

## We've Got A Feeling

Ecstatic band members could hardly control their excitement when the band was announced State Champions.

## The Trophy Held Awe For All

Allyson Bridge, Glenda Colette, Shonda Williams, Amy Wright and Michael Scarborough confidently display their feelings at the victory party after State Contest.



The Tradition Continues

uring the sweltering days of August, band camp stretched endlessly on, the hours melding together in a haze of heat. Band practice continued from the first day of August until State Contest, three months later. "It was really hard to keep priorities in order while marching in 100 degree pavement," junior Charlotte Hickman recalled. "State contest seemed so far away."

Similar feelings were shared by many other band members. The prospect of winning a contest that was so far in the future was really just a dream. Nevertheless, it was a dream that was realized on the night of November 8. The super-supportive fans seated in the center of the Harry Parone Stadium in Spring Valley roared and set balloons aflight when the band took the marching field. The opening formation was set up and the band began to play. The rest is history. The nearly perfect execution of the show was capped by an awesome performance of "America.'' The applause thundering throughout the stadium as the audience rose in ovation brought the sting of tears to Angie Bryan's eyes. "I was just so proud to be a part of something like this; I was overwhelmed."

The few seniors that were in the band when it took State in 1982 were

all in agreement with band captain Darren Seigler when he exclaimed, "It was great the first time around, but winning the second time is unbelieveable!"

Band members sacrificed the spring trip for the year bnefore in order to help foot the bill for new uniforms. The fruit sale proceeds from this year were applied to a super trip to New York. Spirits and competition were high, so the fruit sale was very successful.

Last year the band placed third in state competiion. "To advance to the number one spot was really a turn in the right direction," stated drum major Leslie Pitts.

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