

Upgrading Attire

By Gabby Kolker

The Marching Mustangs have turned in their cowboy hats for feather tops. After 18 years of wearing the same uniforms with heavy layers of fabric and awkwardly fitting pants, the marching band has finally been able to purchase new attire.

Band director **Bernard Moore** indicated it was necessary for new uniforms at a time when sufficient funding was available. "We purchased the uniforms using money from a uniform account used by the MVFAA, through the support of the school-board, district and community donations," he said.

Feedback on the newly purchased uniforms was positive. Most students

particularly enjoyed the look that the new uniforms had to offer. Sophomore **Jacque Murray** liked the purchase because "they make us look fly."

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soldiers, which in turn makes me think of yummy Christmas smells," said senior **Beatrix Thornton**.

Mr. Moore said the new design makes "the band stick out more on the marching band field."

These uniforms have more advantages than just their visual appeal. Bea finds the new uniforms to

be more functional, as she had suffered from a fashion emergency the year before. "The buttons on my old uniform pants broke so my pants fell down during state marching band last year. Thankfully we always wear shorts underneath," she said.

Even though last year's uniforms are will no longer be seen on performing band members, they will still be put to good use. "Last year's uniforms are being turned into pillows. The money raised from pillow sales will go towards new uniforms and instruments," stated Mr. Moore. There will still be a chance to cling on to the legendary uniforms.



1. Junior Everett Thompson and Sophomore Nathaniel Barnhart perform for pep band on Nov. 26.
2. Sophomore Kai Walberg plays his saxophone in the marching band halftime show on Aug. 30.
3. Freshman Elizabeth Erlandson marches to the music with her flute on Aug. 30. Following are Hannah Gerth and Kimberly Schroeder.
4. Junior Aubrey Lyon twirls her flag in the band show on Aug. 30.



BAND: Front Row: J. Weitnauer, H. Baker, A. Lyon, K. Zieser, R. Klein, V. Stensland, M. Hinrichs. Row 2: B. Gilbert, E. Erlandson, J. Murray, K. Schroeder, S. Lyon, O. Egoft, T. Baty, J. Lynch, B. Fishbein, S. Jaeger, N. Margheim, B. Pittlik, J. Steele, J. Pratt, M. Maurice, K. Shady, C. Brannaman. Row 3: E. Rodenberg, B. Moore, J. Brannaman, B. Dechant, S. Pollock, A. Lueth, S. Herrmann, K. Walberg, L. Adams, H. Gerth, L. Arnold, A. Carson, H. Griebel, L. Player, S. Pollock, C. Wallace, M. Flockhart, A. Liberko, A. Marti, A. Gage. Back Row: K. Baumler, J. Baumler, N. Klein, J. Jacinto, M. McInnis, N. Barnhart, A. Moore, B. Thornton, E. Thompson, J. Edge, A. White, K. Wirfs, I. Bootsmiller, M. Venuto, P. Chihak, K. Elsbury, J. Bootsmiller, S. Krapfl, A. Barnhart, E. Davis, E. Norton, R. McCollum.

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What was the most challenging song to play this season?



"I think it was 'Can You Feel The Love Tonight' because it is hard to march to a slower song."

- Ella Norton `17

"I Just Can't Wait to be King'. Since I just started playing mellophone, and there were some high notes that I couldn't hit."



- Jenna Baumler `17



"Be Prepared' was the hardest song because of the multiple parts and the tempo was very fast for that song."

- Stacey Jaeger `17

"The most difficult song to play was 'The Circle of Life', because the fast, rhythmic notes we had to play were tiring, but it was much harder to do it while marching into sets, too."



- Mikayla Flockhart `17



"I Just Can't Wait to be King' was the hardest because it was hard to memorize."

-Laura Player `16

"I didn't think any of the songs were hard."



- Lauren Adams `14



MAKING MUSIC
Freshman Haley Baker smiles while practicing during rehearsal on Nov.14. Photo by Kelbie Eskelsen.

Band and Color Guard



5. Sophomores Allison Carson and Leah Arnold perform at the halftime show on Oct. 18.
6. Senior Alex White plays for the crowd at the pep assembly on Oct. 4.
7. Freshman Aaron Barnhart prepares to play in rehearsal on Nov. 14.



Average Clarinet Cost:
\$650

Average Tuba Mouthpiece Cost:
\$80

Average Clarinet Cork Grease Cost: **\$3**

Experience in Band:
Priceless

