

Riverbottom line isn't fame and all that jazz

Open house and pep rallies are things of the past now for the Riverbottom Jazz Band.

These boys have been swinging at clubs like the Cave, the Hot Jazz Society, and the Burrard Yacht Club, and bookings are lining up for them.

The seven boys are all students or graduates of

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Point Grey School, most of them 17 and 18 years old.

But they jazz and swing their arrangements like young Armstrongs, precise, intense, and very enthusiastic.

How do they describe

their attitude to their music?

"That's easy!" band leader Kevin Hall says, "We're out for fun, not fame."

But fame may just come to these students, who have been together for two years and plan to stay together while going on to college.

The band was begun six years ago at school by saxophonist Bill Dudets.

Last year, clarinetist Hall says, "I saw the potential and we broke from the school."

Oldies

Now they're jamming their brand of New Orleans style dixieland Monday nights in Hall's basement, playing oldies like High Society, Basin Street Blues, and Five Foot Two, Eyes of Blue.

With Bill and Kevin in the group's line-up are: Phil Comparelli, trumpet; Derek Spratt, piano; Randy Giles, drums; George Fisher, tuba; and Steve Jenvey, trombone.

"In the future we'd like to play the Classical Joint, The Savoy, and the Hot Jazz Club," Hall says.

"But we don't get upset if things don't work out, and that's what keeps us together."



SWINGING! Part of the Riverbottom line-up from Point Grey School.