

Cougar Musical Groups

Marching Cougars

The 1985-86 Marching Cougars once again dazzled audiences with their spectacular performances. Going through intricate routines not only brought praise from the home crowds but also earned them honors at local, regional, and state competitions.

Sore-footed Freshmen became full-fledged bandmen marching in the 1985 Putnam County Fair Parade. Sophomores took their newly appointed jobs as right and left guides seriously as they took the field for home football games. Juniors carefully eyed the positions they would assume after the Seniors graduated, and Seniors realized the importance of their leadership roles in this their last year in the Band. The pom-pom corps spent many hours developing and polishing the maneuvers it would add to complete the overall appearance of each performance.

The contest season was filled with several new pieces of equipment. The new larger director's stand was pulled to and from the performance areas by the new golf cart which is stored in the off season in the new instrument trailer.

With community and individual support, the Band moved through the contest season in class. Although the marching season was a little shorter than the band members had hoped, it was still rewarding.

When the State Finals rolled around at the Hoosier Dome, several band members and adults were there to watch, including Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Enjoying a continental breakfast on the way, they led the Cougar caravan to the Dome in their chauffeur-driven limousine, compliments of the band members.

With cold Saturday morning performances and muddy Martinsville behind them, the Band moved into its concert season. Christmas, Winter, and Variety Show concerts took many hours of preparation with outstanding entertainment the result.

Springtime brought the band still another challenge—another great experience to add to the many others. The Marching Cougar Band was selected as one of three bands to march in the parade and to perform in the grand-opening day ceremonies for the revitalized Union Station in Indianapolis.

The grand finale of the year's activities, other than Commencement, was playing a concert in Chicago at the Sheraton International. The Chicago weekend experience included visiting the Brookfield Zoo, gorging over \$1,000 worth of pizza at Gino's of Chicago,



PEP BAND (Row 1) D Whitmer, K Mandelco, K Chadd, C Brooks, M Kennedy, H Funk, Coffman, Mr. Wilson; (Row 2) M Friars, K Cook, B Sample, A Lieske, E Sutton, R Busch, Curran, M Gough; (Row 3) A Greene, C Alcorn, A Walton, J Simmons, A Lashley, M Hoke, Marcum, T Smith; (Row 4) D Stockton, K Jones, S Evans, A Fly, K Henson, T Crosby, R Lasley, McGaughey; (Row 5) S Stockton, T Crabtree, D Barnhart, D Winings.

viewing the night skyline from the Sear's Tower Building, and an enjoyable time at the Great America—Six Flags Park. All this in two days!

All in all, it was a great year! The Seniors have many fond memories to take with them and the underclassmen have another year to look forward to.



JAZZ BAND (Row 1) M Friars, P Nichols, K Cook, R Busch, L Curran; (Row 2) M Hoke, Simmons, T Smith, C Marcum; (Row 3) C Lyons, D Stockton, R Lasley; (Row 4) S Stockton, Higgins, R McGaughey, D Bennington; (top) Mr. Holland.