



Playing her trombone, freshman Jill O'Dell stands with the rest of the brass section during halftime. "The music this year is a lot harder from middle school," O'Dell said. "I have to practice my pieces more than just in class with the rest of the band." photo by Deana Celaj

Standing perfectly straight, junior trumpet player Alec Denton waits for his command to continue the song. "We added a longer portion to the dance than we have in the past," Denton said. "It was really easy to learn, and everyone pretty much had it down after the first time practicing it." photo by Amy Wrenn

Continuing to play her saxophone, freshman Isabel Estes plays during one of the football games. "I really like all of the songs this year," Estes said. "I'm really excited for the concert in the spring." photo by Amy Wrenn



Starting to move to her right, freshman Isabella Warner marches along with the rest of the flute section. "Since I cheer and participate in the marching band, it can sometimes be stressful," Warner said. "It's hard to coordinate where and when to be there." photo by Amy Wrenn

Focusing on the crowd in front of him, sophomore Miles Kasten continues to play his alto saxophone. "Even though our performances at the football games are serious, we can still have a good time and goof off a little," Kasten said. photo by Deana Celaj



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marching nighthawks add new element to routine

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This year, the marching band got a little crazy and redesigned its halftime show. The changes consisted of getting "a little out of hand" during some of the songs performed. The pieces played this year were common in popular culture. Songs included Queen favorites "We Will Rock You," "Bohemian Rhapsody" and "Another One Bites the Dust."

"The theme of the halftime show is usually student-suggested," senior Carla Hardy said. "This year, Cliff Jenkins suggested the Queen theme to Mr. [Bob] Ebert and then the students essentially just bugged him about it until he agreed."

Dancing was incorporated into the routine as well. "A Crazy Little Thing Called Love" is one of the band members except the members of the percussion section placed their instruments on the field and performed the 45-second routine.

Then, the marching band members picked up their instruments and finished out the song. There were mixed emotions about the addition of dancing because dance had never been included in the routines before.

"I find that we always have a lot of fun with the dances and as a whole we try not to take ourselves too seriously," Hardy said. "At first, sometimes people have apprehensions, but usually after we perform it and get lots of cheers everyone has a good attitude about it."

Hardy was one of the drum majors leading the marching band this year along with senior Israel Lopez and junior Samantha Surprenaut. "Being a drum major is one of the best positions one can be in in a marching band," Lopez said. "I think it is amazing how we can direct the band into the right direction, and you have the authority over the band."



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