

The Choirs Rate

Superior

The Vocal Music Department, headed by Mrs. Brenda Huffines, has always been a strong program both because of the choirs' performances in general and the individuals' time and effort that make those performances "superior." This year was certainly no exception as 24 "superior" ratings were amassed at the District Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Twenty-five soloists and 77 vocalists in 11 ensembles performed for judges who closely watched for and listened to tone, harmony, enunciation, clarity, and overall quality of sound. The judges commented, "Fine attention to the text and meaning; good dynamic contrast, and vowel work has been studied carefully."

Such attention to detail by the judges caused the singers to closely scrutinize their work during practices looking for weak points and imperfections. A mental holding of breath over troubled spots was experienced by all during the perfor-

mance for the judges. Because of the ratings received at the Solo and Ensemble contest, the choirs were eligible to compete at the State Chorus Contest.

Another highlight in the Vocal Music Department's "superior" year was the Spring Concert, titled "Sycamore Goes Broadway to Hollywood." The concert featured music from five well known musicals including, "Fiddler On The Roof," "West Side Story," and "South Pacific." The finale saw a performance of a medley of songs from "The Little Mermaid." Mrs. Huffines commented on the aid of Chris Beiser for putting the show together. "Much hard work went into this concert, as each choir had costumes and choreography, compliments of Chris Beiser."

At the awards banquet Mrs. Huffines said, "It was a time to honor, to thank, and to remember all the good times."

by Alison Ogle

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Chamber Choir: Front Row: M. Abrams, L. Fibbe, J. Lajti, B. Hoerner, T. Merriweather, D. Perlmutter, S. Street, A. Oliverio, M. Sudman, A. Wacksman Second Row: J. Lederach, J. Richardson, G. Huber, T. Rogers, S. Patel, S. Beck, G. Maupin Third Row: M. Berry, T. Byrd, T. Mettey, J. Schlachta, C. Honsaker, L. English, A. McLennan, R. High Last Row: O. Even-Neu, M. Fallat, S. Sakr, R. Mean, J. Whalin, J. Freas, S. Hufford, J. Frederick, N. Locker, J. Slean

Lynn Neuman sings about wanting her two front teeth for Christmas in the Holiday Concert.

Junior Tiffany Rogerson practices vocalizing with the Chamber Choir during class, in preparation for a concert.

