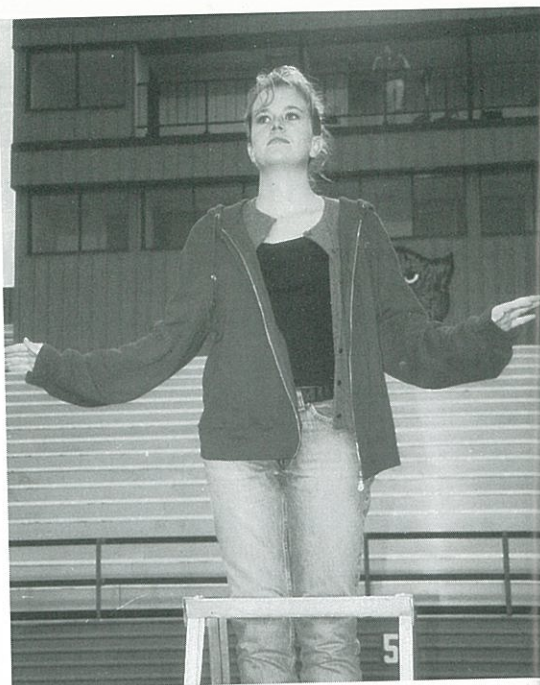


Band director, Mr. Dean Kiesling, escorts the Wildcat Band onto the field for their Regional UIL Marching Contest performance at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

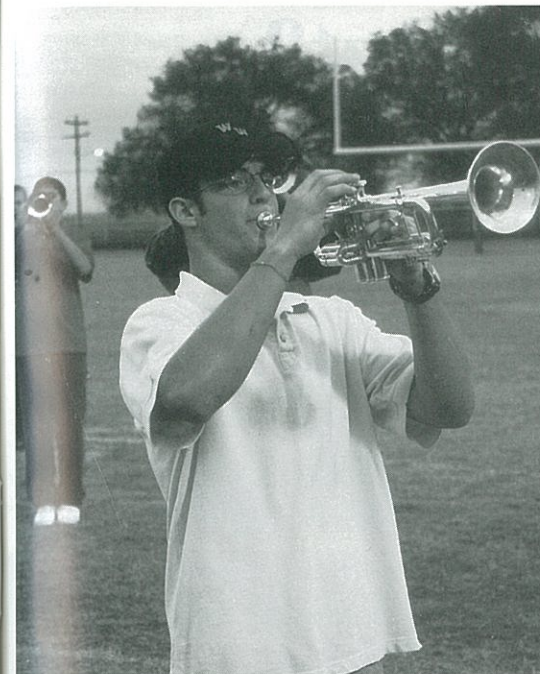


From her perch atop a ladder, senior drum major Jolee Hanna directs the band's movements as it runs through its show for UIL competition.

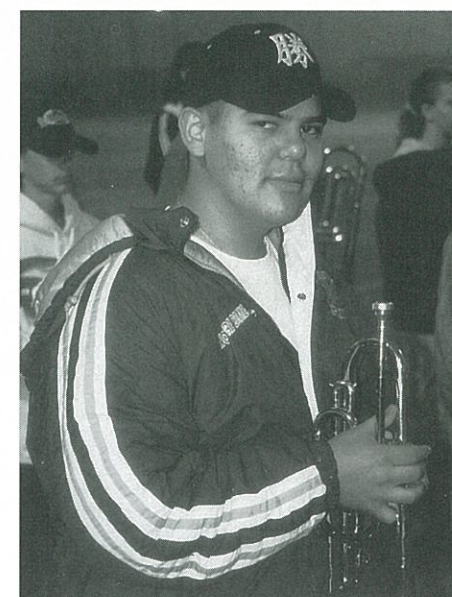


On a foggy October morning, senior Melissa Shackelford plays her clarinet in preparation for the regional contest.

Senior band member Marco Enriquez plays at attention during the beginning of the band's show one morning on Wildcat field.

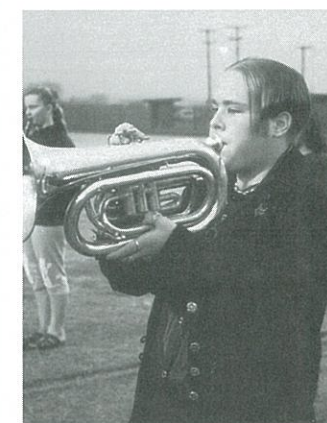


Freshman Terry Rich diligently concentrates on perfecting his solo performance.



Senior Larry Hernandez heads back to the band hall after morning practice on the football field.

Junior Chris McCalib plays along with other band members as they practice for marching contest.



The cornet section adds its brassy flare to the musical array the band plays in support of Wildcats on the field.

Again, From the Top!



Just as with athletic teams, sometimes a band experiences a rebuilding year when the enthusiasm of youth can't quite fill the void created by inexperience. Such was the case for the Wildcat Band during the 2000 marching season. Fifteen of the fifty-two members were in their rookie year, and another twenty were freshmen. Even with a core of veteran musicians, the band received a Division III rating at the Regional UIL Marching Band Contest and ended its streak of nine consecutive Division I ratings. Since the band loses only six members to graduation, the added year of marching experience should offer a firm foundation for the building of another streak of Division I performances.