

# Hills musician headed to Rose Bowl

On Friday afternoon, Jan. 1, the Big Ten champions, the Spartans of Michigan State University, will take on the Trojans of the University of Southern California in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif.

The Spartan Marching Band will kick-off into the Rose Bowl before 104,000 spectators. Once again, the stadium will reverberate to the strain of the MSU fight song after an absence of 22 years. A dream will come true for Laura Kurzya of Farmington Hills, a senior member of the mellophone section who has 16 years of musical experience.

Earlier in the week, the marching Spartans will perform at and visit Disneyland, Universal Studios, Sea World and pep rallies. On New

Year's morning they will participate in the Tournament of Roses parade.

Three years earlier, Kurzya had followed in the footsteps of her sister, Susan, by successfully auditioning for the marching unit, where military discipline, physical endurance, music and marching skills are prime requirements.

Kurzya traces her musical experience back to age 6, where she credits her success to excellent music teachers, starting with the six-year Piano Keyboard Arts Program, where music was taught as a second language with emphasis on rapid reading.

At the elementary school level, she was introduced to the "B" flat clarinet and, subsequently, was cho-

sen to the all-elementary school in the fourth and fifth grades.

CONTINUING HER musical experience in junior high, she was introduced to the alto saxophone and performed in the jazz band for three years.

She also performed in the concert band, playing clarinet. She was the only clarinetist selected from Wayne to the North New Jersey All Area Band. At Wayne Valley High School, Kurzya was a member of the award-winning competition marching band, playing alto saxophone for three seasons. In the fourth season, she played the mellophone, her fourth instrument.

She also played alto saxophone in the production pit orchestra and the stage band and was the clarinet section leader in the concert band in her junior and senior years.

In addition to instrumental music, the four-year honor student was a member of the concert choir and treble ensemble.

Her other activities included participation in the Future Business Leaders of America, Junior Achievement, Junior Classical League, Zonta Club, the softball team and Latin Club. She earned high honors. She was swim team captain and recipient of the coaches award. She was included in the publication "Who's

Who Among American High School Students" for 1983.

At Michigan State University, Kurzya was a member of the Spartan brass, which performs at basketball and ice hockey games as well as the spring brass, which tours the state, performing at business and special functions.

While a member of the marching band, she performed at the Cherry Bowl in Pontiac, the All American Bowl in Birmingham, Ala., and the opening game of the 1984 World Series at Tiger Stadium. In addition, she performed on the campuses of Indiana, Michigan and Ohio State.

Her other activities include mem-

bership in the MSU Pre-Law Association, career conference officer for the Undergraduate Student Board of Communications and publicity officer for the Public Relations Student Society of America.

She is pursuing a career in law and is majoring in communications-pre law.

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Laura Kurzya of Farmington Hills is a senior in the MSU Marching Band mellophone section.

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