

**TOOT YOUR FLUTE** During their performance, the woodwinds get in formation. Every section of the band marched in unison for their performance to get high scores. "When I glanced around and everyone was in the right place, I felt confident that we were giving a good show," senior **Nickolee Ruiz** said. (Photo by Alyssa Schulte)



# BEAT

BAND HITS NOTES WHILE NEWSPAPER FINDS STORIES GOES ON

By Sara Marie Berrett

**B**etween newspaper deadlines and band playoffs, some students did it all. During deadlines, the staff of the Brahma Beat had to complete the stories assigned to them so that they could be published. Then during playoffs, band members had to learn songs and practice their instruments for competition.

"Band and newspaper both gave me the same feeling of accomplishment, whether it was getting edits back from an issue or results back from a competition," sophomore **Claudia Zapalac** said. "Afterwards, it was nice that we could move on to the next story or performance."

As newspaper reported the stories of our high school year, band became the soundtrack for those experiences.

"The newspaper had a very important job of getting facts and stories around not only the campus, but the town as well," sophomore **Travis Cook** said. "On the other hand, the band got the crowd going on Friday nights, and without them, football games would not have been the same."

Whether it was writing about current events on campus, or making the student section come alive at football games, newspaper and band were integral parts of our high school life on campus.

## SONGS VS STORIES

Although band and newspaper have many differences, there are some similarities between them as well.

"Before I step onto the field, I feel nervous, but as soon as the music starts, it goes by so fast," sophomore **Alcacia Salcido** said.

"When I interview people, I get nervous because they are normally older and bigger than me," freshman **Cassidy Lupo** said. "Once I get their quotes and start writing, the story falls into place."



(Photo by Alyssa Schulte)



(Photo by Lauren Stolle)





"It made me proud to see everyone reading stories that I put so much time into creating," junior **Marissa Macha** said.



(Photo by Sara Marie Berrett)

"I loved being on the stand and listening to the band sound so perfect before me," junior **Tara Kubena** said.



(Photo by Lauren Stolle)

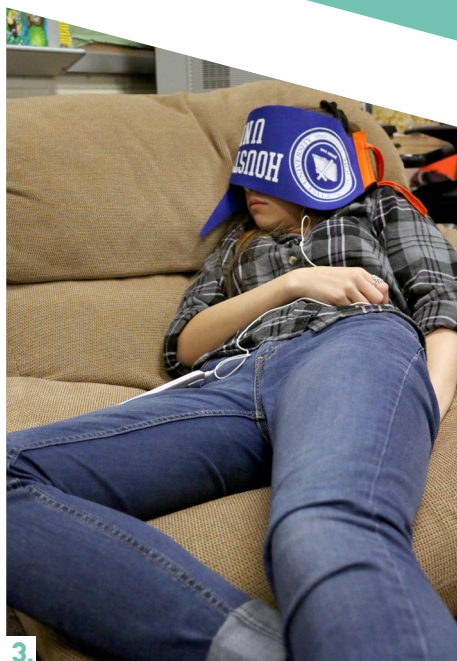
"Being the captain made me really grow up and learn how to take charge. It was a rewarding experience," senior **Rebecca Schulte** said.



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1. As he scans the newspaper, senior **Russell Zahradnik** looks at the stories that his peers have written. "I always looked forward to seeing the newspapers," Zahradnik said. "Mainly because I thought that I was in them. When I found out that I wasn't in them I cried, then proceeded to read the masterpiece in my hands." (Photo by Lauren Stolle)  
 2. As they see their newspaper for the first time, senior **Megan Lee** and junior **Hadley Carr** scan over their finished work. "I always learned something about my writing when I got back my edits," Carr said. (Photo by Lauren Stolle)  
 3. After finishing her story, sophomore **Sydney Campbell** rests her eyes during newspaper deadline. "When I would finish my deadlines, I felt this big weight lifted off of my chest," Campbell said. (Photo by Laura Kubena)