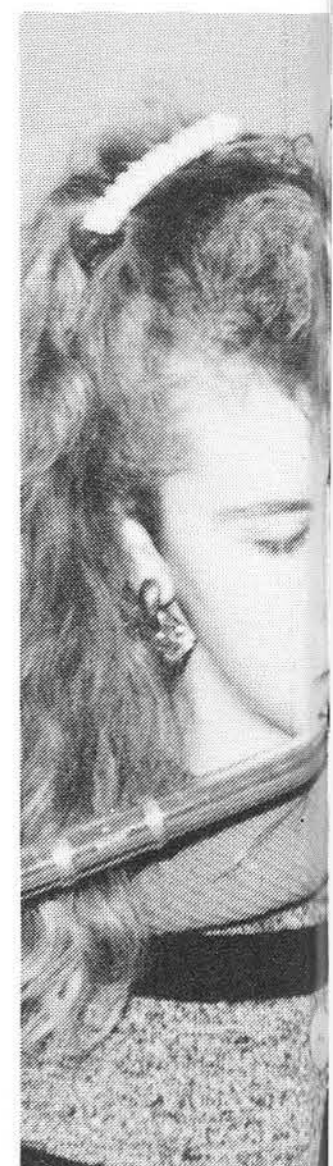


*Mr Shewan and some of the brass provide music for those waiting for the start of the concert. It wasn't long before the auditorium was full.*



# Christmas Cheer

Can you think of better way to celebrate the Christmas season than with a choral and band concert? Nothing could compare to the annual musical fest held right before Christmas break.

In the months before the concert, the band and chorus worked diligently to learn the music that they would be playing on Thursday, December 22. When the night arrived, they were fine tuned and ready to perform.

The junior high chorus and band sang and played exceptionally well for such young musicians. The standing room only crowd applauded with pleasure for the delivery of their pieces.

When the senior high band took the stage, their music was almost too beautiful to believe. Songs such as Sleigh Ride started hands clapping, and White Christmas started sentiment

flowing. With the band came a special treat-Santa Claus! Harold Harrington, our happy hall monitor, dressed up in the ol' red suit and white beard and passed out candy canes to the audience. With their Santa hats, band members looked like his little helpers.

Miss Fetter and her crew of vocalists wowwed the crowd with their ethereal voices. Among their songs was Shepherds' Chorus from the opera Amahl and the Night Visitors. Kevin Bleiler was the featured soloist, singing the bass of one of the three kings.

The highlight of the evening came when the senior high chorus and band combined forces for Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Not a seat remained filled as the audience followed tradition of standing for this piece from The Messiah.

As the auditorium cleared Christmas cheer filled the hearts of all. The 1988 Christmas Concert will be remembered as a truly polished performance.

