

I'm So Blue!

School began early for over 160 band members on the morning of August 3, 1987. Marching feet pounded hot pavement each day in temperatures up to 104 degrees, but rehearsals led to an amazing show. The first performance for the Band was to have been in St. Andrews. However, torrential rains washed this off the agenda. At the debut one week later, the show impressed the audience, but not the directors. As a result came more practice, and practice made perfect.

As a grand finale to the Walterboro Band Classic, the "smurfy" mass invaded the field to gain superior ratings

from the judges, and more meaningful, a standing ovation from a delighted audience. Results were similar at Camden, with superior ratings and third place overall. Greater satisfaction came in beating out-of-state bands in a first place sweep at a contest in Clover. Earning second place at Lower State contest in Wando opened a spot in State Contest.

The Booster Club brought every poster, banner, and band supporter to Columbia Halloween night. With a song in each heart, and a plume in each hat, a blue wave engulfed the field for the final show of the marching season. A large blue patch re-

mained united in the corner of the bleachers for the awards ceremony. All last minute prayers were said as only second and first place awards were left, but destiny beat determination as second place was awarded to the Band of Blue, and Lexington High School Band took top honors.

In spite of the loss, the Band earned the support of the community and continued a tradition of fine bands from WHS. Four-year veteran Greg Maggi stated, "You can't beat the loyalty of these people. They stick through thick and thin."

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