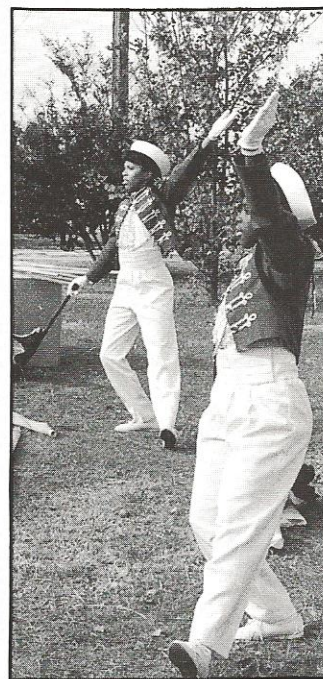
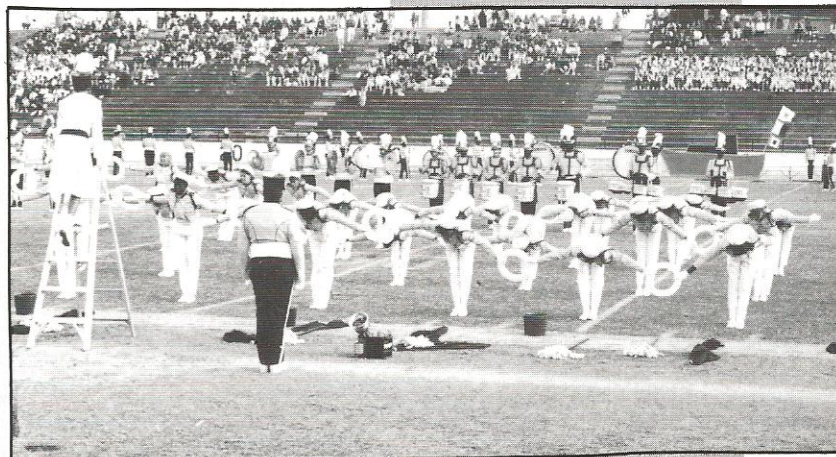


Even the hot, sweltering sun does not deter Antonio Stephens and David George from a hard day of practice. Temperatures during these hot days would often reach into the high '90s.

Band members huddle together for warmth as they anxiously wait for the announcement of the state championship winner. The contest was held at Spring Valley in Columbia.



In mid-performance the flag girls move to the rhythm of the drum beat. The thirty-member flag corp performed sailor routines to sea songs.



Vanessa Williams and Makala Wright practice their routine before lining up for state competitions. Makala was the captain of the flag corps and also ran track.

Stepping in action, Band of Blue flag girls exhibit total concentration in executing their routine. The Band went on to win the lower state championship.