

# The Walterboro Band Classic Competition of the Bands

Nineteen bands from all over the state of South Carolina participated in the Walterboro Band Classic held October 1, 1988. The bands who performed included Orangeburg-Wilkinson, Camden, Blackville-Hilda, Ruffin, Barnwell, and Summerville.

Orangeburg-Wilkinson placed first in the 4-A division. This was the second time in 11 years that Summerville has lost the division 4-A title at the classic. Orangeburg-Wilkinson's title-winning performance consisted of a rendition of "America the Beautiful." At the beginning of the song, the band shot off cannons and fire crackers to add some excitement to their routine. The band's color guard dressed up as the Statue of Liberty and showed pictures of Uncle Sam and the American Flag.

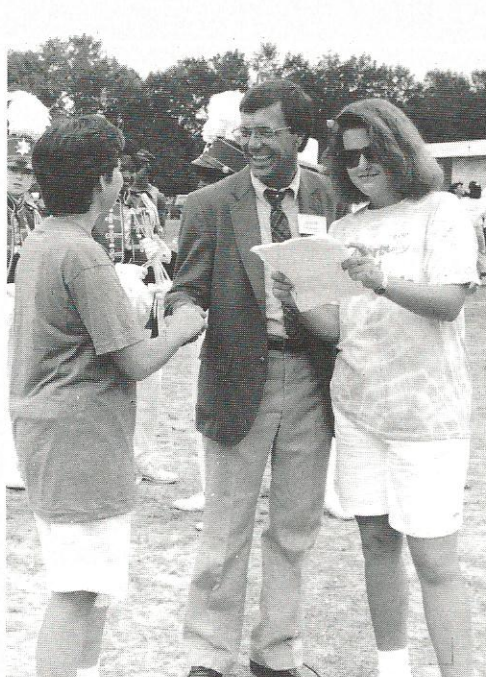
The senior band members of the Band of Blue sold red, green, blue, white, and tie-dyed Walterboro Band Classic t-shirts. They also sold band buttons that said "I Love My Band." Senior band members Emily Sullivan and Anisha Blevins spent hours tie-dyeing shirts after band practice and a long day at school. Their efforts proved beneficial because the tie-dye shirts were the hottest item at the classic.

The Band of blue did not compete in the contest because it was the host band, but it

participated only for ranking. It earned a superior rating.

According to director Bill Young, "the Band Classic was designed to help bands and give them constructive criticism in making their show more entertaining and exciting."

By Beth Harris



Roxanne Barshaw and Blythe Buchanan, relax before their evening performance at the band classic.



Emily Sullivan and Allison Simmons congratulate Gerald Polk of Wade Hampton on his superb performance.

Showing off the new Band Classic T-shirt are Chris Blevins, Michelle Berry and Band Captain Anisha Blevins.



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