



# We're No. 1

This band season for the Band of Blue was a first class act. From the very first football game through state contest and until the last football game, where they marched as "State AAAA Champions," they made us proud.

Their first competition was held at Columbia, where they placed third. At our own Palmetto Band Classic they earned a Superior rating. The following weekend was Camden. At Camden they received a rating of Superior for the band, band front, and drum majors. State Contest, the most important, was the next weekend.

The week before State Contest was like any other normal week. However, Saturday was not like any other Saturday as the band members loaded onto the buses for the trip to Columbia. Somehow, it was different. Of course,

this is the contest that really counts, there won't be a next time to do it better, at least not until next year. Everything was finished, the performance and the hours and hours of practice, and patience now it was time to wait . . .

They announced placements starting with tenth place. It was cold and windy and the anticipation nearly killed everyone. ". . . and in third place is . . . Spring Valley High School." A sigh of relief came from the band students and fans. Everyone there secretly hoped not to be called out for second. ". . . and in second place is . . . Summerville High School." Students of the Band of Blue went crazy, thinking, "can this really be happening to us?" ". . . and the 1982-1983 State AAAA Champions are . . . Walterboro High School from Walterboro, S.C."



Looking very proud, the first place trophy reigns over the festivities.