

# Making Music Marking Time

The Band of Blue successfully ended the marching season with an unprecedented fifth consecutive win at the state competition. Two classes of seniors have graduated from the band program undefeated.

"It feels great to graduate as undefeated state champions!" exclaimed drum major Aungrae Elliott. "The band is like my second family. It's going to be lonely next year not being with them."

For three months, many students' lives revolved around band.

Early in August, band members began to practice the field routine. During these practices, students learned marching fundamentals and show music. Practices after school would often last until six o'clock.

"The long practices played a big part in our winning state," said freshman Karen Winter. "It helped us build our endurance and patience."

Head band director, Mr. Bill Young worked with assistant director Tom Finigan to choose the theme for the show. They finally decided on *Oklahoma!* to celebrate the Broadway musical's 50th anniversary. The theme was chosen for

its music, variety, and quick tempos. Assistant director Joe Meshach worked with the instrumental music class. Assistant director Cathy Meshach coordinated the color guard routine with the music.

After hosting the 15th annual Band

Classic, the Band of Blue prepared for the Camden and Orangeburg contests. The band reclaimed their Lower State title and worked towards perfecting the routine. At the state competition, the band won by the closest margin

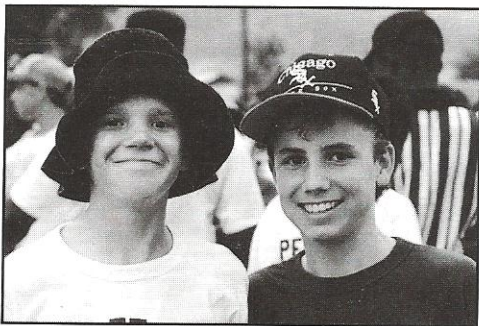
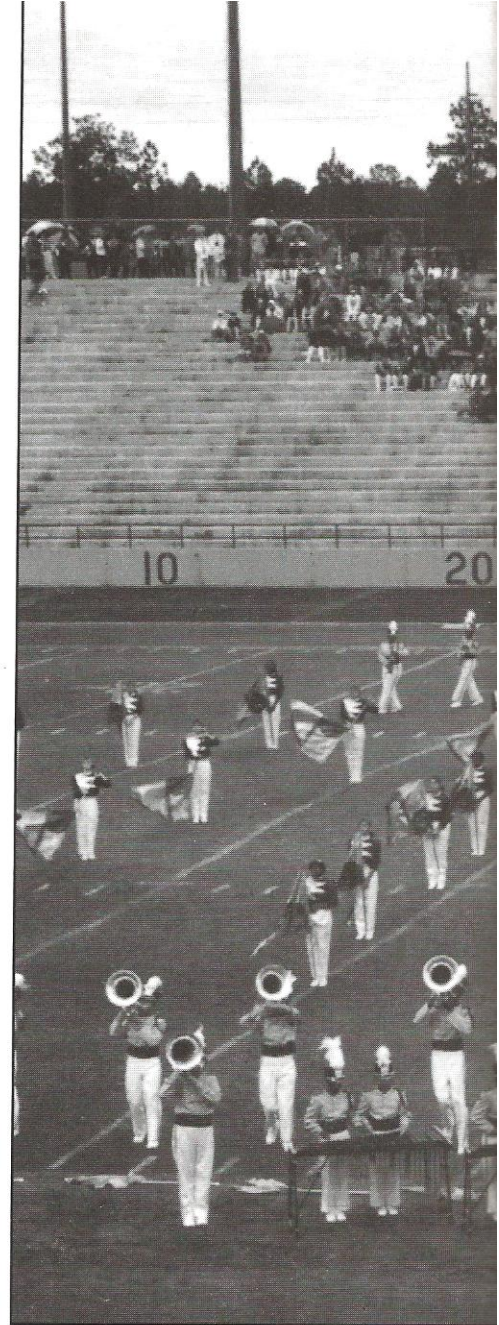
ever. With a score of 94.97, Walterboro beat Byrnes, the biggest rival, by .12 points.

"Band is one of the best activities that someone can be involved in," states Aungrae. "It teaches you discipline, gives you values, and makes you a better person overall."

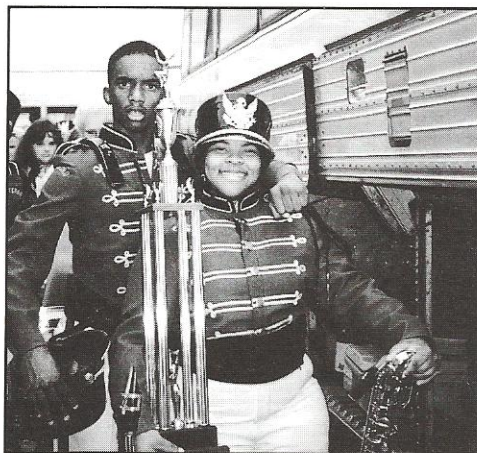
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**Not Regulation Uniform.** After an exhausting win at State, freshmen Morgan Cooper and Stuart Shelley shed their uniforms and show their individuality. Morgan was the only freshman to take AP History.



**Five in a Row.** Phoebe Sharp proudly displays the first place AAAA trophy while sophomore Michael Salley lends his support. Phoebe was elected by fellow band members to be band captain.

