

# Harrison musicians earn highest rating in area competition

Harrison High School Symphony Band and the choir both returned from district competitions with ratings of 1, the highest that can be attained. The choir, competing in Walled Lake Western High School, is under the direction of Maurice Wildt. The band, under the direction of Paul Barber, earned its ratings in competition in Clawson.

The state Solo and Ensemble Festival for this district was hosted by Harrison's band and orchestra.

Those students who earned a number 1 rating performed in the state competitions.

Competitors who performed solos in the state competition were Janet Kastura, Paula Ross, Bill Lamb, Jaisy Mead, Sandy Oswald, Susie Pickett, Julie Pickett, Allison Fish and David Lodal.

A winning woodwind quintet was composed of Paul Ross, Janet Kastura, Marcy Grossman, David Markovich and Erin DeCook.

A winning brass quintet was composed of Debbie Klueger, David Marchese, Tom Kruger, David Lodal and David Markovich.

The duet from Harrison that made the state finals was composed of Shelly Hayward and Sandy Oswald.

HARRISON HIGH School Orchestra is performing now with a round of visits to area nursing homes and will continue this through April.

Meanwhile, the school's jazz band is in rehearsal for two spring events; an invitation to perform in Detroit's Parker Elementary School and the annual Father-Daughter Dinner Dance in Harrison on April 30.

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# Los Buenos Vecinos hosts Franklin Band

The Franklin Village Band, winner of a host of honors, and regulars in Tiger Stadium, the Thanksgiving Day Parade and Farmington's Founders Festival, is now practicing in its new dias in readiness for an all-Spanish performance.

The musicians, who have received nationwide publicity for their versatility and musicianship will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 17, as guests of Oakland Community College's Los Buenos Vecinos.

The concert will be given in H-Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, the finest of its kind for the college chapter of the Spanish club and the first of its kind for the band.

Admission is without charge.

"One of the rules of the club is that all meetings are conducted in Spanish," said Bill Ellison, spokesman and charter member of the band. "I guess all correspondence is in Spanish, too, because that's how they wrote to us. Fortunately we had an interpreter in Dr. Dr. Lam's." Conrad Lam is director of Franklin Village Band.

A 21-year history of the band, and its accompanying library, served to "put the program together without much difficulty," Ellison said.

South America, some mixed Anglos and Latinos, were drawn to the organizational meeting.

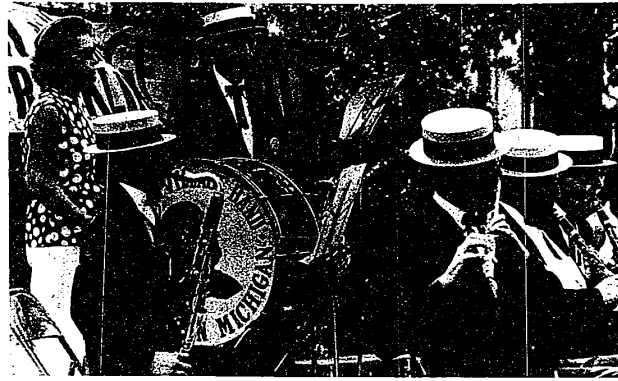
Los Buenos Vecinos was formed in Detroit about 30 years ago to sponsor the development of interest in the

Spanish language and culture through exchange and discussion among persons of all ages, origins and walks of life.

"It is not a closed club," said Dr. Betty Fetz, speaking for the group. "It is a

reach-out to keep alive the culture and pride in Latin American affairs and is open to all area residents who speak Spanish."

Meetings are centered around Latin events, foods, dancing and music.



String ties and straw hats are the trademark of Franklin Village Band members who are now in rehearsal for their first concert of all Spanish and Latin American music.

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