



Above: Alright! I hear you. Catch it! I know you can do it.

ONE STEP TO MAKE

On Oct. 25, 1980, the **band of blue** ventured to what was to be their biggest contest of the year and to their best performance in the band's history. The band was relaxed. There was a casual atmosphere about the trip. They listened to music, played games, and talked to each other to keep away any tension.

This band is made up of people that is equal in importance. One would think the Seniors would be the one to stand out of the crowd. For the seniors, it is their chance to do something to leave behind. For some, this was their fourth or fifth year in the band. It was the Seniors' "Last, Hurrah." After years of not placing, this was the last chance.

Many band members felt this had to be the year to shine. They felt they worked long and hard during summer and some winter months. There was a certain spirit about this band like never before.

As the Band of Blue marched on the field about eight-thirty that night, one could tell that the intensity was very high. You could see in your eyes that they had come not to go away disappointed again. Their performance on the field was superb. It's hard to find many words to describe this great performance.

Around 10 o'clock, the awards were being given out to the victors. The excellent and superior were given out first. After this came the time for the bands to be placed. When the announcer called Richland Northeast for third, it was like all the stadium froze.

The mood was now set and the tone was just right. The next words the announcer said was that Walterboro had won second place. There was jubilation and tears after this. Many felt the band should have placed first.

It was a very close contest between the top three. Richland Northeast came in third with a 288.5, Walterboro came in second with a 289.0, and Summerville, our neighbor rival, won with a 289.2. One could pinch themselves to see if this was reality and not a fantasy world after the contest.

When the band was entering Walterboro, they were met by the police to escort them through the city. Following behind were a line of cars.

This was truly an exciting weekend for the Band of Blue.

Veronica Clayton said, "Being 2nd in the state is a nice feeling, but it only gives us a desire to try even harder."

Robbie Goodwin said, "It was a rewarding feeling to come out a winner after a lot of hard work." He also expresses his support and gratitude for the support of WHS.

Jessica Fields feels good that her senior year turned out so wonderfully.

Valerie Williams said that after five years in the band she felt something different during the practices. This year was like her rookie year when the band received its first superior award at state contest.



Above: Mr. Young is very pleased at the Band of Blue's performance, seems to look like he's enjoying himself.