



Upper Left: "The show" is an integral part of the performance. **Judy Pinckney** and **Todd Johnson** are fine examples of teamwork. Above: Being neat is important. **Kim Stroble** and **Wendy Maggi** make a last minute check. Below: Pointing out a problem, **Mr. Young** gets the band to play as a unit.



This year also brought a new look to the Band of Blue. New uniforms of dark and powder blue were issued and a feeling of pride was instilled in each one of us.

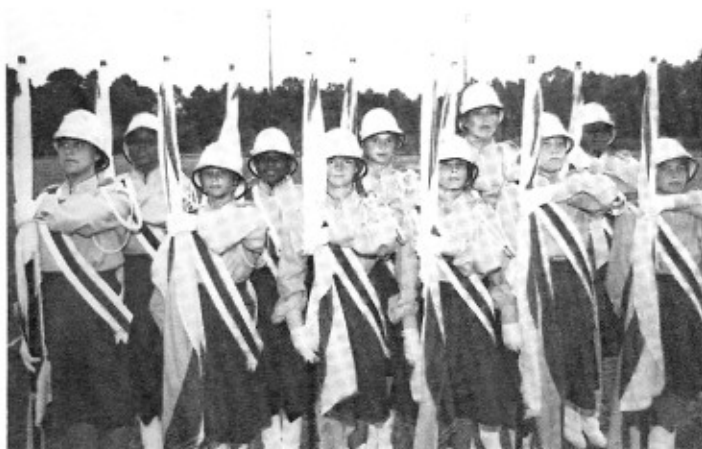
Next came the super bowl of high school band events, the world series for the 4-A marching bands; the annual "State High School Band Championships." It was held at Harry Perone Stadium at Spring Valley High School, near Columbia.

Competing against 36 top notch bands from around the Palmetto state, the Band of Blue scored 289 out of a possible 300 points to win second place. The band outscored the preceeding champs, Richland Northeast, and missed winning 1st place by .2 of a point to nearby Summerville.

The music for this year was very good. It all started with the laidback sounds of **Georgia on my Mind** with soloist Marshall Jones, then went into the thrilling **La Marseillaise** and then to keep the drummers on their toes, the percussion feature of **Battle Fatigue**. The concert selection was **My Favorite Things** featuring the trombone section and concluding the show was the very popular **Let It Be Me**.

So, another year for the Band of Blue, a very wonderful year. They received 14 awards and thrilled thousands who saw them perform. The sweat, the long hours, the practices, the bus trips are over for this year. For the 170 band members and their two directors, the best award of all, the thrill of winning, made it all worthwhile.

Tommy Finigan
1st Trombonist



FLAG GIRLS: front row; Melissa Lee, Susie Smith, Ruthie Beach, Francis Boensch, Missie Ammons, Connie Carter. BACK ROW: Ingrid Davis, Bessie Stanfield, Kathy Fracasso, Julie Coons, Mazie Shider.



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