

With Heads Held High

The Band of Blue stood the test of time with its momentous past year but came through with flying colors.

The band placed in the top rankings at most of the fall competitions, including a first-place win at Lower State. However, after five consecutive years in first place at State, Big Blue had to relinquish that title to Byrnes. Holding back the tears, the band members held their heads high with heart warming applause for the new first-place title holder.

"With over two-thirds of the band consisting of sophomores and freshmen, I feel that this band was exerted more effort than many bands before. There was a strong sense of unity," said junior drum major Keivy Lingard. "My personal goal for next year is to win back our state title in honor of the Class of '95."

The seniors graduated with three State Championships, an OPA, and several other notable awards.

"I've enjoyed my four years in band. Everyone gave a good effort," said senior drum major Richard Sheffield. "I believe our loss at State will make next year's band even better."

The latter part of the year included pa-

rades, the spring concert, and the Concert Festival. Band director Bill Young took the top 80 to 90 chairs and formed a Festival Band for the Concert Fest. By earning one "2" at the Fest and twenty-one "1's" at solo and ensemble, the band won the Overall Performance Award (OPA).

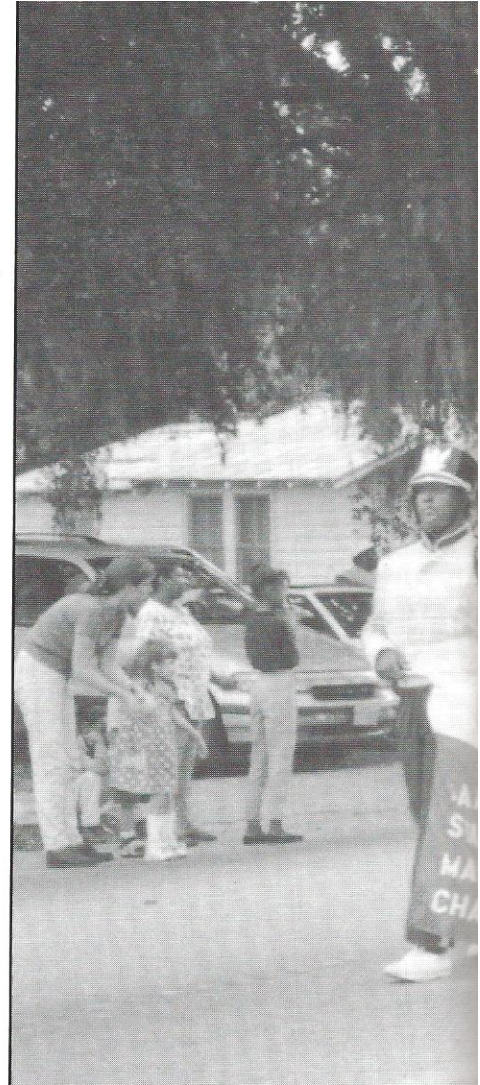
"I enjoyed the Concert Festival," said junior Lisa Winter. "The extra hours we put in for practice were well worth it."

Overall, the band had a successful year. Because traditionally members were only permitted to purchase jackets if they had accomplished a first place title at State, many of the rookies did not have jackets. However, next season they planned to work extra hard to earn their jackets.

I am disappointed about not being able to purchase a band jacket," said rookie Tonya Bluto, "but it gives us something extra to work for next year."

"We were disappointed about State, but we had a very young band," said Mr. Young. With over 100 ninth graders, the band improved a lot. Missing State by only a few hundredths of a point with so many rookies was an accomplishment."

— Jennifer Babilon



Teens and Teens

Teens and Teens, a service club, visited the local nursing home, tutored middle school students, and held a Rally Day. Nadia Felder, Courtney McDonald, Shakeria Rice and Tina Shider represented WHS at the Teen Institute over the summer.



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Bobby Huggins, parliamentarian; Latoya Maree, president; Rejeena Washington, assistant treasurer; Akima Johnson, vice-president; Tawana Murray, secretary; Adrienne Hamilton, recording secretary; Muriel Fryar, treasurer.

Is this the new drum major? Sophomore Demetria Reed received this chrysanthemum decked out in a band uniform as a token of support for the state competition. Friends and family often sent creative floral arrangements for the important event.

