

# SHOWING SPIRIT

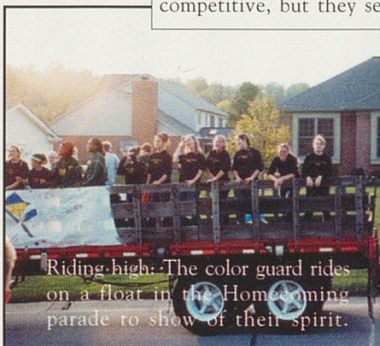


"This season was very successful, we did really well and continued to bond throughout the season,"  
**Kate Walther, 12.**

**Their flags were flying high.** The Color Guard stepped up their appearance at the football games and especially at their competitions. Captains **Kate Walther, 12**, and co-captain, **Jessica Uchtman, 11**, led their squad to new levels. They won awards, drew in crowds, and showed off their skills. These girls had a great time and also showed off their capabilities far beyond what the average student would believe.

"I have met a lot of people, that I would never have met without being in guard," said **Emily Parker, 11**.

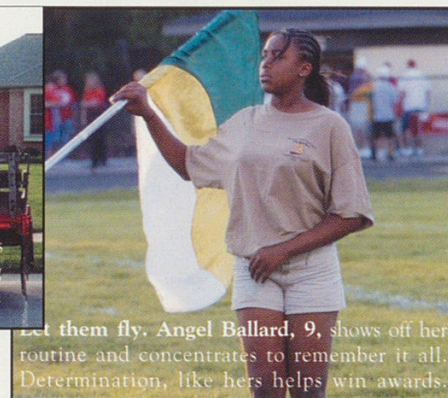
They practiced almost every day for two hours each day. This made the girls work hard and learn their routines to prepare them for their competitions all over the state. One



Riding high: The color guard rides on a float in the Homecoming parade to show off their spirit.



Competing at the top. Competing at the top. Color Guard tried their hardest to take home another award. Their competitions were extremely competitive, but they seemed to always come out on top.



Let them fly. Angel Ballard, 9, shows off her routine and concentrates to remember it all. Determination, like hers helps win awards.

of their greatest accomplishments was when they received a one at the Ohio Music Education Association (OMEA) state competition.

"I like the competitions we go to, we can see how other guards

perform and learn from that," said **Dani Doughty, 9**.

A lot of the girls, also were part of winter color guard and continued to compete in the off season.

By Liz Tracy

The face of perseverance. Nick Fields, 11, Nat Harward, 11, and Danny Frank, 11, rehearse after school.

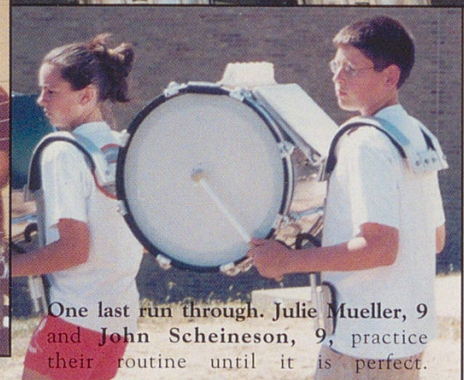


Class time. During class, **Bethany Hauser, 12**, and **Jim Beard, 12** practice their musical pieces. Working hard helps in competitions.



indoors during the winter.

Winter drum line took a trip to Chesterton, Indiana to show off their skills and won third place in the competition. At Dayton they placed fourth in the nation. They had many other competitions as well.



One last run through. **Julie Mueller, 9** and **John Scheineson, 9**, practice their routine until it is perfect.

"We mess around a lot, but when we have to go and play we stop and lay it down perfect," said **Chris Demuth, 10**.

Both teams chose to play difficult pieces, making the shows impressive and memorable.

By Anne Willis

# KEEPING the beat



"I love playing drums and being part of a group where everyone is so dedicated. We have a great time and are very successful,"  
**Nat Harward, 11.**

**An enthusiastic dedication** and a love for playing, made the drum line stand out. They used the philosophy "practice makes perfect" to guide their squad. With a combined ten hours a week of practice, in and out of school, the drum line really honed in on their talents.

"I love going to the competitions because we can watch other drummers and learn from them," said **Sandy Berry, 9**.

There were two different seasons of drum line: fall and winter. The fall drum line performed with the rest of the band, embracing a uniform, military style. Winter drum line was a more relaxed team, putting on unique shows