

Ah . . . The Smell

of Roses



After a year and a half of raising money, practicing, and preparing for the trip to the Rose Bowl, the magic date arrived December 28. Approximately 250 band members and over 40 parents and relatives departed on four different flights for Pasadena, California.

The week before the parade, students participated in a tour of LA. Students found their favorite movie stars' names on the Walk of Stars at the Chinese Theater and shopped on Rodeo Drive. Knott's Berry Farm provided one day's excitement. The San Diego Zoo proved to be a favorite adventure. The famous Hollywood Bowl was part of the tour also.

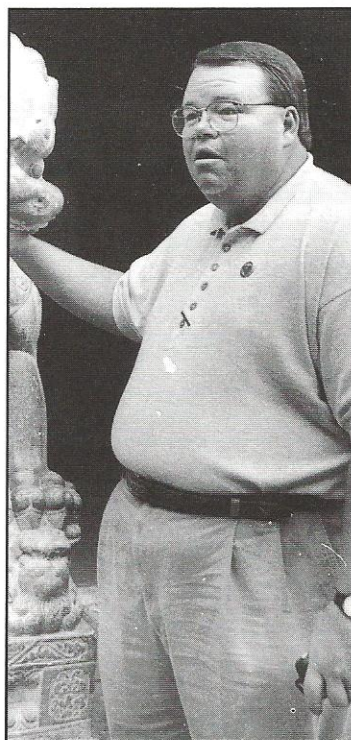
"Preparing for the parade included a lot of hard work and dedication to raising money, but if I had a chance to do it all over again, I would," said junior Eric Johnson.

The band also kept busy

Ready for Anything. After walking seven miles from start to finish in the morning parade, tired students prepare to take advantage of the box lunches waiting for them.

with a performance at Band Fest at Pasadena St. Junior College along with the three other Rose Bowl Honor bands.

The band members and chaperones celebrated New Year's Eve with a buffet dinner and dance at the hotel. The three-hour difference in time mean that they could participate in the countdown



to the new New Year with the East Coast because of the live broadcast from New York of the annual apple drop.

"It was a real task to raise all of that money and to endure those demanding after-school practices, but I had the time of my life and I would not pass up a chance to do it again," said freshman Leah Colette.

But the big day arrived on New Year's Day when most band members rose bright and early at 2:00 am. After eating breakfast at 3:00 am, the drowsy students loaded the buses at 4:00 in order to be at the line-up for the parade at 5:30. As the band marched at 8:00, the fans back home in Walterboro and the Lowcountry tuned into the live broadcasts on all channels. Bill Walsh accompanied the band to California and gave live coverage from the parade route. — Jason Ward

No Pain, No Gain. Beside a statue outside the Chinese theater, assistant band director Tommy Finigan strikes a pose. Students enjoyed finding the names of their favorite movie stars on the Walk of Stars.