

Helping Hands

When one saw the band or athletic teams, not much thought went into how that group was organized and supported. Little praise went to the people who made these functions work — the booster clubs.

The Band of Blue Booster Club consisted of Sissy Williamson, president; Catherine Wright, vice-president; Patty Gwin, secretary; and Mary Lommen, treasurer. These parents of band students were responsible for help in transportation, uniforms, and the annual banquet where they provided food and decorations. Another big help was supplying cold soft drinks after football games and contests. Mrs. Williamson commented, "It is real rewarding to help the kids and be able to provide at least a cold drink after a performance." Income from the Walterboro Band Classic, yard sale, bake sale, and raffle went toward new uniforms and extra buses to contests. Mrs. Williamson continued, "We are basically a supplement for the budget, financing the general run of things that otherwise wouldn't be possible."

Heading the Athletic Booster Club were Mike McLaine, president; Leon Avant, vice-president; Sharon McLaine, secretary; and Ron Penfield, treasurer. This group was responsible for supporting all athletic teams. The main project of the year was raising funds for new visitor stands at the stadium.

The People Behind the Players



Money raised from concession stands at games, the Rice Festival, and the softball tournament along with last year's funds totalled over \$5,000. They planned to continue selling game programs, hats, and stadium cushions until their goal of \$25,000 was reached. The group also financed the annual athletic banquet.

Without the help of the booster clubs, the band and athletic teams would be lacking the support, both financial and emotional, that was so vital to an organization.

By Wendy Garrett

Band Booster mother Susan Holt, helps daughter Kristy fix her hair before the band's performance at the Walterboro Band Classic.

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