

# Bass slaps as Little Theater rocks at BATTLE OF BANDS

On January 22, five school bands rocked a capacity crowd in the Little Theater as part of the annual Battle of the Bands. Students had a chance to hear classmates and friends perform, and then at the end of the night they voted for their favorite band. After the votes were tallied, Mad Anthony was voted the top school band, with Vas Deferens coming in second.

The night began with the performance of Juan Valdez and the Columbian Coffee Bean Band, whose opening song was "Orange Crush," by REM. The band featured senior Tim Mettey at lead vocals, junior guitarists David McDowell and Dave Rutherford, senior Clare Mettey and sophomore Rachel Hoffman at backup vocals.

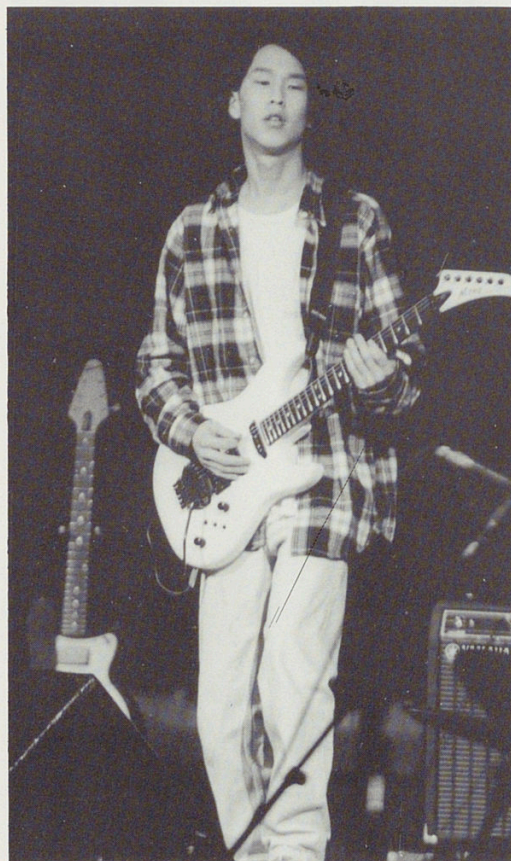
K.G.B. performed second. Their lineup included senior Mandy Woolfe singing, and senior Mike Bokatsch on bass. The band impressed the crowd with their rendition of Rush's "Freewhill," among other numbers.

The eventual winner, Mad Anthony, played third, and most of the crowd was amazed by senior guitarist Charlie Kim's solos on Metallica's songs "Through the Never" and "One." The band also featured junior George Hill on drums.

Seniors Matt Ford, Mickey LeRoy, Scott Berkley, and Mike Croiter made up the night's fourth band, Plaid Ninjas. After a long instrumental beginning, the band impressed the crowd with songs like Pearl Jam's "Evenflow," and "Fire" by Jimi Hendrix.

The night's youngest band, Vas Deferens, played last. Featuring sophomore Brian Justice singing, and freshmen Ryan Lean, Jeff Howard, and Matt Friend, the crowd was obviously convinced that they played well voting them in second place. Among the band's selections was Stone Temple Pilots' "Sex Type Thing."

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## ROCKING THE HOUSE

Ryan Mecum and Jeremy Whalen, both seniors and members of the band Frums Apap, entertain the audience in between sets. One of their many songs spoofs was "Living on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi.

## CHAMPION OF BATTLE

Charlie Kim, a senior member of Mad Anthony, plays lead guitar during "One" by Metallica. Mad Anthony, which also included students from St. Xavier and Walnut Hills High Schools, were voted champions by the students who attended.