

BETTER THAN THE REST

STATE CHAMPS AND OPA WINNERS

Have you ever prayed for rain? Some Band of Blue members often did so they would be spared the exhausting marching practice for just one afternoon.

However, the Band spared no energy marching at Batesburg. Once again, the Band of Blue prevailed to become the AAAA-champs, reclaiming the title from their long-time rival James F. Byrnes.

Junior and flute section leader Cara Pinckney said she was most nervous "...when we were standing in the stands right before they called us out state champions."

Some band members got very emotional when they were called out first place. "I stood next to my sister, and we cried," related sophomore clarinet player Meagan Anderson.

Of course, on the way home, the victory was celebrated on the bus. Junior drummer Andre Marc said, "We were dancing and having a good time."

Junior sax player Christy Byrd said that "...you keep thinking 'I can't wait for marching season to end,' but when it's over, you think 'I can't wait until marching season'."

The Band of Blue also had a victorious concert season. The symphonic band received an overall rating of superior. The concert band received an overall rating of excellent.

Perhaps sophomore drummer Rusty Davis said it best when he said, "I've realized throughout the year that some bands pride themselves on marching and others on playing, but we are the best at BOTH!"

-Audra Flynn



OPA dreamin'. The Symphonic Band practices in the mini-auditorium for Concert Festival. Their hard work paid off when they received a superior rating.

Little Girl Blue, blow your horn! Junior Andrea Melton and sophomores Heather Hiott and Shanna Vinczi play in the stands at a football game during fourth quarter, when the band members enjoyed a little musical freedom.

