As Always . . .

Superior In Every Way

Each year the Band of Blue has given students pride and this year was no exception. The drum majors, Jeff Shuman and Mary Gail Barwick, the band directors, Mr. Bill Young, Mr. Keith James and Ms. Kathy Smith, and the whole band strived to give superior performances at the four contests—Camden, Barnwell, the State Festival and the State Fair.

At the Camden and Barnwell contests, the band received superior awards in band front, drum line and overall performance. The band also won first place in its class. At Camden the drum majors also won a superior award. At the annual Palmetto Band Classic, sponsored by the Band of Blue, the band received an overall superior award.

This year, instead of a state contest, there was a State Festival, where the band once again, received a superior award. Many band members were disappointed because there was not a state contest. "The Governor's Cup was the big contest, but it still can't compare to State," said Reggie Baker, band captain. Although the band did not win the Governor's Cup at the State Fair, it did receive blue ribbons in drum line, colorguard and overall performance.

Besides competing, the band also promoted school spirit. Overall, the band was an important part of campus life. In every challenge the Band of Blue kept up its tradition of excellence.

Drum major Mary Gail Barwick directs the band at the State Fair while the scoreboard announces that the "Band of Blue" is performing.

