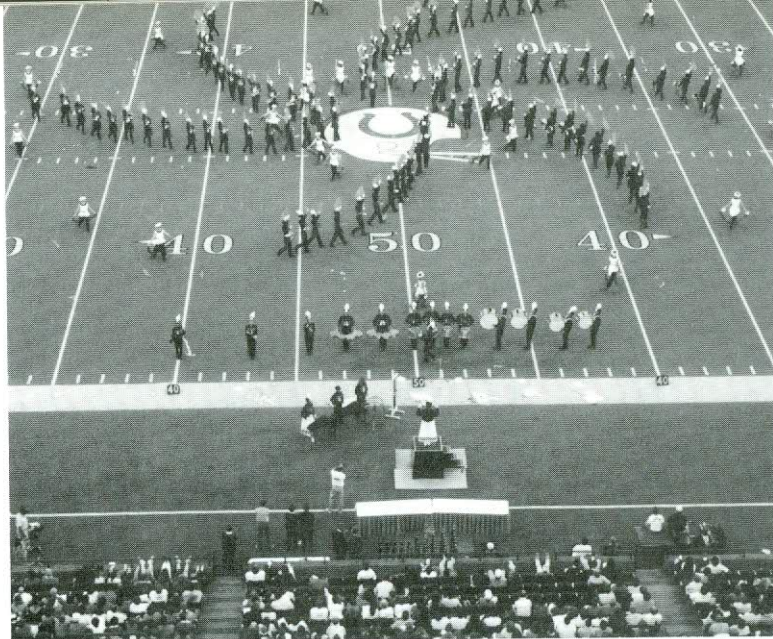


(right) The Marching Cougars are performing Russian Sailor's Dance! BAND COUNCIL (below left) Row 1: Vicky Chadd, Jackie Whitley, Stephanie Miller, Ginger Martin, Kristie Henson, Amy Cruz, Wendy Martin, Justin Galford BAND LIBRARIANS (below right) Row 1: Tania Walton, Christy Frye, Angel Hopkins Row 2: Rachel Mandleco, Wendy Martin, Jackie Whitley, Vicky Chadd



Marching Cougars Improve State Rank

The North Putnam Marching Cougars had a fantastic year! The Cougar Band improved its state rank from 4th to 3rd! The Marching Cougars participated in several contests on their way to the Hoosier Dome, and at each contest they improved their scores and received many awards.

At the District Marching Contest, where the Marching Cougars received a Division I, they captured the Music, Marching, and General Effect Awards. From there, they went on to Regionals where they were again awarded a Division I, and the North Putnam Marching Cougar Band became a 1989 State Marching Band Finalist.

In regard to how the Marching Cougars had done on the whole, Mr. Wilson states, "I feel the marching season was quite successful — each time the show was performed in competition it was better

than the time before." As Kristie Henson, a senior band member, saw it: "This was our best season and I was very proud to be a part of it." Another senior, Angel Hopkins, commented, "Of all the things I've been involved in at North Putnam, I'll miss band the most." "I think next year I will probably go through 'Marching Season Withdraw'," said Tania Walton.

The Marching Cougars' musical selection included a variety of tunes and tones. The band opened with "Prologue," in which rifles were introduced to the guard. Next was the low, smooth "Somewhere Out There" during which James Weaver did a trumpet solo. Then came the quick-tempoed "Russian Sailors' Dance" which featured the percussion section. The band's performance ended majestically with "Beethoven's Ninth Symphony."