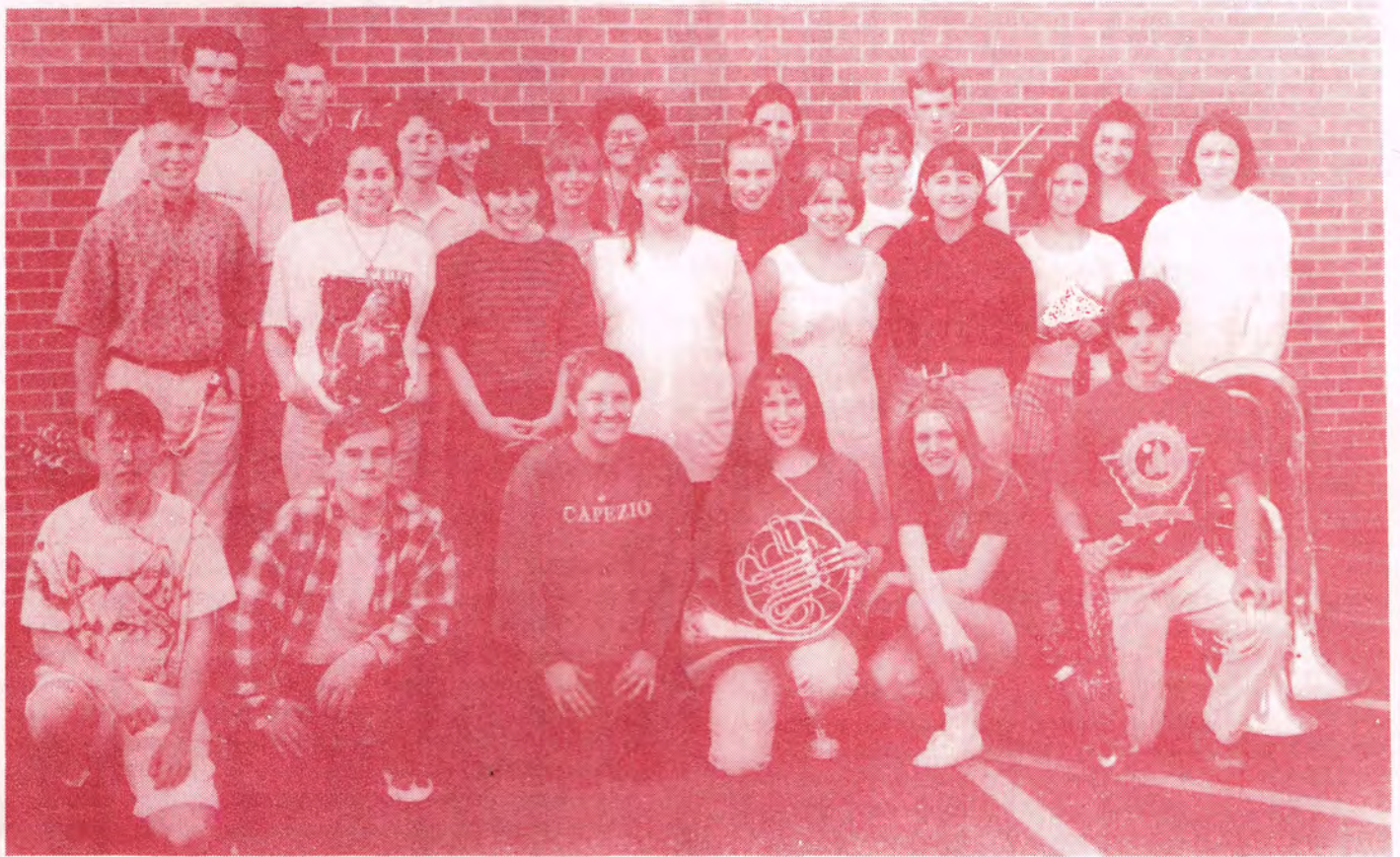


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Yorkville Music Boosters Newsletter

Spring 1996

Honoring seniors in the arts...



Senior members of the YHS Music Departments are, front, Seth Nelson, Christopher Olson, Erin Wilhelm, Sondra Trumble, Suzette Lippard, Brian Nemmers; second row, Brent Burns, Jenelle Baldwin, Rachel Davis, Crystal Seng, Mary Cook, Rebecca Pinks; third row, Chris Parker, Charles Sega, Sarah White, Jackie Borneman, Jennifer Krowka, Jennifer Cravens, Rebekah Gilbert; and back, Nathan Ament, Judy Rott, Katie Gates, Samantha Vondrak, Brett Hardecopf, and Vanessa Skeens.

Nathan Ament wins Elkerton Scholarship

Nathan Ament, son of Ross and Connie Ament, has been named as recipient of the 1996 Jamison Anne Elkerton Memorial Music Booster Scholarship.

Nathan plays alto saxophone as a member of the Yorkville High School Concert Band, Jazz Band and Symphony Orchestra. He is also a member of Chamber Singers and Madrigal Singers. Nathan has also been a member of the 1996 Augustana College Honor Band, the 1995 and 1996 IMEA District I Honors Band, the 1996 Fox Valley Music Festival Concert Band, and the 1996 Suburban Prairie Conference Honor Band.

Nathan will study music education at Augustana College.

The Jamison Anne Elkerton Memorial Music Booster Scholarship is awarded annually to a senior music department student who plans to major in a music-related field in college. The award is named for Jamison Anne Elkerton, a graduate of Yorkville High School who died in a house fire one week after graduating from high school. Jamison had planned to major in music education in college and was actively involved in the music and theatre departments while in high school.

The award includes a \$1000 scholarship toward college costs.

1996 YHS Choral Awards & Honors... '13' is a lucky number

By Peg Trumble
YHS Choral Director

The YHS Choral Department has continued their high level of achievement as is evident in their results from recent accomplishments. IHSA Organizational Contest was held in Ohio, Illinois, on Saturday, April 20, 1996. Both Concert Choir and Chamber Singers received Division I (Superior) ratings. On Saturday, May 11, 1996, the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers combined their voices to perform in the 'Music in the Parks' Festival at Great America.

Thirteen talented, dedicated Seniors helped make this year's choral program a success: Nathan Ament, Jackie Borneman, Jennifer Cravens, Rachel Davis, Katie Gates, Suzette Lippard, Seth Nelson, Christopher Olson, Chris Parker, Crystal Seng, Sondra Trumble, Sarah White and Erin Wilhelm. Thank you, Seniors.

One of the Lucky '13' students received a special award on Honor's Night, held May 16, 1996. Sondra Trumble, was the recipient of the National School Choral Award. This award states: In recognition of singular merit, ability, and achievement, of outstanding contributions to the success of the school vocal program, and of an unusual degree of loyalty, cooperation and high qualities of conduct, by the general consent of the music faculty, school officials, and others (Chamber Singers Membership). Congratulations, Sondra!



Nathan Ament



Sondra Trumble



Jennifer Krowka

Jennifer Krowka picked for All-State Honors Orchestra

Yorkville High School senior orchestra student Jennifer Krowka has been selected as part of Illinois All-State Honors Orchestra, sponsored by the Illinois Music Educators Association. As part of this honor, which is based upon state-wide audition and participation in a district-level festival, Jennifer participated in the Illinois Music Educators Association All-State Music Festival Feb. 1-3, 1996 in Peoria.

Upon her arrival in Peoria, Jennifer performed a placement audition. Of the forty four students selected on her instrument (viola) to participate, Jennifer placed fourth chair in the state of Illinois! (quite an accomplishment)

Jennifer participated in three days of orchestra rehearsals under the direction of Mr. Kenneth Kiesler, director of orchestras at the University of Michigan. The culmination of the festival was a finale concert which featured the Illinois' All-State Honors Orchestra, Honors Chorus and Honors Band. Jennifer was among approximately 1,000 students statewide selected to participate in this year's festival. The community of Yorkville can be very proud of Jennifer's many accomplishments during her career at Yorkville High School and we will certainly miss her talents next year.

Bristol students perform 'Christmas at OK Corral'

**By Karen Van Iten
Music Instructor**

The Bristol Grade School students have had a busy year in music. Some of the highlights include --- our Holiday program which was presented at the high school. Each grade level performed their own special musical selections. Some of them were accompanied by rhythm or melody instruments played by the students. The third graders combined to perform a musical by Teresa Jennings called CHRISTMAS AT THE OK CORRAL. Everybody loved to hate Bubble Gum Bart.

In observance of Earth Day the third graders again put on an assembly for the other classes at Bristol. Mrs. Scoggin taught them a rhythm accompaniment with empty water bottles which they performed to the song WE RECYCLE. She also taught them a bit of sign language to go along with it. Each class presented a special rap, song or bit of poetry and then sang a 3-part song titled EARTH SOUNDS. We hope the assembly reminded the students to take care of our earth.

In music classes this year we have talked about melody, harmony, rhythmic notation, form, patterns in music and instruments of the orchestra. We have sung songs related to the times of the year, drug abuse, learned some sign language and sang just for fun. One of the students' favorite activities is called The Freeze. They each play a rhythm instrument on the beat until the music stops abruptly and then "freeze" until the music starts up again. It can get pretty noisy but we have a good time. That's a big part of what music is all about.



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Shown are the students performing in the Bristol Grade School holiday program "Christmas at the OK Corral" directed by Karen Van Iten.

Yorkville High School Speech Team shines in a very successful season

By Kim Zoepfel, Coach

The 1995-96 Yorkville High School Speech Team overcame the obstacles of a new head coach, early mornings, and frozen buses to complete a highly successful season.

Competing every Saturday morning (with the exception of the Christmas holidays) in December, January and February, the team captured two first place finishes, two second place finishes, and two third place finishes; the team has made quite an impressive contribution to the YHS trophy case.

Seven team members advanced to sectional competition. Rommy Muller, who competed in prose reading, missed state qualification by one ranking. Additionally eleven students qualified for the SCOTIE (Special Commission on Theater and Individual Events) Tournament of Champions by earning a first place ranking during the season. The 1995-96 team included:

Coaches Kim Zoepfel, Sheila Thompson and Dan Foss, and seniors Chris Cinto (dramatic duet acting and original

comedy), Mary Cook (humorous duet acting and humorous interpretation), John Doppelhammer (original comedy), Rebekah Gilbert (impromptu speaking), Shane Johnson (humorous duet acting), Christa Klingsick (special occasion speaking), Jeanette Kongsrud (dramatic duet acting), Lindsay Hopkins (extemporaneous speaking), Rommy Muller (dramatic duet acting and prose), Jasmine Nelson (extemporaneous speaking and impromptu speaking), Beckie Pinks (oratorical declamation); juniors Jon Anderson (dramatic duet acting), Sarah Krowka (dramatic interpretation), Valerie Moring (original oratory and verse), Brian Page (humorous duet acting), Eric Sega (humorous duet acting and verse), Diane Steinhoff (radio), Kendra Svendson (prose); sophomores Natalie Digate (humorous interpretation), Katie Holmgren (special occasion speaking), Amber Jurgens (original oratory), Tali Muller (oratorical declamation), Mike Sibenaller (radio); and freshman Nikki Lupei (dramatic interpretation).



Senior members of the YHS Speech Team are, front, Rebekah Gilbert, Christopher Cinto, Jackie Vick, Mary Sanders; middle, Jasmine Nelson, Mary Cook, Rommy Muller, Rebecca Pinks, Christa Klingsick, Lindsay Hopkins; and back, Suzette Lippard, John Doppelhammer, Shane Johnson, and Karolyn Batka.

Seniors grace the halls of YHS

By Peg Trumble, YHS Choral Director

The halls of YHS have been graced by many talented students since the fall of '92. The Fine Arts Departments have experienced many talented artists over the course of the past four years. Many of the 1996 graduating students have supported the Fine Arts by being involved in multiple groups. As of June 2, 1996, their tenure at YHS will come to a close.

We thank you, graduating seniors, for your continued support and involvement in the Fine Arts Programs. Hopefully, your creative talents in the arts will flourish and grace other halls well into the future.

NATHAN AMENT

Concert, Marching, Pep Bands 1, 2, 3, 4
 Section Leader - 2, 3, 4
 Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4 Lead Alto - 2, 3, 4
 Pep Band Director 4
 Band Council 4, President 4
 Chamber Singers 4 Section Leader - 4
 Madrigal Singers 4
 Orchestra 2, 3, 4
 Little Seven/Suburban Prairie Conference Honors
 Band Festival 2, 3, 4
 IMEA District 1 Festival Band 3, 4
 Fox Valley Honors Band 3, 4
 Solo and Ensemble Contest 2, 3
 District Honors Recital 4
 Organizational Contest 1, 2, 3, 4
 Gustana Honors Band Festival 4
 The Red Plume Award 4
 New Trier Jazz Festival 2, 4
 Mundelein Jazz Festival 1
 Northwestern Band Day 2, 3, 4
 Chicago Area Jazz Festival - Riverside Brookfield 1
 Voted 'most musically inclined' 4
 Legion Big Band 3, 4
 NIU Band Day 1, 2, 3, 4
 NIU Choir Day 4

JACKIE BORNEMAN

Concert Choir 1
 Solo/Ensemble 1, 2
 Chamber Singers 2, 3
 Madrigal Singers 3
 Women's Select 3

JENNIFER CRAVENS

Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4
 Concert Band 1, 2, 3, 4
 Fox Valley Band 2, 3, 4
 Conference Band 2, 4
 Women's Select 3
 Chamber Singers 4
 Symphonic Orchestra 2
 Northwestern Band Day 3, 4

RACHEL DAVIS

Concert Choir 2
 Chamber Singers 3, 4
 Women's Select 4
 Orchestra 1, 2

KATIE GATES

Concert Choir 1, 2, 3
 Chamber Singers 4
 Basic Design I & II 3

SUZETTE LIPPARD

Concert Choir 1
 Chamber Singers 2, 4
 Women's Select 2, 4
 Madrigal Singers 4
 Spring Play 3
 Fall Play 2
 Speech Team 2
 Pom Pon 2

SETH NELSON

Concert Choir 2
 Chamber Singers 3, 4

CHRISTOPHER OLSON

Chamber Singers 1, 2, 3, 4
 Encore 1, 2
 Varsity Men's Ensemble 2
 Madrigal Singers 3, 4
 Solo/Ensemble Contest 3
 Organizational Contest 1, 2, 3, 4
 YHS Honor's Recital 3
 Concert Choir Aide 4

CHRIS PARKER

Chamber Singers 1, 2, 3, 4
 Madrigal Singers 3, 4
 Organizational Contest 1, 2, 3, 4
 IMEA Auditions 4

CRYSTAL SENG

Concert Choir 1, 2
 Chamber Singers 3, 4
 Solo/Ensemble Contest 1
 Organizational Contest 1, 2, 3, 4

SONDRA TRUMBLE

Concert Choir 1
 Chamber Singers 2, 3, 4 Section Leader 2, 3, 4
 Madrigal Singers 3, 4 Student Director 4
 Women's Select 2, 3, 4
 Beauty Shop Quartet 2, 3
 Concert Band 1, 2, 3, 4
 Jazz Band 2, 3, 4

Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4

Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4
 Full Orchestra 2, 3, 4
 Little Seven/Suburban Prairie Conference Honor's Band Festival 2, 3, 4
 New Trier Jazz Festival 2, 4
 Mundelein Jazz Festival 4
 Northwestern Band Day 2, 3, 4
 NIU Band Days 2, 3, 4
 NIU Choir Days 2, 3, 4
 Solo/Ensemble Contest 2, 3
 Organizational Contest 1, 2, 3, 4
 IMEA District Festival 2, 3, 4
 YHS Honor's Recital 3, 4
 Disney Delights 2
 Great America Festival 2, 4
 Carl Sandburg Children's Choir 1
 Young Naperville Singers (YNS) 3
 Voted 'Most Musically Inclined' class of '96

SARAH WHITE

Concert Choir 1
 Chamber Singers 2, 3, 4

ERIN WILHELM

Concert Choir 1
 Chamber Singers 2, 3, 4
 Variety Show 1
 Solo/Ensemble Contest 1
 Women's Select 3, 4
 IMEA Auditions 3

BRIAN NEMMERS

Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4 Bass Drum 1, Alto 2, 3, 4
 Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4
 Concert Band 1, 2, 3, 4 (Alto Sax)
 Jazz Band 1, 2, 3, 4 (Tenor Sax)
 Northwestern Band Day 3, 4
 NIU Contest 2, 3, 4
 Ohio Organizational Contest 4
 Riverside Brookfield contest 1
 New Trier 2, 4
 Mundelein 1, 4
 Ice Cream Social 1, 2
 Solo/Ensemble Contest 3

News

JENNIFER KROWKA

School Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4
Quartet 3, 4
Honors All-State 3, 4
Honors Recital Night 3, 4
Elgin Youth Symphony 1
DuPage Youth Symphony 2, 3
Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp 1
Blue Lake International Youth Symphony 2
Colorado College Summer Conservatory and Music Festival 3, 4
Solo/Ensemble Contest 1, 2, 3, 4

JUDY ROTT

Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4

CHARLES SEGA

Orchestra 4
Honors Recital 4

REBEKAH GILBERT

Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Jazz Band 2, 3, 4
Orchestra 2, 3, 4
Madrigal Brass 3, 4
Conference Honor Band 3, 4
Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Speech Team 2, 3, 4 - First in Conference.
Impromptu Speaking 4
Fall Play 3, 4
Spring Play 2, 4
Most Valuable Actress - Spring Play 2

BRETT HARDECOPF

Concert Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Jazz Band 2, 3, 4
Marching Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Pep Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Solo/Ensemble Contest 3 - first place
Organizational Contest 1, 2, 3, 4

BRENT BURNS

Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Drum Major 4 - 95 marching season and Fourth of July Community Band
Little Seven 2
Solo/Ensemble Contest 3
Northern 1, 2, 3, 4
Contest 1, 2, 3, 4
Fox Valley Band 3
Jazz Band 2, 3, 4
Contest 2, 3, 4

JOHN DOPPELHAMMER

Madrigal Jester 3, 4
Fall Play 4
Spring Play 3, 4
Speech Team 4
Student Director/ Fall Play 4

JOEL COX

Spring Play 4

CHRIS CINTO

Speech Team 2, 3, 4
Speech Team Regional Qualifier 3, 4
Speech Team Sectional Qualifier 3
Fall Play 4
Spring Play 1, 2, 3, 4
Most Improved: Speech Team 3
National Speech and Drama Award 4
Augustana Theatre Scholarship 4
Artist of the Month 3, 4
Third Little Seven Art Competition 3
Premier HealthCare Associates Student Artist of the Month 4
Marching Band 3
Pep Band 4

MARY SANDERS

Speech Team 1
Spring Play Crew 2

LINDSAY HOPKINS

Speech Team 4

KAROLYN BATKA

Band, Pep Band and Concert 1
Color Guard 1
Speech Team 2
Spring Play Crew 1, 2, 3
Fall Play Crew 2, 3, 4
Fourth in Speech at Sandwich (Conference) 2
Sixth place (Reed Custer and Waubonsie Valley)

AMY MONROE

Concert Choir 1
Chamber Singers 2
Encore 2
Play Crew Tech 3, 4
Poms 4
IHSA Scholar Award 4
Federal Express All-Star Performance Team 4

VANESSA SKEENS

Orchestra 1, 2, 3
Play Crew (Spring & Fall) 2, 3, 4
Pom Squad 3, 4 - Co-Captain 4
Color Guard 1

RACHEL DIXON

Concert Choir 1, 2
Chamber Singers 3
Poms 2, 3, 4
Fall Play Crew 4

EVA RUGGIERO

Pom Pon Squad 4
All-Star Squad (Orange Bowl) 4
Fall Play Crew 3
Federal Express All-Star Performing Team 4

CHRISTA KLINGSICK

Pom-pon Squad 3, 4 - Co-Captain 4
1995 team third place at Downer's Grove North competition
1996 Federal Express Orange Bowl half-time participant
IHSA Scholar Award 3, 4
Speech Team 1, 2, 3, 4
IDTA Scholar Award 4
Captain 4
Stage Manager Fall Play 3

SAMANTHA VONDRAK

Concert Choir 1
Chamber Singers 2
Women's Select 3
Poms 2, 3, 4
Pom Captain 4
IHSA Scholar Award 3, 4
Federal Express All-Star Performance Team 4

PETRA SEDLACKOVA

Since she has been in art class at YHS, she worked at a couple of large projects. The first was made in pastels "Antelope", her second picture was done in pencil, "Family Portrait," and then an oil pastel "Blue Bird." Another project was a still life done in pencil, and a colored pencil entitled "Pumpkin Bowl" and her last project, "Chicago Skyline" done on canvas. Petra also enjoyed ceramics class where she worked on an "Elephant Bank", which she made for her sister. She has tried some new techniques in the art classes she is taking and found them interesting. In the future she is planning to study architecture. Upon returning home, she expects to continue to enjoy art classes at her school.



Honors

Hurrah! for the Yorkville Music Boosters

Each year Yorkville Music Boosters provide financial support to the school programs in School District #115 - from elementary general music classes through high school performing groups. Boosters provide that extra "boost" which enhances the educational opportunities in music and the arts in the school district.

A few of the enhancements are:

Madrigal Dinner ticket sales, set-up/clean-up, decorations/props, many, many hours of planning and creating, etc.

Providing refreshments at various musical functions throughout the year

Helping with ticket-sales for District Concerts at CCMS and YHS

Monetary donations for accompanists

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Music purchases

Summer Camp Scholarships

Jamison A Elkerton Music Boosters Scholarship

Monetary support of the 1996-'97 YHS Spring Music Department Trip

Music Boosters main fund raising activity each year is the Cheese and Sausage sale. Help and ideas are always needed to make this and other events successful. Parents of all music students - Chorus, Band, and Orchestra, Pom Pon parents, Drama, Art, and Speech parents are all automatically part of Music Boosters. With the help of all parents, Music Boosters can provide even more for our students.

Boosters meet on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m., usually meeting in the teacher's lounge at YHS. Please show your support by joining us. Watch for more information on Music Boosters this month. A 'time & talent sheet' will be sent to the parents of all students involved in our programs. That way, you will officially know that you are a member of Music Boosters!!!!!!!

Thank you again, Music Boosters, for another successful year.

Sincerely,
Peg Trumble

Music Department Chair

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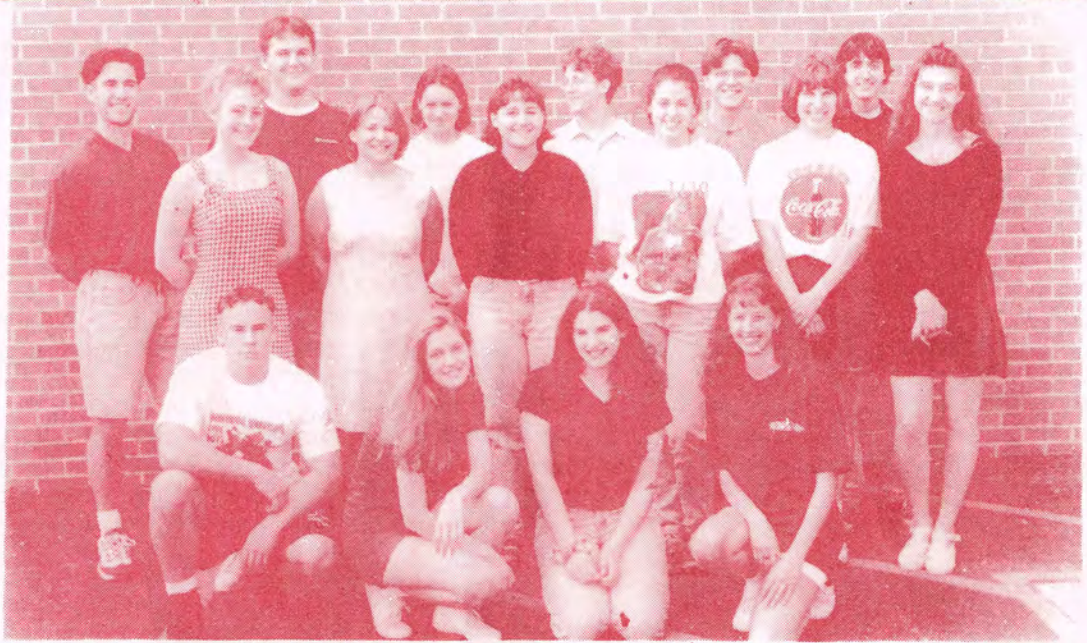
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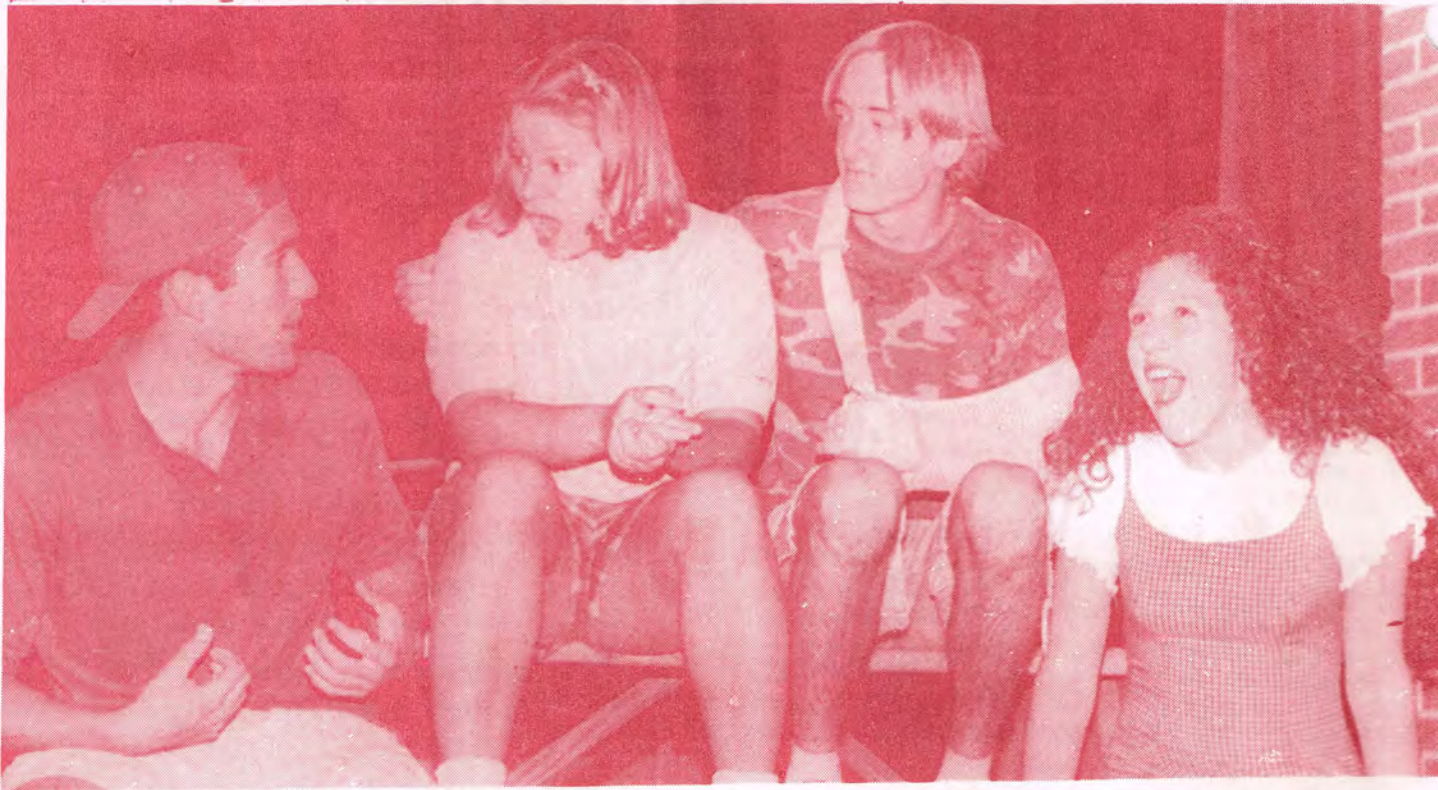
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Theatre Arts



Senior members of the YHS Drama Department are, front, Joel Cox, Suzette Lippard, Rommy Muller, Christa Klingsick; middle, Jasmine Nelson, Mary Cook, Rebecca Pinks, Jenelle Baldwin, Karolyn Batka, Vanessa Skeens; and, back, Christopher Cinto, Daniel Gartner, Rebekah Gilbert, Charles Segal, John Doppelhammer, and Shane Johnson.



Pictured in a scene from the fall play, "The Birds That Stay," are Christopher Cinto, Mary Cook, Shane Johnson and Erin Segal.

Another year in band gone by too fast

By Steve Moline, Band Director

Can yet another school year be almost over? Where does the time go by. All bands have a reason to be proud of their efforts throughout this year!

You'll see and hear our cadet band where our members are so enthused, so excited, so dedicated at their early years of development. Cadet band, go!

Both our varsity and concert bands at CCMS have had very successful concerts since our last issue of Fanfare. Individual band members who played in the Illinois Grade School Music Association solo and ensemble contest were also rewarded with their fine efforts! Those students receiving a second place included: Nick Johnson, Dustin Lindley, Michalene Nevills, Samantha Haskins and Kara Nenne, Rachel Schmid and Sarah Ustry, Jeremy Kremer and Adam Nenne, Kevin Crouch and Bobby Figora. Those students receiving a first place include: Sarah Ferris, James Holland, Amanda Devore, Mark Herrington, Rachel Seby, Heather Ferguson, Lisa Schimpf, Alecia Perry, Jayme Tutor, Aurora Worley and Laura Schwartz, Heather Ferguson and Erin Goryl, Therese Grommes and Kelly Danko, Crystal Nelson and Ryan Wagner, John Holland and Luke Figora and Steve Davis and Jake Underwood, Jill Ridenour and Lindsay Schimpf. Rachel Seby was selected to perform in the Music Department's honors recital! Congratulations, Rachel!

More and more great comments of how our pep band looked and sounded kept coming at the high school basketball games. Nathan Ament gets a lot of credit for this! Great spirit, super organization. Thanks, Nathan. Rich Bothar took it upon himself to faithfully set up the chairs, stands, drum set, stereo for the games. It was always magically done!

Jazz Band - well it's been fun! - again. We made it back to the Mundelein Jazz Festival for another appearance. Mason Oliver was recognized for his fine trap set work on the chart, Swingstreet! Brian Nemmers has been outstanding on his solos on Dues Blues, as well as other charts. What a super sax section led by Nathan Ament, Brett Hardecopf, Brian Nemmers, and Brent Burns. Our trumpet section had a solid foundation with Rebekah Gilbert leading the way. Great piano, Sondra Trumble - great changes!

What an honor and privilege it has been to work with the High School Concert Band. Many, many outstanding players! Opportunities included playing in the Suburban Prairie Band

Festival, conducted by Dr. Petersen, assistant Band Director at Northwestern University. Nathan Ament, Sondra Trumble, Jill Paetzel, Ryan Lemberg, and Rebekah Gilbert represented our band. What a great performance. We hope you enjoyed our March concert. I know our band did. How do they do it, time and time again? Amazing!

Off to Elgin Larkin High School to play in the Fox Valley Music Festival in April. The time and dedication of our band members is endless. This is the oldest and one of the most prestigious festivals of its kind in the nation. Band members include, Nathan Ament, Jennifer Cravens (third year in a row!), Samantha Sinding, Jill Paetzel, and Rebekah Gilbert. Just to get a chance to play - what a thrill!

The Concert and Jazz Band traveled to Ohio to compete in the IHSA organizational contest, also in April. The Concert Band's last work was a Festival Prelude. At the end of the piece, I was so moved, it brought me to tears. What a memorable, everlasting feeling. Our Jazz Band came one point away from one of the judges from receiving a perfect score! Again, many memories. Oh, Ohio, Illinois.

Pops, Satchmo, Louis Armstrong. Anyway you say it you think of jazz, trumpet, Hello Dolly! Called the "Father of Modern Jazz," Louis was the quintessential jazz innovator of his time. So many players after him, often patterned their style and solos after the great one. Our band recognizes one senior member to receive the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. Many solos come from his tenor sax over the years. Congratulations to Brian Nemmers!

For me, I remember when I was selected as the John Philip Sousa Band Award my senior year at Geneva High School (back in 1971! Wow) This really meant a lot to me because I knew that I wanted to be a band director when I grew up! I still have the award in my office and look at my band director's signature and think of the memories I had in band at Geneva. I'm sure Ross Ament shares some of my feelings and memories, as he too was a Sousa Band Award recipient at YHS (you can ask him what year!) This award represents the most outstanding senior member in the band. I'm sure that Ross and Connie Ament are very proud of their son, Nathan, as he is this year's John Philip Sousa Band Award winner.

Another year has gone by - way too fast. Can't wait for next year to arrive. Until then....

CCMS Band & Orchestra attend state contest

By Todd Schifeling, Orchestra Director

The Concert Band and Philharmonic Orchestra participated in the Illinois Grade School Music Organizational Contest on Saturday, March 23, 1996 at Chaney-Monge Middle School in Crest Hill, Ill.

The students performed a twenty minute concert for three adjudicators and were assigned a rating, determined on a variety of criterion, including balance/blend, group intonation,

rhythmic accuracy, overall musicianship and articulation.

The Philharmonic Orchestra received a Division I (Superior) rating - including a perfect score from one judge. Each student received an individual medal and the group received a wall plaque to be mounted in the CCMS Orchestra room.

The Concert Band received a Division II (Excellent) rating. We can be proud of all of our students who participated and represented the community of Yorkville in very fine fashion.



Performers in the spring play "You Can't Take it With You" are pictured, front, Becky Gilbert, Erin Sega, Nichole Olin, Kendra Svendsen, Wes Dickson, Shane Johnson; and, rear, Beckie Pinks, John Doppelhammer, Dan Gartner, Chris Cinto, and Brian Page.

'You Can't Take It With You' brightens stage for Yorkville High School spring play

By Kim Zoepfel, Co-director

Yorkville High School presented the family comedy "You Can't Take it With You" by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman on April 26 and 27, 1996.

"YCTIWY" portrays the free-spirited lives of Martin Vanderhof, his daughter Penny and their assorted friends and family. The show, while filled with zany moments, drives home the fact that "life is beautiful if [we] just let it come to us."

The spring production was co-directed by Sheila Thompson and Kim Zoepfel; Sarah Krowka, junior, acted as student director. The cast included veteran talent as well as some new

faces to the YHS stage.

The cast was comprised of seniors Chris Cinto (Tony), Mary Cook (Rheba), Joel Cox (J-Man), John Doppelhammer (Ed), Rebekah Gilbert (Essie), Dan Gartner (Kolehnkov), Shane Johnson (Martin Vanderhof) and Beckie Pinks (Alice). Junior class cast members included Steve Brejcha (Donald), Alissa Corrington (J-Man), Ryan Lemberg (Henderson), Nicole Moore (Olga Katrina), Nichole Olin (Mrs. Kirby), Brian Page (Paul), Erin Sega (Penny) and Kendra Svendsen (Gay Wellington); sophomores were Carlton Cook and Mike Sibenaller (J-Men) and Wes Dickson (Mr. Kirby). Freshman Colin Stokes played Mr. DePinna.

Chorus



Senior members of the YHS Choral Department are, front, Seth Nelson, Christopher Olson, Sarah White, Jennifer Cravens, Rebecca Pinks; middle, Sondra Trumble, Rachel Davis, Mary Cook, Suzette Lippard, Erin Wilhelm; and, back, Nathan Ament, Jenelle Baldwin, Jackie Borneman, Crystal Seng, Samantha Vondrak, and Katie Gates.

CCIS show sings, dances through the 20th Century

By Sally Olson, Music Instructor

CCIS led us all "Singing 'N' Dancing Through the 20th Century" on March 28, 1996, in a show scripted by Mrs. Sally Olson and Mrs. Peg Trumble and accompanied by Mrs. Paula Svendsen. Liz Scott and Phillip Janeteas welcomed us and Mrs. Grant's and Mr. Crane's classes treated us to selections from 1900 to 1919, with Jessica Oertel as Lillian Lorraine and Kurt Schobert as George M. Cohan. We moved into the "Roaring Twenties" with Mrs. Miragliotta and Mrs. Switalski's classes, featuring Nicole Farnsworth as Fanny Brice, Jon Thorson as Al Capone. Mrs. Strukel and Ms. Walan's classes were in the "Swingin' 30's & 40's" with Meghan Voiland as Shirley Temple and Derek Dierzen as Frank Sinatra. The "Cool 50's" found Kyle Young as Dick Clark and Lindsay Dunley as Doris Day bringing Ms. Meints and Mrs. Shepherd's classes through the "real gone" era. Cher - Brenna Benson, and Sonny - Steven Greer were on the scene for Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Cryder's classes in 1960's-70's. Bob Dylan (Mr. Masoncup) made a rare appearance, singing "Blowin' in the Wind" in his truly distinctive style. Alissa Rutledge as Mariah Carey, Matt Nelson as Michael Jordan, Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Maloney's classes brought us up to date with the 1980's-90's. Rebecca Cugier put it all in perspective for us in the closing remarks.

Grade School performs 'Christmas is a Rainbow'

By Sally Olson, Music Instructor

Yorkville Grade School performed "Christmas is a Rainbow" on Dec. 14, 1995 under the direction of Mrs. Sally Olson and Ms. Laurie Robb. We found Yorkville Grade School in the middle of "Black and White Forest." Black and white was the perfect combination until Santa and the colorful creatures helped turn the forest into "The Rainbow Forest." Highlights included Kindergarten signing "We Share the Rainbow," First and Third Grades' partner songs "This Guy's Not Right/This Guy is True," Second Grades plus 2/3 Robb on the Hand Jive "Black and White" and we all signed the colors in "Christmas is a Rainbow."

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Orchestra

District 115 holds second Student Honors Recital

The Music Department of Yorkville Community High School District 115 held their second annual Student Honors Recital on Tuesday, March 26, 1996 at the Yorkville Congregational Church. Students participating were selected through a district-wide audition process in which they performed as a soloist or part of a small chamber ensemble.

Circle Center Middle School students who were selected to participate included violists, John Holland, T.J. Johnson and Chris Muth, and Rachel Seby on saxophone. Yorkville High School students who participated included orchestra students Kurt Muth, Kara Heintz, Jennifer Krowka, and Alicia Cool (string quartet), Kara Heintz and Jennifer Krowka (string duet) and Jennifer Tagle (viola solo), YHS Band students Nathan Ament (alto saxophone solo) and Steve Hornik (snare drum solo), and YHS Chorus members Jeff Olson and Valerie Milam (vocal duet), Kara Heintz (vocal solo), Valerie Milam (vocal solo), Kendra Svendson, Melissa Liggett, Erin Sega and Sarah Krowka (vocal quartet), Mark Morris (vocal solo), Linda Ashley and Ben Draper (vocal duet) and Sondra Trumble (vocal solo). Charlie Sega also performed an organ solo.

The community of Yorkville can be very proud of these

By Todd Schifeling, Orchestra Director

extremely talented young people for their extra efforts to participate in this totally-voluntary activity. The dedication and commitment of these students does not go unnoticed. Congratulations to all of those students selected.

Orchestra, choir groups attend Evanston competition

By Todd Schifeling, Orchestra Director

The Yorkville High School String Orchestra and Combined Choirs (Concert Choir and Chamber Singers) participated in the "Music in the Parks" performance competition on Saturday, May 11, 1996 at Evanston High School. The competition is sponsored by Educational Programs, Inc. and features groups from nine different midwestern states.

The groups performed a twenty minute contest program for two regionally-acclaimed adjudicators and were assigned ratings within their area of competition. All participating schools and groups receive a trophy. As part of the festival, students got to spend the remainder of the day at Six Flags Great America amusement park in Gurnee, Ill. The trip was designed to reward the students for their many hours of dedication and efforts on behalf of the YHS music programs during the 1995-96 school year.



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YHS art students keep improving skills

By Carolyn Freese, Art Instructor

As another year approaches completion, YHS art students continue to improve and demonstrate their skills. The art department received an invitation from Premier Healthcare Associates of the new Rush Copley Medical Center to participate in their "Premier Student Artist of the Month" program. This program asks for a school to send eight to ten

top quality student works for a hospital committee to review. If the review committee chooses to, they will select a couple of works to purchase for permanent display in their reception area and exam rooms. These works will then become part of the Associates Corp. Art Collection which already includes works of well known contemporary professional artists. Yorkville was honored by the selection of four works for purchase. Chris Cinto, Valerie Moring, Niki Ratos, and Benjamin Schmitz will receive public recognition with individual publicity photos for the Beacon News, a press release, plaque, and a check for the sale of their art. We are all very proud of these young artists.

This year also saw the continuation of our Saturday Chicago Day Enrichment program. A group of YHS art students, Jeny Card, Christina Cookas, Nathalie Briggs, Courtney Blatner, Phil Gaebler, Valerie Moring, and Hector Donatlon, Andy Saar, and Niki Ratos, were able to view the much publicized Monet exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago last fall. The waiting line into the exhibit looped its way throughout much of the museum and took almost two hours to get through, but our students thought it well worth the wait and enjoyed many other museum exhibits along the way. In March, art students Hector Donatlon, Valerie Moring, Michelle Neitzel, Niki Ratos, and Ben Schmitz again took a Saturday to visit the Art Institute in the morning followed by a two hour walking tour of Chicago's early skyscrapers (those built before 1940). The tour, sponsored and guided by the Chicago Architectural Foundation, was enlightening, educational, and allowed us to see and learn about some of the really beautiful buildings we might never have known existed.

The '95-'96 art works will be on display for all visitors and students during the month of May in senior hallway, school office, and library. Please take time to enjoy them.



Mr. Babich hands out checks from Premier HealthCare Association to four happy art students for the purchase of their art work by the Rush Copley Medical Center based association. Pictured, left to right, are Frank Babich, Valerie Moring, Chris Cinto, Benjamin Schmitz, and Niki Ratos.

CCMS celebrates Arts Education Week

March 17 - 23 was Celebrate Illinois Arts Education Week. Circle Center Middle School students are proud of what they have created this year in class, and we are happy to "show" some of our best works of art. This year, as in the past, students work is being displayed in area businesses. There are some in the lobby of the Bank of Yorkville and the Yorkville National Bank. New locations may be added later. The displays will remain in place for about two weeks, then rotate to a new location. New works will be added and the exhibit will continue through the end of the school year. Sixth grade students spent many days learning to draw their favorite things. Emphasis was placed on careful observation and rendering. Then ten to fifteen drawings were arranged in a composition. The students worked at achieving unity, balance, and variety in their compositions. These principles of design as well as others were stressed. They also learned good coloring technique in the medium of color pencils. Three students currently have drawings on display. They are Therese Grommes, Joy Doverspike, and Amanda Thompson.



Pictured is some of the work from the drawing class.

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YHS orchestra closes year on an 'upbeat'

With the 1995-96 school year drawing to a close, the Yorkville High School Orchestra is celebrating spring with a flurry of activities. The talented members of this organization have been busily preparing for a variety of concerts, contest and festivals during the past few months. Their continued dedicated efforts on behalf of the orchestra program at YHS are to be commended.

The Yorkville High School Symphony Orchestra received a Division I - Superior rating at the IHSA State Music Organization Contest held at Ohio, Ill. on Saturday, April 20. The contest consisted of performing a program for a panel of three adjudicators, who critiqued the performance and assigned a rating. The group was also required to "sight-read" a piece for judging (i.e. play a piece that they have never seen before after a ten-minute "look-see"). The Division I - Superior designation was one of only five such ratings given during the entire two-day contest in the instrumental division, making the distinction even that much more special and rewarding. The group receives a large wall plaque to be mounted in the music room at school to commemorate this accomplishment. Congratulations, kids!

Many members of the YHS orchestra participated in the District #115 Student Honors Recital at the Yorkville Congregational Church on Tuesday, March 26. Students were selected through a district-wide audition process, in which they performed either as a soloist or as part of a small group (ensemble). Students participating include: Jennifer Tagle (viola solo), Charlie Sega (organ solo), Kara Heintz and Jennifer Krowka (violin and viola duet) and Kurt Muth, Kara Heintz, Jennifer Krowka and Alicia Cool (string quartet). Congratulations to these talented students.

The Yorkville High School String Orchestra also participated in the "Music in the Parks" Festival competition on Saturday, May 11 at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee, Ill. In addition to performing a contest program for two contest adjudicators who assign a contest rating, the students receive admission tickets to the amusement park for the remainder of the day. While the trip is a musical contest, the fun-nature of the activity is a reward to the students for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the orchestra this year. (At the time of this printing, contest results were not yet available)

The YHS Symphony Orchestra has also presented two concerts this semester at YHS; a Winter Choral and Orchestra Concert on Tuesday, March 12 and the annual District #115 Spring Orchestra Festival Concert, featuring all of the orchestra students throughout the district, on Tuesday, May 21. These concerts were well attended and well received by those in attendance. On behalf of the orchestra students, I want to thank all of those who have attended our concerts during this school year (i.e. parents, grandparents, relatives, friends, school personnel, etc.) Thank you for your support of our various programs on behalf of the students.

While one school year draws to a close, another is on the horizon. I look forward with anticipation to another year filled with enthusiasm for the opportunity to share the music-making

experience with your students. I want to thank each and every student (and parent) for making my first year as orchestra director here in Yorkville a very rewarding one. Have a great summer. See you in the fall!



Senior members of the Full Orchestra are, front, Judy Rott, Jennifer Krowka, Sondra Trumble; and back, Charles Sega, Nathan Ament and Rebekah Gilbert.



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Spring has 'sprung' for CCMS Orchestra

Spring is a busy time of year and the CCMS Orchestra program is no exception. Members of both the Symphony Orchestra and Philharmonic Orchestra have spent the spring semester busily preparing for two school concerts and various contests and festivals, as well as continuing to build the skills that will assist them in progressing to the next level of instruction.

The Symphony Orchestra is nearing completion of their instruction book, "All for Strings, Book 1." Among the many skills mastered during this semester are rhythm counting (both basic and subdivided), eighth note playing (detached and slurred) and independent finger dexterity. Important concepts covered include tempo and tempo markings, key signatures and ritardando. In addition to mastering these skills and concepts, the group has been playing selections to begin to encourage independent part playing (such as rounds and duets). These kinds of songs force the student to concentrate more intensely on his or her part to make sure that all parts sound together correctly; a skill that will benefit them significantly when they become members of the Philharmonic Orchestra next year.

The Philharmonic Orchestra has spent the spring semester preparing two sets of music for their concerts this spring: a Winter Band and Orchestra Concert in early March and the upcoming District 115 Orchestra Festival Concert on May 21. In addition to these concerts, the Philharmonic Orchestra also received a Division I - Superior rating at the annual IGSM State Band and Orchestra Contest in Crest Hill in mid-March. (see related article). Many members of the orchestra have remained very active in various youth orchestra and with private lessons during the spring semester.

Many CCMS Orchestra students also participated in the IGSM State Solo and Ensemble Music Contest on Feb. 10 at Plainfield High School. Students played either as soloist or as a member of a small group (ensemble) for an adjudicator who provided them with a written critique of their performance and assigned a rating to the performance. Students who received a Division I - Superior rating include: John Holland (violin solo), T.J. Johnson (violin solo), Chris Muth (violin solo), Erin Cool (violin solo), Jacqui Hill (violin solo), Seth Sinding (double bass solo), John Holland, T.J. Johnson, and Chris Muth (violin trio), Chris Muth and Erin Cool (violin duet), and Brendan Neuman and Tim Cook (viola and cello duet). Students who received a Division II - Excellent rating include: Christine Adams (violin solo), Kelly Stallman (cello solo) and Erin Cool and Marci Schwartz (violin and viola duet). Each participant received an individual medal for their efforts. We are certainly proud of all of our participating students.

Many of our CCMS Orchestra students are making plans to attend various summer music camps and institutes during the summer months. These camps help to provide the students with a more focused musical performance experience in a relaxed setting. Many students attend these camps regularly and rate them among their most enjoyable experiences ever (memories that last a lifetime). I certainly encourage all

orchestra parents to look into a summer music camp experience for your ever-progressing orchestra student (if not his summer, then next). You will be amazed at how rejuvenated they become from this enriching experience. Please contact me for more information.

While this school year draws to a close with so many accomplishments, the immediate future for the CCMS Orchestra program is even more encouraging. If current enrollments hold (and I trust, with your support, that they will), we are looking at a Symphony Orchestra enrollment of 19 students (7 violins, 5 violas, 5 cellos and 2 double basses) and a Philharmonic Orchestra of 18 students (9-3-4-2); both significant increases over this past year. Please, as parents, continue to encourage your student's participation in this quality activity and support the orchestra program in the Yorkville Public Schools. Thank you again for making my first year in Yorkville a rewarding one. And, thank you to all of the students for their hard work and dedication. See you all in the fall!

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New squad, new uniforms, new names for Poms

The 1995/96 Pom Squad ended their pom season with a pizza party where individual poms were recognized for various awards. Girls receiving the IHSA Scholar Award were Samantha Vondrak, Christa Klingsick, Eva Ruggiero, Amy Monroe, Nichole Olin, Nicole Moore and Carrie Aubrey.

At the annual honors night Christa Klingsick received the Illinois Drill Team Association Scholar Award for outstanding academic achievement and leadership qualities.

Vanessa Skeens received the Natalie Brown Dance Award. This was the first year for this honor to be given in memory of Natalie Brown.

NEW POM SQUAD, NEW UNIFORMS, NEW NAME !!!

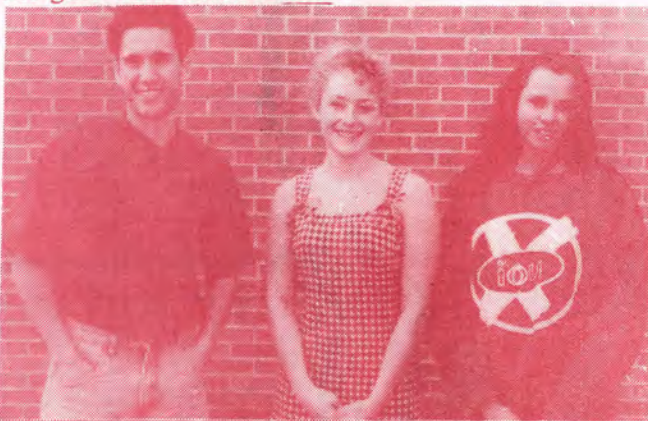
A squad of 10 girls will make up the 1996/97 YHS Pom Squad. This year's squad consists of three seniors: Carrie Aubrey - Co Captain, Kara Heintz -Treasurer, & Nichole Olin - Co-Historian; four juniors: Amber Jurgens, Kristina McDonald - Co-Captain, Wendy Cox - Co-Historian, & Kate Seifrid; and three sophomores: Nichole Lupei, Samantha Kauffold, & Sarah Misner. The girls were selected after a

three day workshop held in March. The candidates were required to perform a group routine, an impromptu 16-count routine, an individual routine, and various dance techniques. Guest coaches from Waubensee Community College and Kaneland High School assisted the seven graduating senior poms in selecting the squad.

Coach Cheryl Lippard is looking forward to a very exciting year as the girls will be wearing new football uniforms, sporting a new name, "The Foxettes", and competing in IDTA (Illinois Drill Team Association) contests. They have decided to attend the "Just For Kix" Dance Camp in Bloomington this August where they will learn routines and techniques which will be utilized throughout the football and basketball seasons.

The girls will also sponsor a Market Day sale on June 5 at Bristol Grade School, orders must be placed in advance. Car washes, shaker poms & fan buttons sales, and pom clinics for grade school and junior high students are just a few of the fund raising events the girls plan to hold.

Senior members of the YHS Art Department are Christopher Cinto, Jasmine Nelson and Petra Sedlackova.



Senior members of the Pom Squad are, front, Amy Monroe, Eva Ruggiero, Melissa Briggs; and, back, Christa Klingsick, Samantha Vondrak and Vanessa Skeens.



Senior members of the YHS Band Department are, front, Brian Nemmers, Jennifer Cravens, Sondra Trumble, Rebekah Gilbert; and, back, Brent Burns, Nathan Ament and Brett Hardecopf.