



Spirit

Something to Cheer About

In a year full of change with everything not being the same old thing, the cheerleading squad was no exception. After sixteen years, a change occurred concerning position of the cheerleaders' advisor and coach. Mrs. Sylvia Gale was forced to give up the job because of a conflict of schedules. Miss Mary Ann Sparrow accepted the responsibility as the advisor and coach.

The squad also saw a change in the mascot. No, the bulldog was not replaced by another animal; instead, a new bulldog uniform was purchased. The new mascot was grey with bigger teeth and even a spiked collar to make him look meaner than ever. Under the bulldog mask was sophomore Andy Wilson. He stated, "The new uniform represents the change in the athletic program at WHS."

Led by Captain Tina Hoover and Co-captain Rhonda Maree, the squad attended a cheerleading camp last summer at the University of South Carolina. The camp taught the girls the latest in cheer choreography, part of which included how to involve the crowd. Tina Hoover noted, "The camp was fun and we learned a lot. The only trouble was that I was hoarse for a week afterwards."

The year gave a lot to cheer about. None of the cheerleaders had ever experienced the thrill of cheering for a conference champion. They had the opportunity all the way to the playoffs. Rhonda Maree commented, "The change in attitude from the first to last game was immeasurable. It was easier to cheer with all the fan support."

— Scott Schlessner



THE SQUAD DEMONSTRATES one of its more popular cheers in a pep rally.

CLAPPING HER HANDS with enthusiasm is senior Jennifer Gerard. This was her second year on the squad.



IN THE FIRST APPEARANCE of the new bulldog, Andy Wilson looks on as his team loses in the lower state finals.