

Shining his horn, **Mark Allen** prepares for the show.

Preparing for the next formation—the drum section keeps the beat.



A Year To Be Proud Of

September was here before we knew it. It was the moment we were anticipating. Would the Band of Blue be as great this year as expected? This was the day of the Furman Music Bowl competition. We took first place in the preliminary contest in our class, and captured the overall winner's place in the finals. Along with the trophies, the Band of Blue received an invitation to the Orange Bowl next year.

After Furman, we traveled to Barnwell, where we upheld being the grand champions, winning the overall trophy again. The next week we hosted the annual Palmetto Band Classic, which was a tremendous success. We had 29 bands participating, more than ever before. After three competitions, we still had Camden and Columbia the next weekend. This was our first year to compete in two contests on the same day. At Camden, we were awarded two Superior ratings and at Columbia, we captured third place, behind Spring Valley and Summerville.

Gossiping, **Laurie Holloman** and **Edward Dopson** pass time away on the bus.

Twirling their rifles, **David Williams** and **Emmanual Huggins** dance on either side of **Melody Westberry**.

