

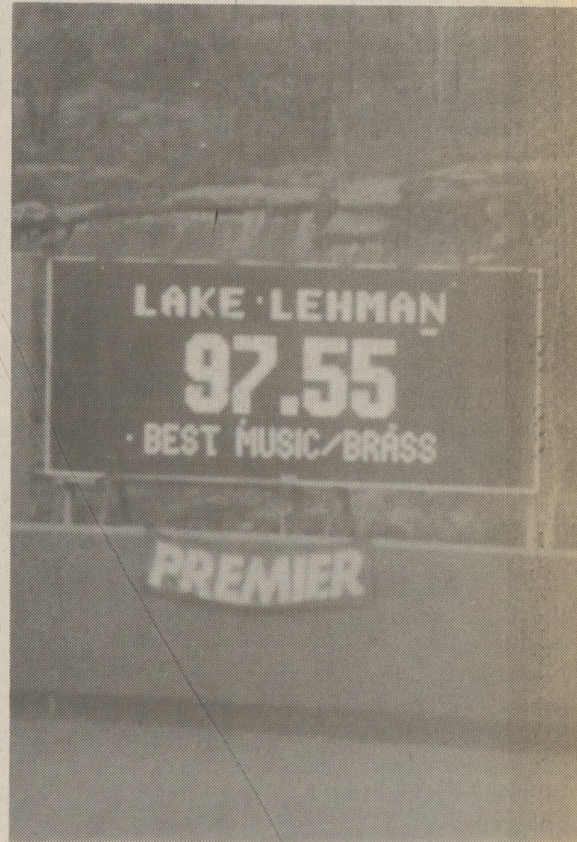
Making sweet music at ACC's



Members of the Dallas Marching Band performed as the band's title lit up the sign at Lackawanna County Stadium.



Theresa Doty, left, and Allison Piatt performed in the Lake-Lehman percussion section. The Black Knights won the top overall prize and tied for 5th place in percussion.



Lake-Lehman won its 9th straight first place at last weekend's Atlantic Coast Championships, as well as prizes in other categories.

Black Knights march to 9th first place Dallas winds up season on a high note

By MICHAEL TWICHELL
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MOOSIC-Records are just made to be broken.

The Lake-Lehman High School Marching Band, under the direction of Edward A. Richards, made history Saturday by capturing their 9th Atlantic Coast Championship, with a first-place score of 97.55 in Group II. The band also took special awards for High Brass and High Music, and took second-place woodwinds, tied for fifth in percussion, and placed in the top 10 for Auxiliary and General Effect Visual. Drum Majors Matt Link and Katy Martin also finished in the top 10.

According to Richards, "We set a goal in June to reach this point, and are simply thrilled to have made it. The attitude displayed by the kids has been truly exceptional, and they've been focused all season. They kids did an outstanding job."

Lehman's show this season,

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Lake-Lehman band director

"Tradition with a Twist," was "a bit different for us," said Richards, who also wrote the music score. "We took an off-the-wall approach with it because all the pieces are so well known. We arranged them with multiple meter and key changes, to make them a little off center."

Featured selections in the show were: "Sabre Dance," "Morning," "Dance of the Tumblers," "Comedians' Gallop," and "Hungarian Rhapsody." The band's instruction and design staff includes Maureen Richards, Assistant Band Director and Color Guard instructor; Marc Sylvester, Drill

Gambal, Pit Percussion Arrangements and Instruction; John Taggart, Color Guard Design and Instruction; Rob Trescavage, Drill Instruction; Mandy Van Kuren and Chris Brown, Pit Percussion Instruction; Mike Hoff and Ben McEntee, Battery Percussion Instruction; Lake-Lehman Pit Bulls, Prop Construction, and the Lake-Lehman Band Moms, Flag Construction.

"I also want to say thank you to the Lake-Lehman Band Sponsors. Budget cuts at the school made it necessary for them to pay for our transportation in a lot of cases, and without them, we would have been really stuck," added Richards.

With their latest success fresh in their minds, the band is sending 22 students to Lackawanna Trail High school for District band Auditions Nov. 17, and is also preparing their annual holiday concert, set for December 15.

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MOOSIC-The Dallas High school Marching Band brought their competition season to a bright finish at this past weekend's Atlantic Coast championships band competition, ending in 14th place overall with a score of 87, while also taking seventh-place in woodwinds, sixth-place in percussion, and a hard earned third-place for Drum Major Jason Vodzak.

"I'm thrilled with our showing today," said Dallas band director Todd L. Hunter. "We went in ranked 17th, and to move up three places says a lot, especially since we couldn't really practice after the school was closed this past week."

Added drill instructor Jerry Baldauff, "We accomplished our goal of finishing in the top 15, so we are very happy. We had a lot of ups and downs this season, a lot

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Dallas band drill instructor

of which were due to the fact we had to re-arrange the show in some places, but it worked out when we needed it to."

Dallas's show, "A Musical Tour of American Cities," was consistently well received by audiences this season. "We looked at what we did last year, and went for a similar feel with this one," said Hunter. Selections featured in the show were: "Finale: Times Square," "Chattanooga Choo Choo," "St. Louis Blues," "Viva Las Vegas," "Hooray for Hollywood," "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," "Chicago," the theme from TV's Dallas, and a swing

version of "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

The 1996 instructional staff included; Mark Lortz, Music Score; Tony Deyo, Drill Design; David Gambal, Percussion Score and Instruction; Jerry Baldauff, additional Drill Design and Instruction; Heather Baldauff, Band Front Instruction and Coordinator; Lisa Wall, assistant Drill Instructor; Jeremy Bealla, Equipment Construction and Management, and Mike Bealla, Personnel Coordinator and Announcer.

Now that the marching season has ended, "We still have a lot of things coming up," said Hunter. "Twenty-one students are going to Lackawanna Trail High School for District Band auditions Nov. 17, and the band will also be gearing up for its annual holiday concert to be held December 8."

Hunter also wished to thank the Dallas Band Booster Association, and "everyone who gave us a hand throughout the season."

Dallas High School play Nov. 26-27

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