

# A Clean Sweep!

If success is judged by awards won, then the Wildcat Band of 97-98 reached a pinnacle of excellence by winning its third sweepstakes in the past five years.

To reach this height, the band had to receive a Division I rating at the UIL Marching Band Contest in the fall and the same superior rating at the Concert and Sightreading Contest during the spring.

On top of the UIL Sweepstakes Award, the band also took first division and Best in Class for their performance at the Torchlight Parade Music Festival while on the band trip to Crested Butte, Colorado.

This brought the high school band careers of eighteen talented musicians to a close. The seniors and Director Tom Burns possess a special bond since Mr. Burns first year at Wink was the first year of band for this class.

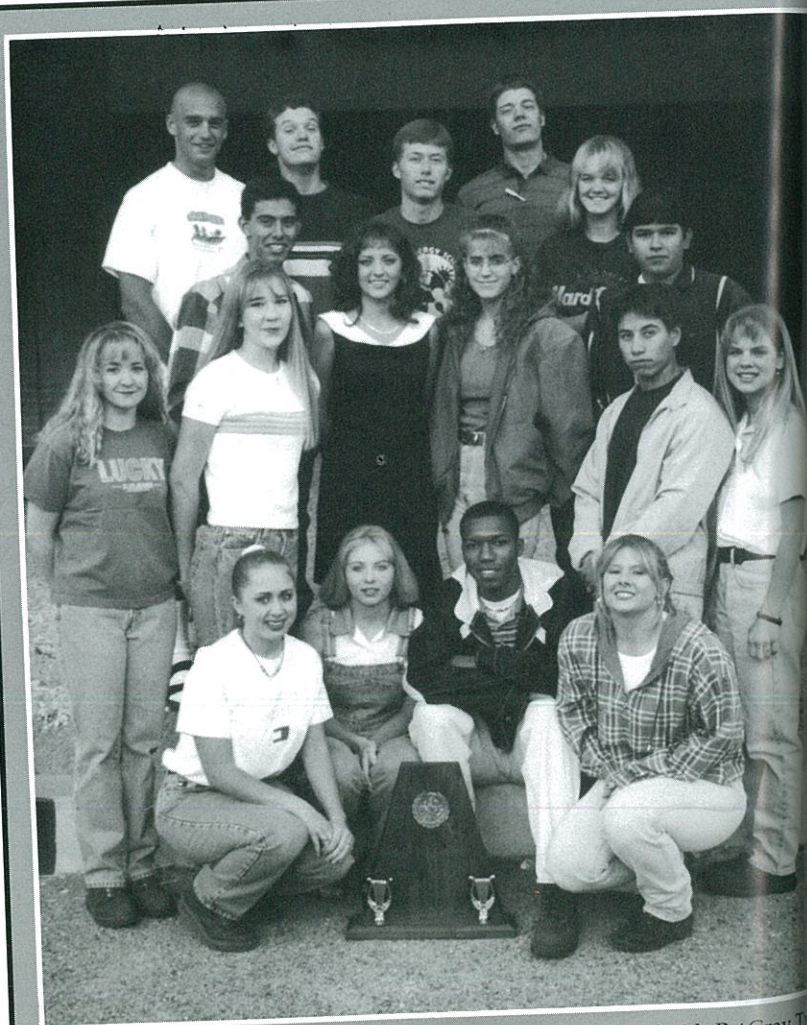


Band Members including Dustin Loftin, Lavenda Bingham and Amber Loftin perform during the pre-game homecoming festivities.

At the UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest held during the spring, sophomore Sam Haring and Shanna Dennis and senior Greg Smith all received first division ratings. Sam played the tuba, Shanna the baritone, and Greg played both the alto and baritone saxophone.



Senior Twila Mckee may not feel overjoyed being at a 7 o'clock morning rehearsal, but the hard work paid off with a Division I rating at the UIL Marching Band Contest.



Senior Band Members: Alan Watts, Jody Soltero, Clifton Hall, Greg Smith, Pat Gray, Twila Mckee, Omar Armendariz, Joni Clark, Joe Renteria, Amber Loftin, Desiree Bickle, Amy Hawkins, Jennifer McCalib, Mandi Haring, Amanda Henderson, Shawn Matthews, Misty Lukins. Not shown - Mickey Underwood.



Drum Major  
Shawn Matthews

Assistant Drum Major  
Amanda Henderson



Flag corps: back-Casie Slaughter, Melissa Garcia, Aimee Williamson, Michelle Harbin and Lisa Claborn; front-Amanda Haring, Twila Mckee and Amy Hawkins.



Band council: Greg Smith, Sam Haring, Shawn Matthews, Swen Swenson, Amanda Henderson, Desiree Bickle, Amy Hawkins, Jennifer McGehee, Ashley Abila and Amanda Haring.