

strutting Their Stuff

As September slipped away, members of the Band of Blue started looking forward to the Walterboro Band Classic and all it brought with it. Now in its fourteenth year, all aspects of the Band Classic were the responsibility of the band students and the Band Booster Club. Students worked in the concession stand, served as guides for other bands, and sold programs.

The Band Classic represented more than just a way to spend a Saturday. It was the first contest for this year's band. Although the bandmen were unable to

compete, they did receive a rating for their performance. This gave the Band of Blue a chance to discover how well the judges would like their show.

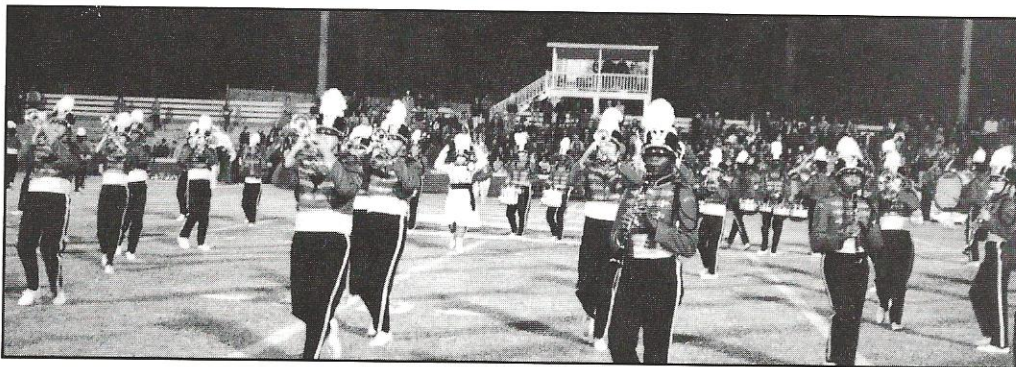
Bands competed in classes 1-A, 2-AA, 3-AAA, 4-AAAA. Visiting bands included Ruffin, Silver Bluff, Beaufort, and Orangeburg-Wilkinson. Winners were Blackville, Barnwell, Camden, and Summerville. Bands performed music from the movie THE LITTLE MERMAID to the theme of E.T. The band classic had several amusing highlights. Blackville and Orangeburg

both had dancing drum majors. Something not usually seen was a male colorguard, but Beaufort had one. Bandmen from the Band of Blue and Middleton sang during their program.

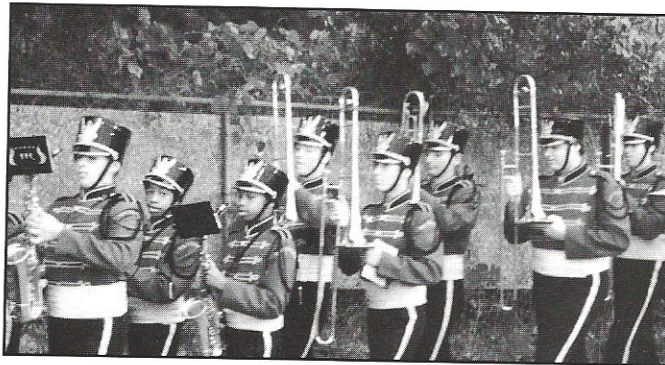
During the awards portion of the Band Classic, selected captains from all the bands were present on the field to receive the band's awards.

"This year's Band Classic was successful as always," said Band Director Bill Young.

— Rhonda Carter



The Band of Blue performs an intricate line matching move during their show. Their ability to perform difficult moves is one thing that makes them popular with the judges.



Band members march from the field to the bleachers. During the Band Classic, bands entered and exited the field by the left gate.

Nevlin Pollard, Robbi Waller, Angela Mayse, Rekenia Siders, and Tarisha Moultrie play the bells on the sideline while the band marches. The bells were too heavy to be carried while marching.

