



*August first—A day the rookies had been awaiting with mixed emotions—The anticipation of that first day as a band member—the fear of embarking on something new—and the hope of gaining a marching position.*

## Play It One More Time

Once school started, the band began after-school practices—two hours a day of marching, playing, getting yelled at and doing it “one more time.”

The pay-off started the night of the first football game. It was the first chance to see the crowd’s reaction to the show—the first chance to show some spirit.

Contest season rolled around and things started getting hectic. The Palmetto Band Classic and the Camden Southern States Marching Festival were the first two contests. There was no competition in these but the band

kept its tradition of receiving superiors.

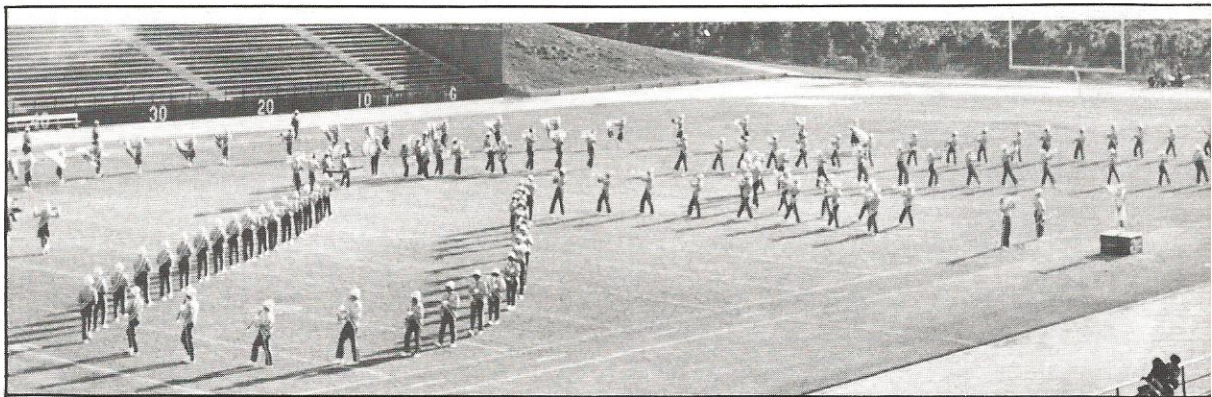
Governor’s Cup Competition at Williams-Brice Stadium was a big thrill. Not only were the band members able to go to the state fair, but they were also televised state-wide. After this contest came the James F. Byrnes Tournament of Bands in Spartanburg. The excitement there was competing against Rocky Mount High School in North Carolina, the reigning national champion. The last marching competition was the much anticipated State Contest. Along with it came the toughest week of practice. The band overcame

many adversities to place third.

Immediately after contest season, the band began its annual fruit sale which was a big success and a lot of fun as always.

Concert season was next on the agenda. Members prepared for All-State and Region Band, Solo and Ensemble, and tried out for better chairs for the spring concert.

The band closed the season with the spring concert and the Rice Festival Parade. After the parade the band members turned in their uniforms and closed the door on a memorable year.



**EDDIE BENTON** mesmerized the audience every performance with his solo “Born Again” which was the closing of this year’s show.

**THE BAND OF BLUE** as it appeared in the state Band Championship in Columbia where it was awarded third place in the 4-A Division.