## Band Classic 94

## Parents' Dedication

The Band of Blue started off the competition season with the annual Band Classic Saturday, October 1, 1994. Bands from communities of the lower region of South Carolina attended this event. Approximately 30 bands competed in four separate divisions. The top-performing bands of each division were awarded with ratings of Superior and Excellent along with trophies. Because Walterboro was the host of the Classic, the Band of Blue did not compete. However, it did receive a rating of Superior.

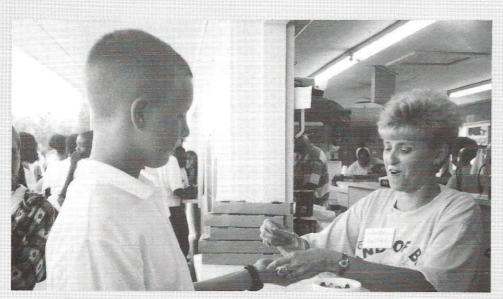
Many parents and other supporters of the band showed their dedication by working in the concession stand and various other booths located around the stadium. From eight in the morning to 10 p.m., they served at least 6,000 people. The booths included face painting and souvenir tables. The \$10,000 raised went towards the band's trip in February and for instrument repairs.

"The Band of Blue is terrific. You know exactly where your kids are and what they are doing," said Mrs. Gail Eaddy, a former president of the Booster Club. "Being in the band

also builds the kids' self-esteem."

Mrs. Billie Shoupe, mother of sophomore trombone player Casey Shoupe, was Booster Club President. The Band Booster Club meets the first Monday of every month "... . except for December because it was so busy," added Mrs. Dawn Arrington, mother of band member April Arrington. The club's goal was to raise money for any expenses that arose during the year.

— Amanda Brooks Ashley Heaton



Service With a Smile. Mrs. Cindy Nettles gives a customer his change at the concession stand for the Band Classic. Mrs. Nettles is the mother of 1st chair trombone player Frankie Nettles.



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