

In the Beginning

ROOKIE . . . a name many dreaded to be called. At some point throughout a student's educational career, he has been a rookie . . . the new kid on the block. Many times, the rookie had to prove himself in order to be accepted by his peers and more importantly, by his teammates.

Many dreaded becoming a rookie in the Band of Blue. It meant taking all the orders from the senior members, and for many, being yelled at by others because he was a rookie.

In football, baseball, softball, as well as basketball, being a rookie meant hard hits with hard voices and hard attitudes.

"What I hated most about being a rookie on the softball team was having to carry the heavy equipment to the dugout while older member yelled at us," stated junior player Becky Dandridge.

Becoming a rookie was a part of life, but in many ways students did not look down on being a rookie. One day that rookie would be a senior member who could make other rookies feel the anguish and anxiety associated with sports and other extra-curricular activities.

— Marvin Tucker



Cheerleaders Stacie Pye and Rhonda Dopson cheer the football team on to victory. Both girls were rookies on the Varsity squad.

Saxophonist Benji Smith proudly marches on the field before a football game. Rookie band members often had the hardest time.

