

Gary Ross, singer of I Forgot, belts out the lyrics to Skid Row's song, "A Piece of Me."

A trombone? Yes - - even this instrument, played by Mark Dickmann, is heard at the battle!



A Chance for Talent to Shine



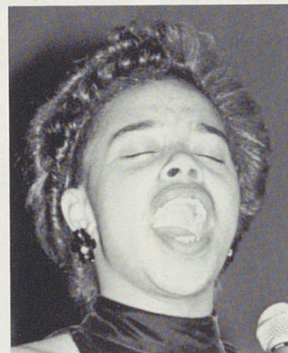
Providing entertainment between the bands' acts were Jason Phelps, Josh Housh, and Brian McRedmond.

The third annual Battle of the Bands was held on March 22. This year's five contenders were: Fear Not, Fuzzy Beale, I Forgot, Luvin' Oven, and No Outlet. A sell out crowd packed the Little Theater anxious to see their favorite bands perform. "A group of us decided to go and when we got there late, we could hardly find a seat," said junior Meredith Shuller.

To qualify for participation each band went through a judging committee comprised of student council members. Controversy arose that judging was biased towards friends and over the fact that students could not vote until the Battle ended. Many students left after their favorite band played and therefore could not vote for them. Eric Lovejoy, who played in both No Outlet and I Forgot, had this to say, "As a member of No Outlet, this was my third year in the Battle that we haven't placed. I just hope that next year our friends stay

to vote."

Another program organized to display talent was this year's Variety Show. It consisted of dance acts, monologues, singing, and a drum solo judged and selected by Ms. Leslie Knotts. Students had chances to then practice their work together with other groups before the big night.



Masters of Ceremonies Doug and Greg Huber and Julie

Neenan managed to keep the crowd noise to a dull roar as the next act prepared to go on stage.

Chris George, who played in a guitar duet with Mike Hurst, thought the evening went well. "We messed up a few times but we still had fun. It's just cool to get a chance to do something you wouldn't normally do without being anything spectacular," said George.

Overall, students agreed that this year's battle and variety show were a success. Sophomore Veronica Proctor summed it up, "It was fun to see my friends on stage and all the talent that everyone has."

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