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What do you get when you put together a new band director, 37 rowdy band students, and very little time to work? You get this year's Ashley High School Marching Band. How did director Mr. Paul Lederman feel about being at Ashley? Mr. Lederman commented, "Everything was new to me, and it is my first job. It's always rough at the start."

Expectations were high this year as the Ashley Bears prepared for their marching band festival. Standing outside at 8:30 in the morning, with freezing fingers and runny noses, the Bears practiced music and field placements to perfect their performance. Co-drum major Miranda Coon explained, "All of the band members complained when we were out there in the morning, but they knew it was for the best."

The Bears also spent time perfecting their concert band music. Key signatures, sharps, and flats, you name it and they played it. Sophomore Kevin Fabus stated, "I was real disappointed in our rating at Band Festival, I feel that our score didn't reflect our performance."

Although rebuilding the band program was hard work, the Ashley Bears did an exceptional job at having fun along the way. "I remember when I made an earmuff bomb and threw it around the band room when Mr. Lederman wasn't looking," commented senior band student, Chris Burgett.

Hard work, teamwork, and fun are the keys to having a successful band. The Ashley Bears proved to have all of these traits.

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LET'S WARM UP New band director Paul Lederman instructs the band members to warm up their instruments. Class is usually started with an assortment of scales.

IN SYNC, PLEASE!!!! Senior Chris Burgett and freshman Aaron Schulz practice a piece of music they can't quite get together. "Aaron and I were awesome," stated Chris.



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