

# MARCHING BAND GOES TO STATE

For the first time in Sycamore's history, the band qualified for state competition. Not only did the band qualify, but it received a superior rating. "We are building a tradition," director Vince Rahnfeld stated.

To earn a superior rating, the band received superior marks in all four areas: drum major, general effects, music, and auxiliaries. These accomplishments were due to a positive attitude. "Last year, our attitude about band was low," drum major Ed Kao reflected. "As a result, our performances were not that good. This year, we stressed positive band pride."

The drumline summed this change well on a sign that was placed in the bandroom after the drummers lost the best percussion award by .3 points at the Lakota Competition: ".3,

It's an attitude."

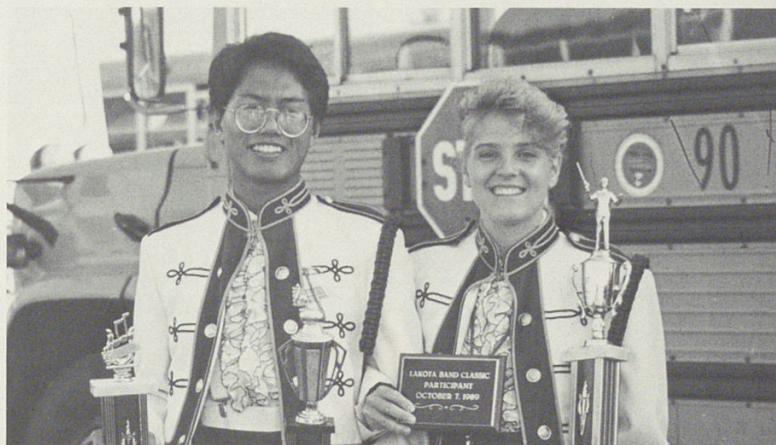
"The people in band had a taste of success," Rahnfeld reflected. "This success opened the eyes of the members, and they realized that the hard work paid off."

"Our success started with the seniors. The senior leadership was greater than previous years," Kao stated. This leadership was definitely needed due to the fact that the freshmen were allowed to march this year which meant that half of the band lacked experience. "I had low expectations because of the added inexperience. I was surprised by our accomplishments," Kao reflected.

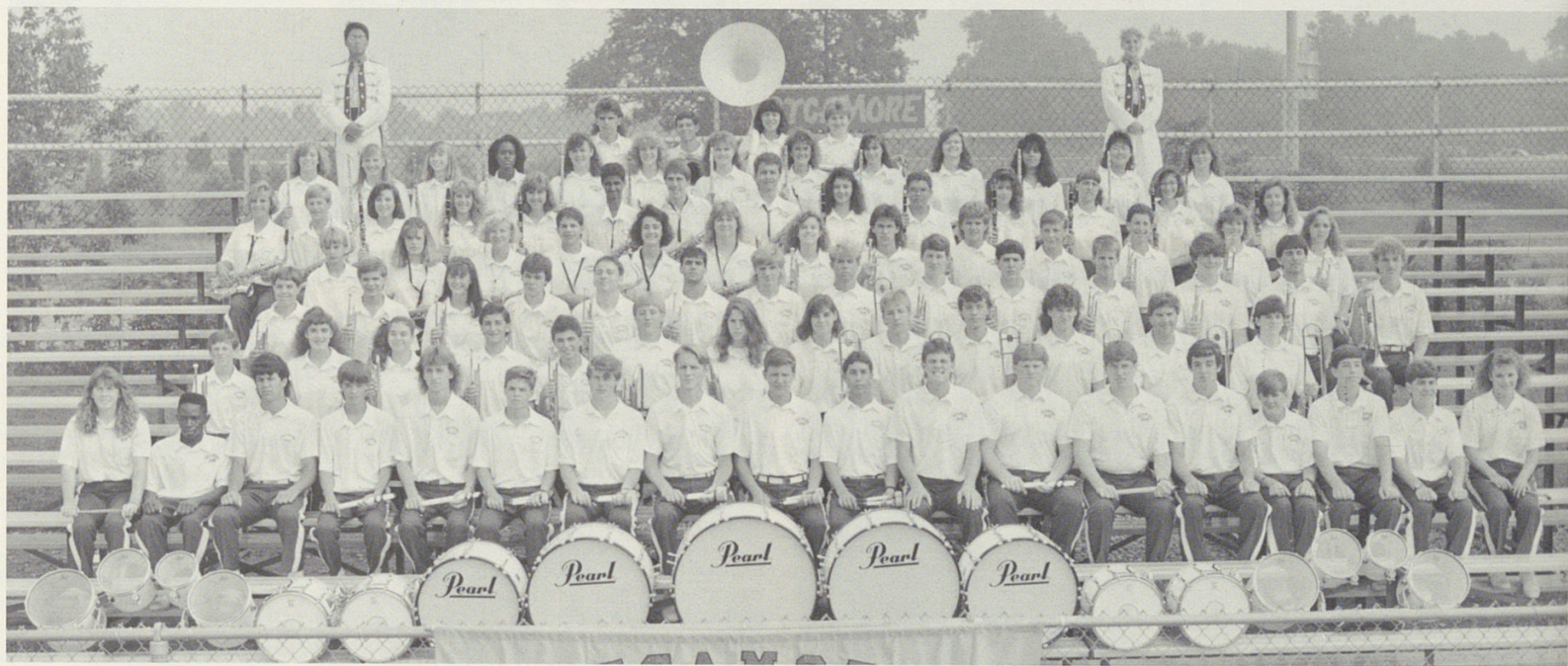
This sentiment was taken to similar degrees by Mr. Rahnfeld: "I expected a good sounding band. My expectations were exceeded."

By Sanjay Sharma

**Top:** Ed Kao and Debbi Siebe show off the band's trophies after a sweeping victory at the Lakota Band Classic.



**Bottom:** Katie Borchers, Matt Scherocman, Eric Wendlandt, and Megan Monteith prove that going to state can be a lot of fun.



**MARCHING BAND:** Row 1: C. Bock, D. Noble, T. Eppert, S. Scarborough, A. Harrison, J. Sexton, G. Goodlander, S. Sauer, A. Scott, K. Spector, B. McRedmond, B. Klein, C. Jensen, D. Moss, W. Robins, B. Barton, J. Mason, M. Jackson Row 2: M. Finn, N. Pace, M. Brannigan, D. DeMania, C. Gerson, C. Zemke, J. Noiman, M. Monteith, M. Siderits, E. Wendlandt, M. Dickmann, E. Everett, A. Tanner Row 3: J. Ashton, B. Bergethon, S. Flory, D. Christy, B. Keith, G. Huysee, J. Mindock Row 4: T. Cavanaugh, M. McCloud, K. Queen, M. Scherocman, S. Basye, P. Hardesty, M. Donovan, P. Robinson, R. Valteau, T. Anderson, A. Schwartzman, R. Brown, M. Whitworth Row 5: W. Dietrich, B. McVay, S. Walker, J. Wilhelm, D. Lehman, S. Patel, B. Silber, B. Urbanek, L. Choate, D. Spata, A. Robertson, J. Saylor, M. Smiley, E. Applegate Row 6: S. Kowalchuk, C. Brannigan, A. Ward, B. Coleman, J. Brown, J. Pape, S. Toraason, S. Robinson, J. Battistini, E. Donovan, R. Tyagi, J. Yoon, K. Wendelberger Row 7: Drum Major E. Kao, N. Godfrey, S. Mandell, K. Borchers, C. McLeod, Drum Major D. Siebe.