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After an off-year, and with only four seniors and six juniors among its members, the Wildcat Band earned Division I ratings from all three judges at the Region VI UIL Marching Contest held October 20, at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. The superior rating qualified the band for area competition. This renewed success resulted in part from the leadership given by the upper classmen to younger band members and from the enthusiastic determination of all to return to Division I status. Under the direction of Mr. Dean Kiesling, and with a lively repertoire consisting of *Boogie-Woogie Bugle Boy*, *Wave*, *Bill Bailey* and *Jump*, *Jive an' Wail*, the band had fun entertaining its audiences throughout the season.



During the band's special number, JV cheerleader Jacque Carrasco concentrates on doing her part to entertain a pep rally crowd.

Sophomores Zach Hanna and Colby Worden, along with eighth grader Chris Lujan, fill the air with music during early morning band practice.





CATS! The featured percussion section entertains the crowd with the band's rendition of *Bill Bailey*.

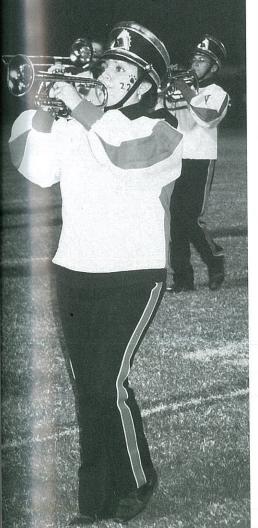
Andrea Ojeda's determination for success shows as she practices for the UIL marching contest.

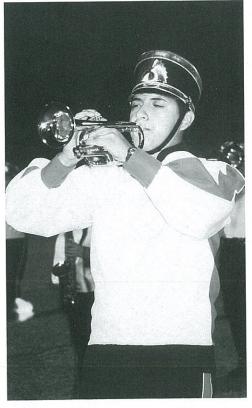


A joyous relief shows on the face of senior drum major Stephanie Cross as she and the band take a final bow upon completion of their UIL Area Marching Band Contest performance.









Senior Emilio Marrufo, a five year veteran of the Wildcat Band, adds his musical talent to a Friday night halftime performance.

Senior cornet player Britney Brooks proudly exhibits her school spirit with a hand-painted paw print and the number of fellow senior, Cody Garratt.



Jennifer Adams leads cheers for the Wildcats during the game and then fills the role of assistant drum major and plays her trumpet during the band's halftime performance.