

Presenting the Band of Blue

The Band of Blue started a new season on August 3, 1981. Band directors **Bill Young** and **Greg Ellenburg** had planned a difficult but exciting show for us band members, and we were ready for everything. For the first week, from 8:15 till noon, or after we worked on basic marching maneuvers on an overgrown field and on music under the old oak tree. This was the easiest week of marching practice we would have.

From August 9 through the 14, over 165 students packed their bags for band camp at Baptist College. This year's camp was one we would never forget. Everyday for the six days we were there it rained. Everyday we

practiced in water and mud, in which we sometimes sank to our ankles. Most marched barefooted; others accepted the fact of washing their shoes after each practice. By the time we left, center field was nothing more than a mud-hole.

Over 40 hours were spent on marching and music at band camp, we finished half of the show, which was enough to perform at the first football game. After this game, we completed the entire show. We were now ready for the contests.

Vonda Gilgen

Standing at attention are drum majors, **Vonda Gilgen** and **Robbie Goodwin**.



Taking a rare break, **Mike Carter** is perched upon his drum.

Swaying to the beat are **Todd Johnson**, **Emanuel Wiggins**, **Albert Manigo-Bey**, and **Emanuel Huggins**.



Coming onto the field, **Albert Manigo-Bey**, and **Emanuel Wiggins** stand at attention as **Vonda Gilgen** directs.

