

The Beat Goes On

Rhythm and Blues

The Band of Blue began the year with determination at heart. The band took on longer practices and a harder routine. "This year I think our show was very unique and exciting," sophomore Kavita Patel said.

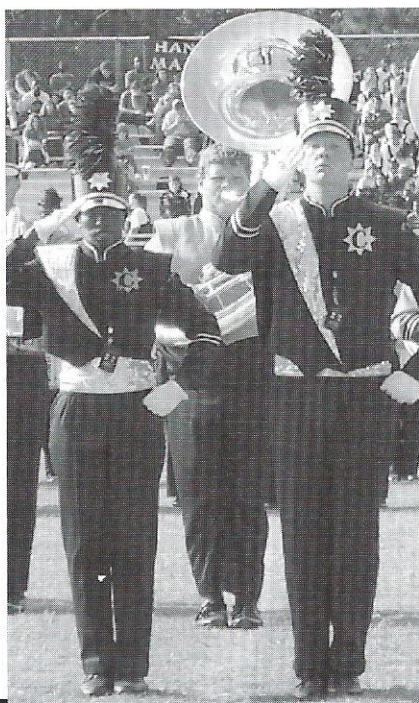
Knowing that this was their last year with Bill Young, the band knew they had to step up their game plan. The track field was named after him for all the years and titles he had given to the Band of Blue. "I want to see all of our hard work pay off at State," junior Leslye Bailey said.

The show this year had the theme 'Old Man and the Sea'. Its music relaxed audiences, only to surprise them with an upbeat contemporary drum feature and catchy dance steps. "We were good, we just needed to prove it at our performances," junior Edwin Kinsey said.

The band finished third in their lower state competition and seventh at state. The band's performance left them with high hopes of taking one of the top spots in the 4-A competition and left many in the band with smiles. "There was not one judge that thought we were not good until the Saturday of the competition. We also got a standing ovation, which was what was so ironic. All we could do was to keep trying," Band Director Bill Young said.

- Marissa Bright

"Being a drum major has made me a better leader and a better person."
Adrienne Gant, 12th



Band director Bill Young has spent many years and dedicated a lot to the band. He was honored with the track field being named after him. "It was really convenient," junior Shadonna Brown said.

Beating their drums in the line of fire, the Band Of Blue drumline performs in the Homecoming parade. The drum line marched from the vocational school to the track field. "It was good getting attention, but we were also nervous," junior Jare Williams said.

