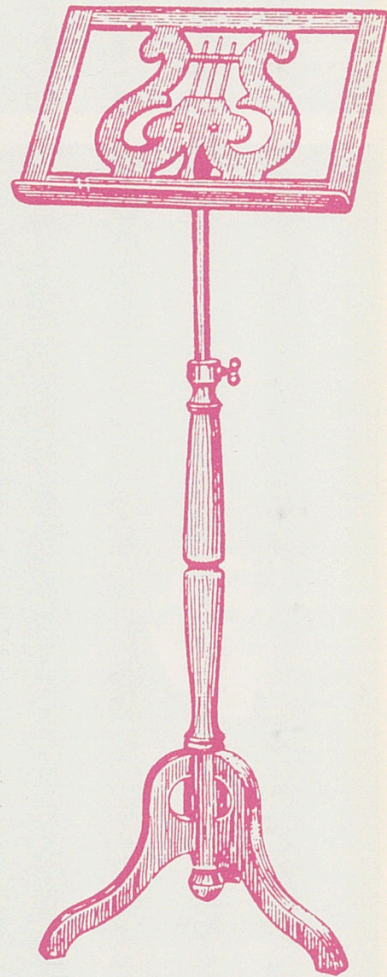


Brittany Coleman, Amy Roberson, and Kilian Jacobs help the choir out at the winter concert.



ohn Barton shows off his amateur musical talent in his guitar class.

Watching the orchestra conductor intently, Allison Braid concentrates on playing her cello.

Recognition at Last

When most teachers and students think of musical instruments they usually think of the band. What other groups are there to think of? Try the group of students, who met as a class under the instruction of music teacher David Smarelli. Still have no clue? How about the orchestra which was a unique and talented group.

"One of the things that made it so special is that we have pride in our work. Even though much of the musical influence goes towards band and choir, we are a strong part of this school. We have many talented and hard working people who deserve more recognition," freshman member Amy Rothman said.

Although they felt they did not receive enough attention, the group was quite special. "In recent years the orchestra has improved tremendously. We take the music seriously, but we all like to have fun,"

said sophomore Jenny Wu. Orchestra members thought the orchestra was excellent for different reasons. Janna Giroux, freshman, said, "Mr. Smarelli makes orchestra special because of all the fun and hard work he puts into our practices."

"Everyone works really hard to make the music something we can be proud of," freshman member Jenny Meeker said.

So, if the orchestra was talented and unique, why did some feel they did not receive enough attention and recognition this past year?

"We need more announcements and banners about our concerts. It would be nice to have more people at our concerts and to know when an event is coming up," Meeker commented.

Although the year is over and the orchestra has come and gone virtually without leaving a mark, the lucky few who have heard them play all believe they were special and deserved more attention. Also, to the small group of talented students, it stands out as a vivid memory forever.

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