

Her Help

Many male sports traditionally have male managers, but two teams broke this tradition. The football and soccer teams were the first ever at WHS to have female managers.

Senior Catherine Alexander was the girl manager for the football team. Her job included setting up equipment, filming, washing clothes, coordinating coolers, stocking medicine kits and getting everything ready for the game ahead. At first the team was hesitant about having a girl around but eventually became very supportive of her.

"The team became my second family," Catherine said.

An advantage of being a girl manager was that Catherine could do things, such as wipe sweat off a player's head, that would have made a boy manager feel uncomfortable.

"Catherine ranks with the best I've ever had, period," said football Coach Leroy Riley.

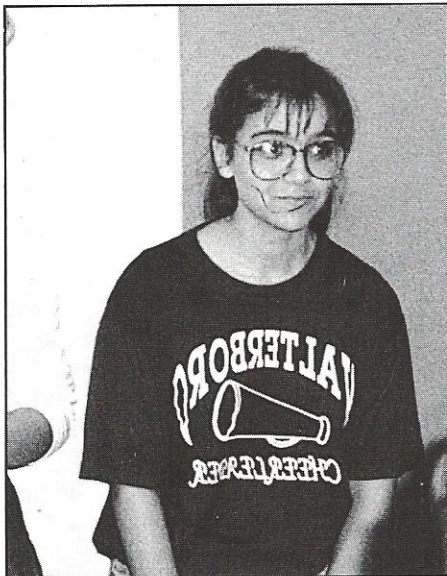
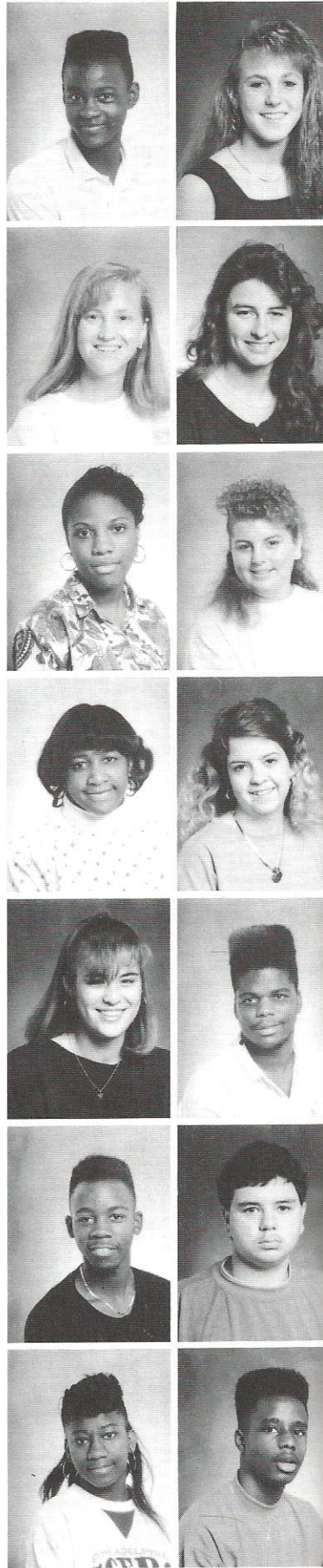
The soccer team had three female managers. These girls were junior Stephanie McCarter and sophomores Karyn Davis and Angie Drawdy. These girls helped out at practice and games and helped keep the books.

When asked why she wanted to be a manager Stephanie said, "I enjoy the game of soccer and figured that this would be a new learning experience," The other girls also shared this opinion.

"As a manager I have become part of the team and am able to share in their triumphs and defeats," Karyn said.

The soccer team respected the managers. Sophomore player Matt Hooker said, "I like girl managers. They are easier to talk to and get along with than a boy might be."

— Bramlett Easterlin



Sophomore Karyn Davis takes a moment to herself before going to her next class. Karyn was also quite active in cheerleading when not helping with the soccer team.

During homecoming ceremonies, Senior Catherine Alexander pauses as she is introduced. Catherine has been a WHS Singer for three years.

