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For the first time in WHS history, the school had male cheerleaders. They were Steve Carroll, Shannon Kinard, Shawn Dixon, and Luke Driggers.

No, these guys did not look like the regular cheerleaders, but they did perform just as well. They helped the girls do stunts that would otherwise be virtually impossible. The guys also added a good bit of volume to the squads' cheers.

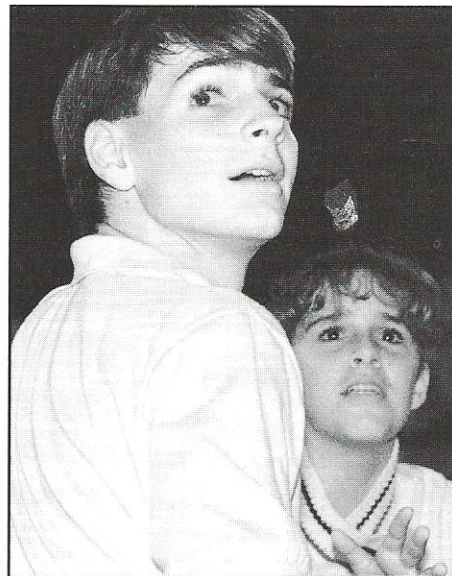
"I was usually hoarse after yelling throughout the majority of the game," noted Steve.

The guys enjoyed their experience as cheerleaders and often wished that they had had the opportunity earlier. Said Luke, "I wish I had known about this when I was a freshman because I was missing a lot."

Even though the guys enjoyed their experience as cheerleaders, it was not all fun and games. They had to spend many hours at practice in order to get into shape so that they would be able to support their female counterparts and not drop them. They remembered a few times when this happened, unfortunately.

Like every squad, they had their doubts about their actual abilities. The squad welcomed new coach Sherri Ulrich. She was able to bring some new ideas to the students. Her expertise and guidance led to their winning of the conference cheerleading championship.

— Brandy Butler



Shannon Kinard and fellow cheerleader, Stephanie McCarter, look on as the Bulldogs make another score. Both were new to the squad.

Andy Wilson, mascot, helps Shawn Dixon and Luke Driggers practice a stunt for the upcoming football game. Andy was the bulldog mascot for two years.