

Secret Of Our Success?

"I wanted our band to win!" Miss Arnold, Director

The date is October 17, 1987. The place, St. Johns. For what? The annual St. Johns' Band Invitationals.

Ashley has always excelled at the St. Johns show, but this year was different. The music was harder than ever, and featured solos, dance routines and flag specialty numbers.

On that cold night, spirits were high, remembering the excellent performance at Dansville only seven days earlier, where they had emerged as recipients of The Best Crowd Response Award.

After St. Johns, it was on to Festivals. The march they had select for Festival, "Silvercrest," was a challenging piece.

Next was "Fall River Overture," followed by "Variation Overture."

On March 19 the band traveled to Dewitt. They walked out of the sight-reading session, excited and proud. When they put all I's on the board, the band went wild. Before the screams and congratulations had subsided, Miss Arnold was

smothered with hugs and carried on shoulders to the cafeteria.

Reflecting on the band's secret to success, Miss. Arnold chose six words: "Hard work, determination, and pulling together."

