *Speak Up Mambo*, *Charanga*, and *El Cafe*.

With these spirited numbers, the band earned a Division I at the Regional U.I.L. Marching Band contest for the fifth consecutive year. This rating advanced the band to the area contest in Lubbock.

Four students performed in the Solo & Ensemble Contest in February. Suzanne Kelton and Mickey Underwood received a Division I on their Class II solos, while Greg Smith and Amanda Gonzales rated a Division II on Class I solos.

During the spring, students worked each day on concert tunes including *Firebrook Prelude*, *Variations on an English Folk Song*, and *Model Song and Dance*, to prepare them for the 1996 concert and sight-reading competition in April. There they earned a Division I in the concert contest and a Division II in sight-reading.

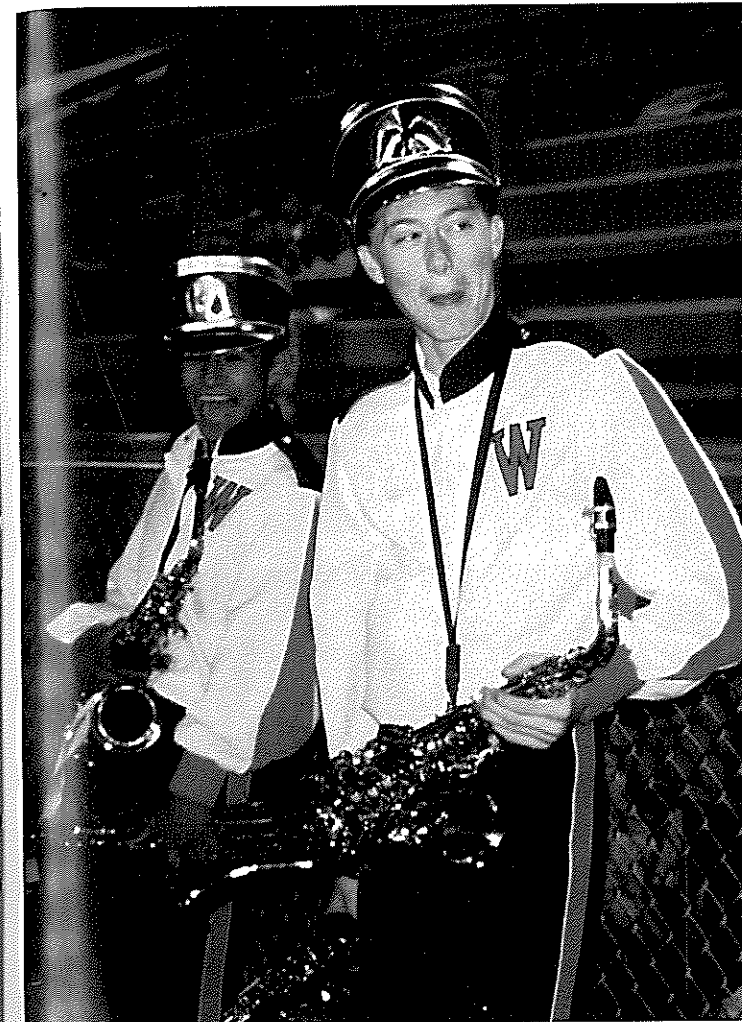
The failure to earn Divisions I's in both categories was a disappointment since this prevented the band from winning their fourth sweepstakes in a row.

But the band did not let this loss get the best of them. On April 20, while on the bi-annual band trip, they competed in the Big 'D' Music Contest in Dallas. There, the Baad Cat Band not only received a Division I 'Superior' rating, but also was named the Most Outstanding Class A Band at the event.

Leading the 1995-96 Baad Cat Band were sophomore drum major Shawn Matthews and assistant, senior Amanda Gonzales.



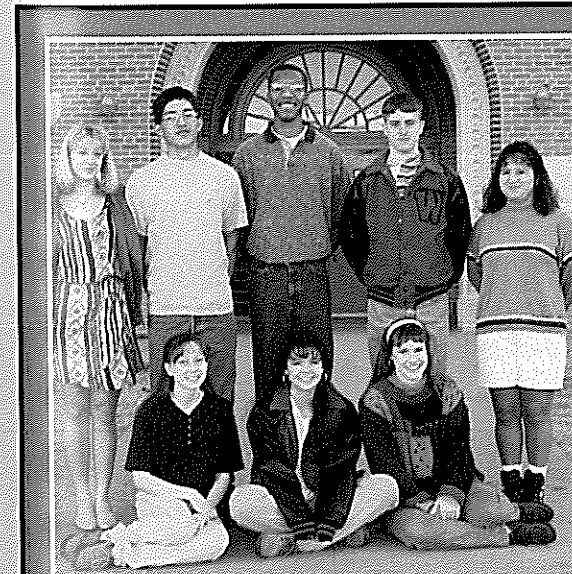
Sophomores Thomas Gonzales and Greg Smith take a break while awaiting their chance to perform during halftime.



Rookie members Mandi and Marci McCallister help boost Wildcat spirit by playing to the best of their ability.



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The 1995-96 Band Council: back - Mindy Wilkinson, Tim Lara, Shawn Matthews, Sheldon Claborn, and Amanda Gonzales; front - Jennifer McGehee, Ashley Robertson, and Tina Wilson.



The 1995-96 Flag Corps: back - Amy Hawkins, Casie Slaughter, Jennifer Tinkler, Twila McKee, Amber Connell, and Tina Wilson; front - Mandi Haring, Michelle Harbin, and Lisa Claborn.