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President's Column

by George Strickland



George Strickland

Here in our December Newsletter you should find updated information concerning our gathering in San Antonio for the year 2000 All-State Bands. We are going to have a great week with our all-state students, clinicians David Holsinger and Jack Delaney, ATSSB-sponsored clinic and concerts, and the time of fellowship and sharing among other professionals and members.

I hope your region band auditions have gone well. It is such a benefit for our bands that students prepare the audition material. Each of your students becomes a better player, which in turn makes your band a better, stronger band. Keep encouraging your students to prepare the selected etudes yearly.

Several university music departments are assisting the preparation of our students for their auditions. Two to mention are Howard Payne University and Texas A & M University-Commerce. Last September, HPU director Rob Tucker, with the help of ATSSB Region VII Coordinator Scott Stephenson, provided a full day of clinics which covered the tryout music, preparation for auditions, and audition room techniques. Music professors from Howard Payne University and Angelo State University gave up their day to present the clinics without even mileage being paid. The students learned much and had a great experience to put them on the road for auditions. In the middle of November, Texas A & M-Commerce hosted their 44th annual Junior-Senior Honor Band weekend. Students gathered to audition for one of the four honor bands on Friday afternoon. While waiting for results, the students were presented concerts by the Tuba-Euphonium Ensemble, University Jazz Ensemble, and the University Wind Ensemble with guest conductor David Holsinger. Early Saturday morning, clinics were presented

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by the University Music Department professors on the ATSSB and TMEA audition materials. After the remainder of the day in rehearsals, the honor bands presented a concert for parents and friends; entertaining between bands was the TAMU-C Steel Drum Band. Band Director Bobby Francis and his staff, along with university student members of Tau Beta Sigma and Kappa Kappa Psi, provide a wonderful service and experience for our students. As members of ATSSB and TMEA we are appreciative to each of these universities--and any others--that recognize the opportunities that can be gained for both the high school and university band programs by providing audition clinics to our students.

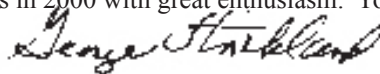
We are proud to announce two exciting events that will occur during the TMEA/ATSSB convention in February. First, a concert will be presented for our all-state students by the Steel Drum Band of Texas A & M University-Commerce. Under the direction of Percussion Instructor Brian West, the ensemble will begin their concert at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesday evening in the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Secondly, ATSSB will sponsor a clinic during the TMEA convention which will be presented by Deanna Sabota. Deanna is a low brass clinician with the Getzen Corporation who is currently working on her doctorate in tuba performance. She has a great program that can be brought into your intermediate or junior high schools to help recruit low brass players, especially girls. I encourage you to plan on attending these two events during the February convention. Both will be well worth your attendance.

Region alignment is a topic of which you should be aware. Articles concerning realignment have been printed in the TMEA magazine and the UIL Leaguer. The alignment review committee met last October and prepared a timeline to implement any new alignment that will effect our state music competition. ATSSB Past-President Ronnie Page is a member of the joint appointed UIL/TMEA Committee. He will appreciate any input and concerns that you have about realignment. As always, the best method of expressing your concern or input is to put it in writing and send it to Ronnie.

Auditions and certification to Area should be completed by now. Thanks to all of the Region Coordinators that serve our organization by preparing and running the region auditions. Thanks also to the Area Coordinators that are now working to organize the upcoming state auditions at our five areas. Good luck to each of your students as they strive for the ultimate all-state experience.

Housing for the TMEA/ATSSB convention will be filling up rapidly. If you have not already made plans, please do so immediately. You might want to consider serving as a hall monitor in the Emily Morgan for our all-state students. Contact Jennifer Willison if you are interested. Please be sure to attend our ATSSB General Membership meeting during the convention. Several presentations will be made during the meeting, along with reports from the State Board, SARC, and other active committees. Let me remind you that door prizes will be awarded, too.

Remember the reason that we have this holiday season. Have a great, restful holiday. Get away from your band hall and enjoy time with family and friends. Begin that first day of classes in 2000 with great enthusiasm. You and your students will benefit from it. See you in San Antonio.



President Elect's Column

by Gary Robbins

Have you ever made this statement: "I never have enough time to get everything done."

Do you realize time is neutral in the events of life? Actually, how time is perceived by the individual depends upon how time is used. Time is what you choose to make of it. We tend to blame the stress we have in our lives on time, when in reality it is our poor use of time that causes our stress. Dr. Michael G. Skinner, in his article "The Relationship Between Stress and Time," states: "Time or its absence cannot cause stress in an individual, but an individual's perception of time can often be a major cause of stress."

When you tell someone that you did not have enough time to get a task done, you are actually telling him that you did not make good use of your time.

For example, all of us knew that October 1st was the deadline to get an ATSSB membership for only \$25. Kenneth tells me that we have over \$2500 added to our scholarship fund because some directors did not get their requests in on "time." ATSSB would like to thank those who did not have the "time" to fill out their papers.

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Gary Robbins

Now Kenneth is telling me that it is “time” to have an article for the newsletter. Doesn’t he realize that I do not have the “time” to sit down and put my thoughts in order? It is also “time” to have all of the all-region entries done, make an activity deposit, check fund-raising envelopes, work up four purchase orders, hand out Christmas music, schedule practices around basketball tournaments, take up all the marching equipment, have auditions for the splitting of bands, locate the concert band folders, figure out how I am going to march in a Christmas parade with the whole band wanting to be somewhere else, go to band booster meetings, copy Christmas music, and take a CPR class. I am not including the tasks my wife wants me to have “time” to get done. I will never have enough time to get all of this done. Or what I should say is, “I must not be making good use of my ‘time.’ I feel stressed.”

I hope that you will have the “time” to listen carefully to the all-region music. I have been notified of some possible errors. Make sure that you understand that any errors found now will not go into effect this year. Put your concerns in writing and get them to one of the SARC members. The members’ names are listed in the September newsletter. If you have concerns and do not take the “time” to put them in writing, the SARC committee will not review them.

The “time” has come for me to finish my article. And “time” or no “time” it is still a pleasure serving this great organization. Let us all try to make “time” in our busy schedules to reflect on our blessings during this season. My wish for you this holiday season would be that you will have enough “time” to get all of your tasks done so that you will not be as stressed as I am! Thank you for your support.

Gary M. Robbins

Executive Secretary's Column

by Kenneth L. Griffin



Kenneth Griffin

I hope the ATSSB audition process went well for all of you at the region level and that you are looking forward to Area January 8. Be sure when you go to Area that all forms are properly signed and completed - and that after Area you make reservations for your students that were selected for the All-State Bands - and also that you have housing plans yourself!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Shannon Dow and Wayne Smith for their two years of service to ATSSB as Class A and Class AAA Representatives to the State Board of Directors. It is a time-consuming but necessary role that they played as the Executive Committee of which they are a part has tried to accommodate the needs of students and their directors over the past two years.

As we approach the clinic in February, we will have completed one year under an alignment with TMEA regarding auditions for the All-State Band. While there are certainly 'bobbles' that occur in the alignment, the process will be under review by both TMEA and ATSSB and a decision made to amend the process, continue another two years, or abandon it. Please be considering your feelings regarding the alignment, as I am sure a referendum from the membership will be required for any change in the alignment. This referendum could take place at the General Session in San Antonio in

February or in a mail ballot in the spring with the March Newsletter. Please watch for details.

Our 4-Year All-State Band Scholarship Fund stands at \$25,056.55. This increase is from the 125 members who joined after October 1 paying an additional \$25 in dues which went into this fund and from royalties paid by our Licensees. Many thanks to those 125 for their contributions! But please make an effort to not only thank our Licensees for their support, but also to use their services! These companies have paid a fee and are under contract to use the ATSSB logo and marks on their products and they pay a portion of their receipts to the ATSSB 4-Year All-State Band Scholarship. Please use them before any other companies offering their products: Southwest Specialties (Freddy Butlar - Midlothian) = T-shirts, caps, plaques, etc.; Probst Audio (Scott Probst - Ennis) = recordings of concerts on tape or CD; Concertronics (William Collins - Victoria) = recording of concerts on tape or CD; Jordan Sound Productions (Gary Jordan - Leesburg) = recording of concerts on tapes or CD and ATSSB Area etude performance tapes; Made To Order (Larry Wood - Lorenzo) = T-shirts, caps, plaques, etc.

A reminder about piccolo and Eb clarinet: If your flute or clarinet player makes the All-State Band at the

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Area auditions January 8 and would like to play piccolo (flutes) or $E\flat$ Soprano Clarinet (clarinets), have them bring their piccs/effers to San Antonio. After regular chair auditions are completed for flute/clarinet, we will hold separate auditions for these two instruments for each band from among those students interested in it that were selected for their respective bands. One piccolo and one soprano clarinet may be selected from among the Symphonic flutes and clarinets; also, one piccolo and one soprano clarinet may be selected from among the Concert flutes and clarinets. If no one auditions on these instruments from one, either, or both bands, then the instrument will not be used. A notice concerning this policy will be placed in the flute and clarinet packets they will receive at Area this year if they are selected for the All-State Band.

We will continue our hotel reservation practice under the direction of Jennifer Willison, ATSSB State Housing Coordinator. Each student that opts to stay in ATSSB housing must pay a \$100 housing fee directly to ATSSB (the address will be on the housing form they complete at Area). ATSSB will then pay one check for the hotel rooms up front. If directors are able to reserve a room using ATSSB housing forms, they must pay for the room in one check directly to ATSSB in the amount of \$324 (split any way you can among directors sharing the room with you!). Make sure you include the student name and school (or director's name and school). Remember to take care of this before January 29 or you will lose your reservation!

We plan to hold our ATSSB Business Session in the Scottish Rite Auditorium at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 10. Elections for Class A and Class AAA Representatives to the State Board of Directors will be held at this meeting, so I hope you can make plans around the busy activities in San Antonio at that time of year to attend. A short biographical sketch of each candidate for state office can be found beginning on page 6.

When you get a chance, be sure to thank our Region and Area Coordinators for their efforts in securing audition sites, hosts, audition chairmen, computer equipment and logistics, etc. Also, let's not forget to thank our State Chair Audition Coordinator (Scott Stephenson of Ballinger), State Chair Audition Office Manager (Louis Thornton of Abilene Christian High School), and all of their helpers and judging panels in advance of the work facing them as the two bands are seated. Our All-State Symphonic Band Organizer (Shannon Dow of Happy), All-State Symphonic Band Percussion Organizer (Chris McLellan of Glen Rose), All-State Concert Band Organizer (John Standridge of Arp), and All-State Concert Band Percussion Organizer (Rob Toups of Canton) still have a job ahead of them! The convention-clinic and concerts will take a LOT of preparation, advanced planning and organization. Rooms have been booked for you and your students, the Scottish Rite Auditorium has been reserved and liability insurance purchased for the time we will occupy it. Arrangements for temporary lighting and police security in the auditorium have been made, stands and percussion equipment have to be provided before chair auditions begin on Wednesday night, programs have to be completed, badges for the students have to be made and personalized, entertainment for All-State students prior to the general meeting arranged -- not to mention many other activities taking place in the background as we prepare for the clinic. All of the people involved give so much of their time to make it a success. It would not be possible if it weren't for their dedication to the profession and the students in the All-State Bands who benefit from their efforts.

A quick word about the ATSSB Website (<http://www.atssb.org>): We have a wonderful site that is professionally designed, implemented and maintained by our volunteer Webmasters - Tim Edins and Dr. Wayne Clark of Hamilton. It provides not only worldwide visibility for ATSSB, but also a cast resource of information from which all of us benefit. The Job Board was extremely helpful (and appreciated not only by the applicants seeking employment, but the schools seeking directors!) and the Chat Board a vibrant springboard for discussions regarding our work together for the good of small-school bandmen across the state. While we were not without a few bumps in the stream of consciousness with our discussions, it has always rebounded to a level of professionalism that we can all admire as we continue to voice our opinions anonymous or not!). Thank you, membership, for your continued vigil of professionalism.

Since this will be our last communication before San Antonio, let me address those of you who will have students in the All-State Band. Please remember that many are in the "big city" for the first time so, along with those students who are familiar with San Antonio, they will need frequent contact with you to allay their fears and keep them focused on their role as they represent not only ATSSB, but also their home bands, school, and community. Drop by rehearsals often, especially at breaks, to see that they have a place to go and that they know what they may do in their free time. It also helps to have directors observing rehearsals at all times. Not only do we learn good rehearsal techniques from our fine clinicians, but also we can act as a restraining presence to students who might otherwise allow their attention to drift during rehearsals! There is certainly nothing wrong with leaning over a student with a cap on and quietly asking him or her to remove it -- or watching a section and noticing a student talking in a distracting manner and quietly asking them to stop. Our Organizers are with the band almost constantly, but we cannot expect them to be there every minute nor expect them to see every infraction of rehearsal protocol. Try to drop by and give a listen -- and a hand!

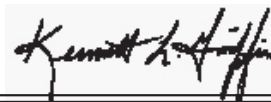
Our corporate supporters are so consistent in their desire to help. Caldwell Music has provided our All-

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State programs every year since inception. This is a considerable expense, but they are quick to reply that they would like to continue to provide this service when asked. Fruhauf Uniforms also is continuing to provide the All-State shoulder patch each year. Pender's Music Company is a new source from which we purchase our All-State music (at a discount, I might add); they also copy and collate the Area folders and State Chair Audition judges' folders. Bill McMath and Richard Gore are gracious in their help and professional in their service. Several fundraiser companies provide refreshments for the students during their breaks and some companies provide "survival kits" at times (coupons, pencils, notebooks, etc.); they will be recognized along with Caldwell Music, Fruhauf Uniforms, and Pender's Music in the programs. I just wanted to say an additional "Thank You" to these three for their contributions to the continued success of the ATSSB All-State Band.

See you in San Antonio!



1999 Outstanding Performance Series

by Don Thoede, State Chair

The 1999 Outstanding Performance Series compact disc will be available for purchase any day now. If you wish to purchase a CD, you will need to contact Avant Recording, the official distributor, at P.O. Box 1513, Forney, Texas 75126. The telephone number is 972-564-3287. The cost is \$10.00. Remember that a CD of the 1999 All-State Symphonic and Concert Bands is also included in the purchase price. You can find an order form on page 9.

I want to remind the winners and runners-up of the 1999 OPS that your presence at the General Session of ATSSB at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2000, at the Scottish Rite Auditorium is strongly encouraged. Each of you will be presented with an award for your accomplishments. Please notify me a few days before the meeting if you cannot be present! Keep in mind that this award will be presented to you and not to your band or to your school.

The directors who will be presented with an award are: Jimmy Wiggins, Luis Zepeda, Michael Marsh, Brenda Tanner, Perry Dornbush, Rodney Bennett, Bill Rotter, Gary Beach, David Ingram, Elmer Schenk, Darin Jolly, Fred Pankratz, James Coffman, Manuel Martinez, Tony Gibbs, and Pat Autry. I am looking forward to the awards presentation.



Don Thoede

I will be handing out new 2000 OPS packets to the State Board members at the State Board meeting on Thursday, February 10. All Region Coordinators will be asked to reproduce the information and mail out all pertinent information in early March to the directors in their regions. Any director who does not receive 2000 OPS entry forms from their Region Coordinator by March 15 should contact his/her Region Coordinator. The entry deadline date for the directors to their Region Coordinators is May 20, 2000. I will discuss OPS entry forms and deadlines in greater detail in the March Newsletter.

The 1999 Outstanding Performance Series was a real success. I cannot say it enough that the reason for the success is due to the leadership of the Region and Area Coordinators and all of the directors who served as judges at the Region, Area, and State levels. The success of the 2000 OPS will also depend on the leadership of the Region and Area Coordinators and the willingness of the directors to serve as judges. When you are called to assist with the 2000 OPS, please remember that its success depends on you!

I hope you all have a safe and joyous holiday season and a happy and prosperous New Year!



ELECTION

Class A and Class AAA Representatives to the State Board of Directors for 2000-02 will be elected in the ATSSB General Session on Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 11:30 a.m. in the Scottish Rite Auditorium. Biographies of the nominees follow on page 6. Members may only vote on the candidates for the class schools in which they are actively involved. For example, if a member is at a class A high school, then he or she may only vote for the class A Representative. Directors at C/CC may vote for the class their school feeds. Class AA and C/CC schools that feed AA high schools do not vote in this election.

Class A Representative



Rodney Bennett is the band director at Munday High School, a class A school in Region II. He lives in Munday with his wife of nineteen years, Marilyn. They have one son, Ronnie, and a granddaughter, Emma Grace.

He is a member of ATSSB, TMEA, TBA, ASBDA, NBA, Phi Beta Mu, TMAA, Fellowship of Christian Musicians, and is a life member of Kappa Kappa Psi. He holds a Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education from Midwestern State University and received a Master of Music degree from Eastern New Mexico University in 1998. He is listed in Who's Who Among American Teachers and Who's Who in American Education. He received the TMEA Graduate Scholarship Award in 1996 and the NBA Citation of Excellence in 1994. He has taught his entire career in Munday, beginning work there in January of 1983. He served ATSSB as Class A Representative to the State Board of Directors from 1993-1995; has served TMEA, UIL and TBA in many capacities, including Region II TMEA Band Division Chairman from 1994 to the present. The 1994 Munday Band was the TMEA Class A State

Honor Band and repeats as Class A State Honor Band in 2000. They were finalists in the 1997 and 1998 ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series, and were in the UIL State Marching Contest Finalist 7 times.

"ATSSB has been a great organization for our small school bands. I have spent my entire career teaching in small schools and believe I have a good understanding of the challenges that our bands and schools face. I would use my experience to help guide ATSSB into the next century and better the organization for the success of our students and bands."

Penny Brister is the band director at Meridian High School, a class A school in Region VIII. She is a member of ATSSB, TMEA, TBA, and ATPE. She is married to David S. Brister, Jr. and has three children: six-year-old Ariel, five-year-old Levi, and three-year-old Rachel. She received her M.M. from Tarleton State University and has taught in Junction and Rotan before Meridian, where she participated in a mentoring program under Don Thoede. The Meridian band received a first division at UIL Marching and Concert.

"I believe the education of our small school students should be even more intense and personal than those of bigger schools. We have a better chance to touch and expand our students' education and lives."

Shannon Dow is the band director at Happy High School, a class A school in Region I. She is a member of ATSSB, TMEA, TBA, and TCTA. She lives in Amarillo with her husband Brian, who is a Registered Nurse at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. She is in her eleventh year of teaching band, with ten of them in small schools. She received her Bachelor and Masters in Music Education from Lamar University in Beaumont. She is currently serving as the class A Representative to the ATSSB State Board of Directors. The Happy High School Band has been a finalist in the ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series every year since its inception. Two concert pieces were selected as the 1997 OPS winners and Happy was the 3rd Runner-up in the 1997 TMEA State Honor Band competition.



Scott Rhame is the band director at Carlisle High School, a Class A school in Region XXI. He has taught band for thirty-two years in Rusk County in East Texas. He is a member of ATSSB, TMEA, and TMAA. He has been the Texas All-State Band Audition Facilitator for percussion since the beginning of ATSSB.

He attended Kilgore College and Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches where he received his Bachelor of Music in Music Education. He received his Masters degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of Texas at Tyler in 1974.

His teaching career has been mainly in the 1A, 2A and 4A classifications with his roots as a high school musician firmly planted with the 2A classification at Jefferson High School under the direction of Mr. Jack Briggs.

His bands have always been on the state level in competition. During his tenure in

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Carlisle, the band received its first Sweepstakes in the school's history. His Overton band grew from 30 to 120 in a few years and its string of first divisions lasted six years. He then spent eight years teaching junior high in Henderson (winning a Sweepstakes with the seventh-grade band), then taught at West Rusk junior high where his band received eight consecutive Sweepstakes and was twice a finalist in TMEA Honor Band competitions. He is in his seventh year at Carlisle, where his band was sixth in 1995, seventh in 1997, and fourth in the 1999 TMEA Honor Band competition. Carlisle has received two more Sweepstakes the past two years and had its first-ever All-State student this past year. In his thirty-one years of teaching, Rhame has had twenty-nine first divisions in concert contests and in his sixteen years teaching in high school, his bands have accumulated thirteen first divisions in marching.

Rhame is very active as a performer, clinician and adjudicator.

Glen Wells is the band director at Overton, a class A school in Region XXI. He is a member of ATSSB, TMEA, and TBA. He and his wife Tracy have been married thirteen years and have two children: ten-year-old Kirk and seven-year-old John. Before he came to Overton in 1997, he taught in West Rusk from 1980-83, Lufkin 1983-89, Kilgore 1989-96, and Livingston 1996-97. He attended Union Grove High School, then received his Associate of Arts degree from Kilgore College. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1980 and his Masters in 1986. He is currently working on a second masters degree in mid-management.

He was Valedictorian at Union Grove High School, Who's Who in the Music Department at Kilgore College, and his bands have been consistent first division throughout his career. He served as TMEA Region IV Band Division Chairman in 1992-94.



Pamela Williams is the band director at Bremond, a class A school in Region VIII. She is a member of ATSSB, TMEA, NAMMB, and TBA. She and her husband Jimmy, an agricultural engineer with the USDA and a research scientist at Texas A&M, live in Lott. She has two stepchildren and four grandchildren. She has a Bachelor of Music from North Texas State University, a Master of Education from Stephen F. Austin State University, and has done postgraduate work at Baylor. In listing honors, she states "The greatest thrill of mu teaching career has been when I took my Bremond band to the State Marching Contest in 1997."

"I appreciate what ATSSB has done for the small school bands. I strongly support this organization for all the benefits it offers to the students of small school bands. Whatever I can do to help this work I will be glad to do."

Class AAA Representative

Pat Autry is the band director at Whitesboro High School, a class AAA school in Region V. He lives in Whitesboro with his wife Sharon and their three-year-old daughter Brittlea. They are members of First Baptist Church in Whitesboro where they are active in the music and Sunday School ministries.

He is a member of TMEA, TMAA, TBA, and a Charter Member of ATSSB. He was the ATSSB Region Coordinator for Region V and served on the ATSSB State Board of Directors from 1996-98. He currently serves on the WHS Principal's Cabinet and as a high school representative on the District Advisory Committee and the Voluntary Student Drug Testing Proposal Committee

Holding a Bachelor of Music degree from Mississippi State University, he has been

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teaching in Texas eleven years, the last eight in Whitesboro. His bands there have received Sweepstakes awards and have advanced to Area and State Marching Contests. Last year, the band participated in the National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade in Washington, D.C. and was the runner-up in the AAA Concert division of the ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series. He has several former students currently involved in college marching band programs and/or pursuing degrees in Music Education.

"It was my pleasure to serve the members of this organization for two years on the ATSSB State Board of Directors. I am now seeking that opportunity again. Because our association has done so much for the students of small schools, it will be my priority to ensure the strength of ATSSB for the students of years to come - always looking for ways to make our association better and stronger, for needs to be met and for accomplishments to reward."

Danny Burns is the band director at Brownsboro High School, a class AAA school in Region XXI. He and his wife of six years, Karen, live in Chandler with their nine-month-old son Matthew Alan Burns. He is a graduate of Whitehouse High School and has a Bachelor of Music Education from Stephen F. Austin State University. Prior to coming to Brownsboro, he taught at Center Middle School from 1991-1995 and Timpson High School from 1995-1998. He is a member of TMEA, TBA, ATSSB, and the National Association of Military Marching Bands. He has served on the Region 21 ATSSB Rules and Ethics Committee and is the current president of NAMMB. His bands have received numerous Sweepstakes Awards. His Timpson High School Bands are featured on both the 1997 and 1998 ATSSB Outstanding Performance Series CD's. The Timpson Band was 3rd runner-up in the 1997 TMEA AA Honor Band competition.

"I have the utmost respect for the past and present leadership of ATSSB and would consider it an honor and privilege to be selected to serve this organization in such a capacity."

Jerry Sedatole is the band director at Sweeny High School, a class AAA school in Region XIII. His and his wife Diane live in Sweeny. They have two children: Dr. Kevin Sedatole, Director of the University of Texas Longhorn Band; and Brian Sedatole, a former high school band director who is currently a representative for Kathryn Beich.

He is a member of ATSSB, TMEA, TBA, and SPEBSQSA and is co-director of the Coastalairens in Bay City. He has a Bachelor of Music Education and a Master of Education from Sam Houston State. Before coming to Sweeny, he taught in East Barnard, Friendswood, Spring, Corsicana, and Trinity Valley Community College.

His bands were consistently first division. He has served as a TMEA Region Band Chairman, a Regional Vice-president of Allegro Services, Inc., and President of TNT Services.

"I have always felt an obligation to serve in any way I could. If no one ever volunteered to help when needed, where would our organization be today?"



Rob Toups is the band director at Canton High School, a class AAA school in Region III. He has been in Canton since 1991.

He is a member of ATSSB, TMEA, TBA, and TMAA. He has a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Southwestern Louisiana and has fifteen years' experience in public school music.

The Canton band earns consistent Sweepstakes awards. In March of 1999 the band performed in Europe. Toups served as the Percussion Organizer for the ATSSB All-State Symphonic Band. The Canton High School band program offers marching band, concert band, and jazz band. Students participate in all ATSSB and UIL activities including Region Area, and State auditions as well as regional and state solo-ensemble competitions.

"Having students involved in all these areas gives me experience and insight into the challenges of preparation and participation small school band directors and students face. It is my wish to serve my

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fellow Texas band directors as the Class AAA Representative to the ATSSB State Board of Directors."

Joe Woodson is the band director at Gladewater School, a class AAA school in Region IV. His wife Robin teaches third grade at Harmony Elementary School. They live in Gilmer with their two sons: fifteen-year-old Grant who plays trumpet in the Gladewater High School Band, and eleven-year-old Collin who plays percussion at Harmony Middle School. They belong to the First United Methodist Church in Gilmer where he is involved with the music ministries as Orchestra Director, sings in the Chancel Choir, and serves on several church committees.

He is a member of ATSSB, TMEA, TBA, Four States Bandmasters Association, the Texas Municipal League, and the State Firemen and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas. He graduated from Bonham High School in 1977 and East Texas State University in 1981. He taught in several schools across East Texas including 1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A. Bands under his direction have earned several UIL Sweepstakes awards, performed at the UIL State Marching Contest in 1991 and 1993, was named Area C Class A Honor Band in 1992 and 1994, his junior high band was TMEA Region 4 Class BBB Honor Band in 1996 and they also performed at the NAMMB Contest at Texas A&M as well as being named Outstanding Band in competitions in Texas, Florida, and Colorado.



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ATSSB Members who are listed as TMAA Members

Please suggest from among the following ATSSB members for your judging panels for this coming spring and for 2000-01, especially those on the Supplemental List. Under the membership TYPE below, the following abbreviations are used: RM-Regular Member; AM-Associate Member; CM-Charter Member; FCM-Founding Charter Member; HL-Honorary Life. Under TMAA, the asterisk (*) indicates the member is on the Supplemental List, lacking only judging experience for placement on the Active List: CB-Concert Band, MB-Marching Band, O-Orchestra. Be sure to check with the member listed before securing them as a judge to insure accurate TMAA membership; the information below is gleaned from information provided by the members and has not been verified through the TMAA office.

TYPE	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	REG.	TMAA	SCHOOL ADDRESS	SCHOOL CITY & ZIP	TELEPHONE
RM	Daniel Alemàn	Pearsall HS	AAA	11	CB, MB	522 E. Florida	Pearsall, Texas 78061	(830) 334-5055
RM	Eduardo Alemàn	Pearsall HS	AAA	11	CB*	813 E. Alabama	Pearsall, Texas 78061	(830) 334-5055
RM	Christy Anderson	Burnet MS	CC	18	CB*	1201 N. Main	Burnet, Texas 78611	(512) 756-4587
CM	Pat Autry	Whitesboro HS	AAA	5	CB, MB	115 4th Street	Whitesboro, Texas 76273	(903) 564-4229
RM	Rusty Baldwin	Anahuac HS	AAA	19	CB, MB	P.O. Box 1560	Anahuac, Texas 77514	(409) 267-3197
RM	Jerry Barker	Roscoe HS	A	2	MB	P.O. Box 579	Roscoe, Texas 79545	(915) 766-2220
RM	Jerry Bartley	New Deal HS	AA	16	CB, MB	P.O. Box 250	New Deal, Texas 79350	(806) 746-5519
RM	Virgil Beene	Troup HS	AA	21	CB	P.O. Box 578	Troup, Texas 75789	(903) 842-3065
RM	Marilyn K. Bennett	Munday MS	C	2	MB*	P.O. Box 300	Munday, Texas 76371	(940) 422-4478
RM	Rodney D. Bennett	Munday HS	A	2	CB, MB	P.O. Box 300	Munday, Texas 76371	(940) 422-4478
RM	Mike Brady	Coleman HS	AA	7	CB, MB	201 W. 15th	Coleman, Texas 76834	(915) 625-2156
RM	Larry Breashears	Queen City HS	AAA	4	CB	P.O. Box 128	Queen City, Texas 75572	(903) 796-7954
RM	Anne R. Broadus	Robinson HS	AAA	8	CB, MB	500 W. Lyndale	Robinson, Texas 76706	(254) 662-3840
AM	Bob Bryant	Katy HS	AAAAA	9	CB, MB	6331 Highway Blvd.	Katy, Texas 77474	(281) 396-6700
RM	Frank Burrows	Mt. Enterprise HS	A	21	CB, MB	P.O. Box 130	Mt. Enterprise, Texas 75681	(903) 822-3721
RM	Lowell Clark	Goodrich HS	A	10	CB, MB	P.O. Box 789	Goodrich, Texas 77335	(409) 365-2747
RM	Bob Clarke	Boling HS	AA	13	MB*	P.O. Drawer 119	Boling, Texas 77420	(409) 657-4674
RM	Tony Clines	Robinson HS	AAA	8	CB, MB	500 W. Lyndale	Robinson, Texas 76706	(254) 662-4088
RM	Mike Cole	Linden-Kildare JH	C	4	CB, MB	102 N. Taylor	Linden, Texas 75563	(903) 756-5381
AM	Jeff Comp	C.D. Fulkers MS	CC	18	CB, MB	300 W. Anderson Ave.	Round Rock, Texas 78664	(512) 244-9763
RM	Johnnie Cotton	Stamford HS	AA	2	CB, MB	507 S. Orient	Stamford, Texas 79553	(915) 773-5041
RM	Berry C. Crudgington	Brady HS	AAA	7	CB*	100 W. Main	Brady, Texas 76825	(915) 597-9271
RM	Jim Cude	Hamlin HS	AA	2	CB*, MB*	450 SW Avenue F	Hamlin, Texas 79520	(915) 576-3472
FCM	Lonnie Dooley	Van HS			CB, MB*	P.O. Box 697	Van, Texas 75920	(903) 963-5841
RM	Blake Edmondson	Childress HS	AAA	2	CB*	800 Avenue J NW	Childress, Texas 79201	(940) 937-6131
RM	Craig Ewing	Mathis HS	AAA	14	CB, MB	1615 E. San Patricio	Mathis, Texas 78368	(361) 547-4142
RM	Bryan Ferrell	Clifton HS	AAA	7	CB	1102 N. Avenue N	Clifton, Texas 76634	(254) 675-8606
RM	David Fortenberry	Greenwood HS	AAA	6	CB	2700 FM 1379	Midland, Texas 79706	(915) 685-7811
RM	Dan Francis	Gainesville HS	AAA	2	CB	1201 S. Lindsay	Gainesville, Texas 76240	(940) 665-5528
RM	Dan H. Frels	Cuero JH	CC	13	CB, MB	401 Park Hts. Drive	Cuero, Texas 77954	(361) 275-2772
RM	Paul Fullerton	James Bowie HS	A	4	CB	P.O. Box 9	Simms, Texas 75574	(903) 543-2219
RM	Stacy Gist	Lexington HS	AA	18	CB*, MB	P.O. Box 248	Lexington, Texas 78947	(409) 773-2255
FCM	Kenneth Griffin	Houston Christian HS	AA	9	CB, MB	4211 Watonga	Houston, Texas 77092	(281) 494-1958
RM	Forrester Halamicek	Menard HS	A	7	CB, MB	P.O. Box 729	Menard, Texas 76859	(915) 996-2443
AM	Robert E. Henry	Texas Tech University			CB	School of Music, Box 42033	Lubbock, Texas 79409	(806) 742-2270
RM	Richard Herrera	Brownfield HS	AAA	16	CB, MB	701 N. Cub	Brownfield, Texas 79316	(806) 637-4523
RM	Stacy Hildebrand	Atlanta HS	AAA	4	CB, MB*	705 Rabbit Blvd.	Atlanta, Texas 75551	(903) 799-1032
RM	Roy Hinojosa	Taft HS	AAA	14	CB, MB	502 Rincon RD	Taft, Texas 78390	(512) 528-5470
RM	Ben L. Hoaidridge	Bowie HS	AAA	2	CB, O, MB	800 N. Mill Street	Bowie, Texas 76230	(940) 872-3601
RM	Travis Hobson	Wall HS	AA	7	CB	8065 South US Hwy 87	Wall, Texas 76957	(915) 651-7521
AM	Dan Huck	Sweetwater HS	N/A		CB, MB*	1205 Ragland	Sweetwater, Texas 79556	(915) 235-4371
RM	Jasper Huff, Jr.	Van JH	CC	3	CB*	P.O. Box 697	Van, Texas 75790	(903) 963-8321
RM	John H. Ivie, Jr.	Collinsville HS	A	3	CB, MB	Box 49	Collinsville, Texas 76233	(903) 492-3077
RM	Bruce Kenner	Sealy HS	AAA	9	CB, MB*	939 West Street	Sealy, Texas 77474	(409) 885-2114
RM	Larry D. Kingsley	Retired			CB, MB	707 Melody Lane	Gainesville, Texas 76240	(940) 668-1020
RM	Tom Kuhn	Jacksboro HS	AA	2	MB*	812 W. Belknap	Jacksboro, Texas 76458	(940) 567-3171
RM	Ricky Kyker	Hawley HS	AA	2	CB*, MB*	P.O. Box 440	Hawley, Texas 79525	(915) 537-2722
RM	Merle E. Lenfest, Jr.	Rankin HS	A	6	CB	P.O. Box 90	Rankin, Texas 79778	(915) 693-2397
RM	Aaron K. Lewis	Comfort HS	AA	11	CB, MB	143 Hwy 87	Comfort, Texas 78013	(830) 995-3533
RM	Mike E. Lewis	Burnet HS	AAA	18	MB	1401 N. Main	Burnet, Texas 78611	(512) 756-4587
AM	Robert Littlefield	Columbia HS	AAAAA	13	CB, MB*	P.O. Box 158	West Columbia, Texas 77486	(409) 345-5147
RM	Ed Lowes	La Grange HS	AAA	18	CB, MB*	P.O. Box 100	La Grange, Texas 78945	(409) 968-8961
RM	James Marioneaux	Barbers Hill HS	AAA	19	CB, MB	P.O. Box 1108	Mont Belvieu, Texas 77580	(281) 576-2221
HL/FCM	Michael G. Marsh	Howe MS	C	3	CB, MB	301 N. Denney	Howe, Texas 75459	(903) 532-6013
RM	Manuel Martinez	Alvarado HS	AAA	7	CB, MB*	P.O. Box 387	Alvarado, Texas 76009	(817) 783-6947
RM	Wayne McBee, Jr.	Van Vleck HS	AA	13	MB	P.O. Box 649	Van Vleck, Texas 77482	(409) 245-0667
RM	Tracy McElroy	Palacios HS	AAA	13	CB*, MB*	100 Shark Drive	Palacios, Texas 77465	(361) 972-2571
RM	Mark Melton	Union Grove HS	AA	4	CB	P.O. Box 1447	Gladewater, Texas 75647	(903) 845-5506
RM	Joseph R. Michel	Retired			CB*, MB*	103 Byron Lane	Victoria, Texas 77901-3647	(361) 579-0898
RM	Greg Miller	Iowa Park HS	AAA	2	CB, MB*	1513 W. Hwy.	Iowa Park, Texas 76367	(940) 592-2411
RM	Perry Morris	Giddings HS	AAA	18	CB*, MB*	P.O. Box 389	Giddings, Texas 78942	(409) 542-3954
RM	Pat Norton	St. James Catholic	C	12	CB, MB	507 S. Camp	Seguin, Texas 78155	(830) 379-5562
RM	Virginia Olsovsky	Hallettsville HS	AAA	18	CB, MB*	P.O. Box 368	Hallettsville, Texas 77964	(512) 798-9926
RM	Ronnie Page	Overton HS	A	21	CB	Box 130	Overton, Texas 75684	(903) 834-6143
HL/FCM	Fred Pankratz	Canadian HS	AA	1	CB, MB	800 Hillside	Canadian, Texas 79014	(806) 323-8617
RM	Rick Parker	Van HS	AAA	3	CB*	P.O. Box 697	Van, Texas 75790	(903) 963-5841
RM	Clay Pope	Yoakum HS	AAA	13	CB	P.O. Box 737	Yoakum, Texas 77995	(361) 293-2191

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TYPE	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS	REG.	TMAA	SCHOOL ADDRESS	SCHOOL CITY & ZIP	TELEPHONE
RM	Sherry Poteet	Pittsburg MS	CC	4	CB	313 Broach Street	Pittsburg, Texas 75686	(903) 856-6432
RM	Tommy Ray	West HS	AAA	8	CB	801 N. Reagan	West, Texas 76691	(817) 826-5829
RM	Scott Rhame	Carlisle HS	A	21	CB	P.O. Box 187	Price, Texas 75687	(903) 861-3812
RM	Jim Rhodes	Forsan HS	AA	6	CB	P.O. Drawer A	Forsan, Texas 79733	(915) 457-2223
RM	Greg Rose	Pittsburg HS	AAA	4	CB, MB	300 Texas Street	Pittsburg, Texas 75686	(903) 855-3330
FCM	Elmer Schenk	Howe HS	AA	3	CB, MB	300 Beatrice	Howe, Texas 75459	(903) 532-5222
RM	Lafrry E. Silcox	Schulenburg HS	AA	18	CB*, MB*	150 College Street	Schulenburg, Texas 78956	(409) 743-3605
RM	Daniel Solis	West Campus HS	AAA	11	CB, MB	5622 Ray Ellison	San Antonio, Texas 78242	(210) 623-1811
RM	Scott Stephenson	Ballinger HS	AAA	7	CB, MB	Box 231	Ballinger, Texas 76821	(915) 365-3547
HL/CM	Don Stockton	Retired		10	CB, MB	Box 333	Village Mills, Texas 77663	(409) 834-2992
RM	George Strickland	Glen Rose HS	AAA	7	CB, MB	Box 2129	Glen Rose, Texas 76043	(254) 897-4383
RM	Al Sulak	Brazos HS	AA	13	MB*	Box 458	Wallis, Texas 77485	(409) 478-6832
RM	Neal Sutton	Atlanta HS	AAA	4	CB, MB*	705 Rabbit Blvd.	Atlanta, Texas 75551	(903) 799-1032
RM	Dennis Syring	Honey Grove HS	AA	4	CB, MB	400 S. 6th Street	Honey Grove, Texas 75446	(903) 378-2263
RM	Dennis Teasdale	Breckenridge HS	AAA	2	CB, MB	500 W. Lindsey	Breckenridge, Texas 76424	(254) 559-6015
RM	Don Thoede	Retired			CB, MB	2502 White	Clifton, Texas 76634	(254) 675-6789
FCM	Louis Thornton	Abilene Christian HS	A	2	CB, MB	2550 N. Judge Ely Blvd.	Abilene, Texas 79601	(915) 672-6200
RM	Rob Toups	Canton HS	AAA	3	CB, MB	1100 West Hwy 243	Canton, Texas 75103	(903) 567-6561
RM	Dr. Daryl Trent	Frisco HS	AAA	3	CB, MB	6401 Parkwood	Frisco, Texas 75034	(972) 335-6040
RM	Darrington E. White	Winters HS	AA	7	MB	603 N. Heights	Winters, Texas 79567	(915) 754-5516
FCM	Jennifer Willison	Clarendon MS	C	1	CB*	P.O. Box 610	Clarendon, Texas 79226	(806) 874-2562
RM	Larry Wolf	Retired			CB	110 E. Sarah	Cuero, Texas 77945	(361) 275-6593
RM	Ralph Zamarippa, Jr.	Jim Ned MS	C	2	CB, MB	P.O. Box 9	Tuscola, Texas 79562	(915) 554-7805
RM	Luis A. Zepeda	Taft JH	C	14	CB	502 Rincon RD	Taft, Texas 78390	(512) 528-5470

ATSSB Four-Year All-State Band Scholarship Update

We have \$ 25,056.55 in our Scholarship Fund as of December 1 1999. Donors to date include:

ATSSB Region 1	\$ 1,500.00	ATSSB Region 7	\$ 2,500.00	Individuals	\$ 95.00
ATSSB Region 2	\$ 250.00	ATSSB Region 11	\$ 250.00	Licensee royalty	\$ 6,085.04
ATSSB Region 3	\$ 1,100.00	ATSSB Region 13	\$ 750.00	Interest to 11-27-99	\$ 1,225.21
ATSSB Region 4	\$ 1,000.00	ATSSB Region 14	\$ 500.00	1996-97 late dues	\$ 4,050.00
ATSSB Region 5	\$ 2,000.00	ATSSB Region 16	\$ 300.00	1997-98 late dues	\$ 3,475.00
ATSSB Region 6	\$ 1,000.00	ATSSB Region 19	\$ 250.00	1998-99 late dues	\$ 4,850.00
		ATSSB Region 21	\$ 1,000.00	1999-200 late dues	\$ 3,125.00
				Total deposited ----->	\$ 35,305.25

EXPENDITURES:

Account search fee	\$ 2.00
Plaques purchased	\$ 246.70
Scholarships paid:	
Sarah Boehm 1995 to St. Thomas University	\$ 1,000.00
Oscar Diaz, Jr. 1995 to Texas A&M, Kingsville	\$ 1,000.00
Molly Lehrmann 1995 to Texas A&M	\$ 1,000.00
Leslie Hunter 1996 to Baylor	\$ 1,000.00
Sarah Smith 1997 to Northeast State University	\$ 1,000.00
Nick Garcia 1998 to Texas A&M, Kingsville	\$ 1,000.00
Gerardo Loya 1998 to Angelo State University	\$ 1,000.00
Tavia Lee 1998 to West Texas A&M University	\$ 1,000.00
Jesse Lotspeich 1998 to Howard Payne University	\$ 1,000.00
Rustin Horner 1999 to Southern Nazarene University	\$ 1,000.00
	Total expenditures ----->
	\$ 10,248.70

Total in account as of 12-1-99 -----> **\$ 25,056.55**

NOTE: There are seven students eligible to receive the ATSSB Four-Year All-State Band \$1,000.00 Scholarship if selected to the ATSSB All-State Band this year.

The last donations to the fund from Regions were received last January (Region 21, \$1,000) and last February (Region 1, \$500). Please see if your region has any discretionary funds available at the end of the year and consider making a donation to the Scholarship Fund. The increased numbers making All-State since we added the second band makes the possible scholarship recipients increase with each year. Remember also that donations to the Fund are tax-deductible should anyone wish to contribute individually.

Don't forget to come vote for your candidate at the
General Session Thursday, February 10, 2000 at 11:30

It contains a biography of the nominees for the offices
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