

During Summer And After School

Dog Day Drills

The summer was hot! The average temperature was ninety-five degrees and on August first, at exactly 7:30 a.m., the signal was obvious. As Mr. Bill Young walked out of his office, everyone was ready to begin the first day of practice.

First, the members had the job of reacquainting themselves with their neglected instruments and scales. Meanwhile, the flag girls met outside to go over the old moves and to learn new ones. Being a rookie on the colorguard just meant extra work, Shannon Cone, a rookie herself, explained, "We rookie flag girls try to do our best, but in all veterans' minds we were still just rookies. I feel that I always do well because we are the best and always will be!"

Like any typical band day it was time for fundamentals: eight to five, mark

time left, right and about face usually occupied a full hour. Next, they practiced formations which placed everyone in his exact spot on the field. Every formation was practiced until picture perfect.

Usually around 10:30 each day they were allowed a break. Some members brought jugs of icewater but after a few sips, it was not long before water was all over everything and everybody. Everyone expected a waterfight at break time, but it was all just for fun.

After another hour of practice, it was time for lunch. Around twelve o'clock each day, band members would be found everywhere around town. McDonalds, Burger King and Pizza Hut were always popular places to go. This was the best time of the day for everyone.



At the Palmetto Band Classic, Gus Bodison performs "Crown Imperial."



During a summer practice, Cathy Jones, Brian Moorer, and Bernard Magwood, practice a new formation.

Sherri Corbett goes through the rigor of practice while the excitement of the fair continues behind her.

