

# Ryan band takes proud second at state championships

Hershey Stadium was the scene of the 1984-85 "Cavalcade of Bands" State Championships on Nov. 3 where the Archbishop Ryan High School Marching Unit was given a standing ovation by the capacity-filled stadium as they took to the field of competition.

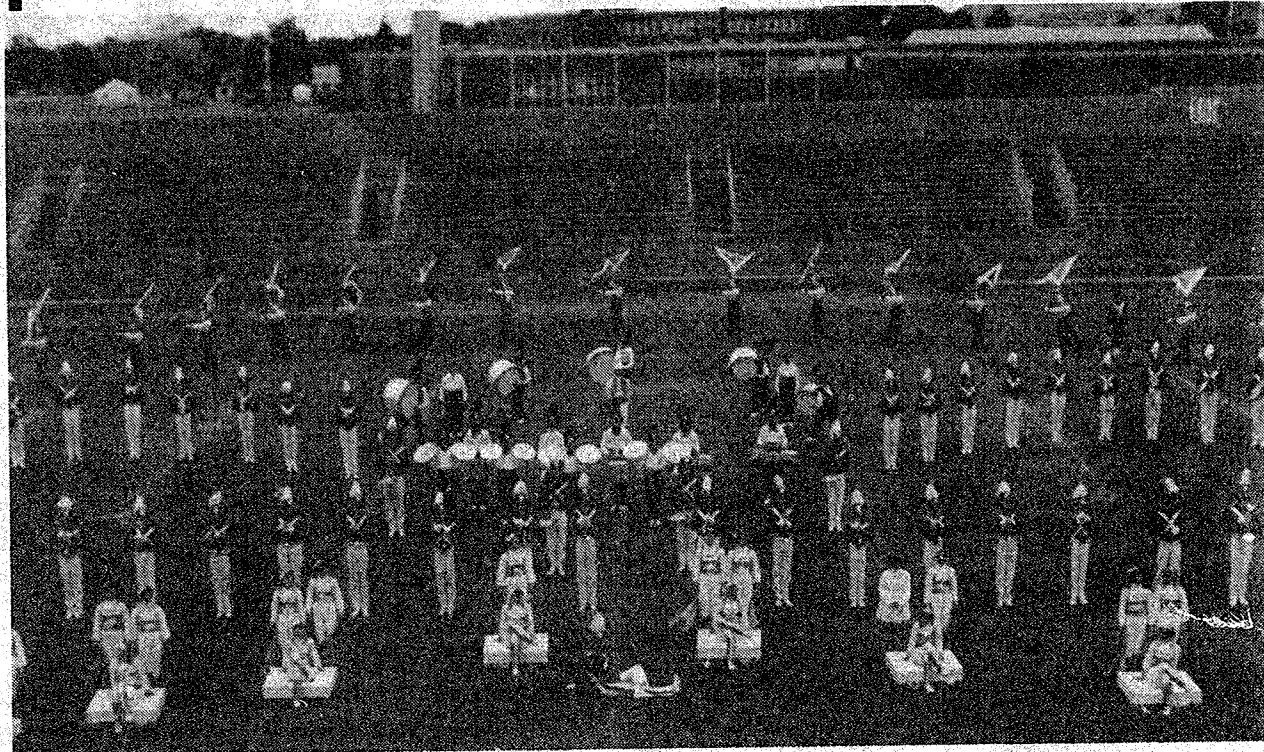
The Ryan Marching Unit was the last band to perform in the Yankee Conference, and the audience was spell-bound at their precision and quality of discipline and the excellence of their presentation. As was anticipated the competition in the top-ranking Yankee Conference, which boast "the cream of the crop" in marching units, was fierce and the tension unrelenting.

An unnerving silence filled the stadium as scores were ready to be announced. The Ryan Marching Unit won the second place trophy with a score of 87.25, to be edged out by North Penn who took first scoring 87.65. Shikellamy was awarded the 3rd place trophy with a score of 86.50. Other marching units in the Yankee Conference were Upper Moreland, 84.65; Lebanon, 83.50 and Northern, 82.0.

Three additional state trophies in separate categories were presented to: Archbishop Ryan, High Music; Shikellamy, High Marching and Maneuvering; North Penn, General Effect.

As the evening came to a close and the spectators began filing out of the stadium, the drum cadence of the Ryan Marching Unit was heard as Drum Major Hilary Czaplicki advanced the Ryan Unit to the other side of the stadium where the North Penn Unit had gathered. A deafening quiet fell on the stadium as the spectators, parents, children and security personnel came to a dead stop and watched as the Ryan Unit stood at full attention in front of North Penn. Drum Major Hilary Czaplicki and Captain Nick DeNofa congratulated North Penn and then led the Ryan Unit into their "Broadway Medley" numbers and dedicated it to North Penn. This fine display of sportsmanship brought cheers from the crowd and such comments and, "Wow, that's real class!"

Heading back to the buses, Mr. Gene Ciccimaro, band



The Archbishop Ryan Marching Band presented an outstanding display at the recent state championship.

director of the Ryan Unit was asked how he felt about the Units' second place finish. Mr. Ciccimaro said, "I feel great. I'm so proud of these kids. The competition in the Yankee Conference

was unreal this season. The pressure was never off any unit and every unit out there is "top notch."

Ciccimaro also said, "My kids put on the best show of their lives. Their dedication,

drive and determination is an inspiration. The proof is right here in tonight's scores. The scores achieved here tonight were the highest scores ever to be achieved in the 25 year history of

Cavalcade. That says alot. My students have brought unsurpassed honor to themselves, their parents, their school and their community. What else can I say, they are fantastic."