

Cheerleading, A Thankless Job

With the relentless hold that the stereotypic cheerleader has on the popular imagination, cheering squads make a handy target for critics who fail to realize the need for spirit and support.

Most people just don't comprehend the hard work cheerleading involves. After the rigorous tryouts in the spring come long hours of practice and training. Cheerleaders stay after school many days and work long hours refining and synchronizing their motions. During the summer some squads even attend special clinics and go from morning till night learning new chants and yells, acrobatic stunts and intricate routines.

But yelling and screaming isn't all the cheerleaders do. They paint and display lively signs at school and at the games. They plan for pep rallies and invent new and unusual ways to excite spirit in fellow classmates. A good squad works as hard as any team though it receives little or no recognition for the hard work and skill they maintain throughout the year.

Some day when cheerleading has finally died out and there are no fans in the stands and no spirit to back the team, people, especially the players, may suddenly remember the cheerleaders, but then it will be too late.



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Ronnie Washington



Rosa Washington
Sheila Washington



Susan Weissenstein
Wally West



Brenda Williams
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