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Cheerleaders Prove Athletic Abilities

All too often, cheerleading is overlooked in the world of sports. It has been considered a "lax" sport—one which requires little or no training. Yet cheerleading is in fact a demanding activity which entails practice and skill. In addition to performing these skills, cheerleaders must also exhibit great spirit. When the football team lost six games in a row, there was little inspiration to cheer. But the varsity squad never let the depression affect its spirit. Captain Sandra Reed expressed, "The varsity cheerleaders have worked very hard to

achieve their goals. Despite moments when there was a lack of participation from the crowd, we still try to keep the spirit going for our team!"

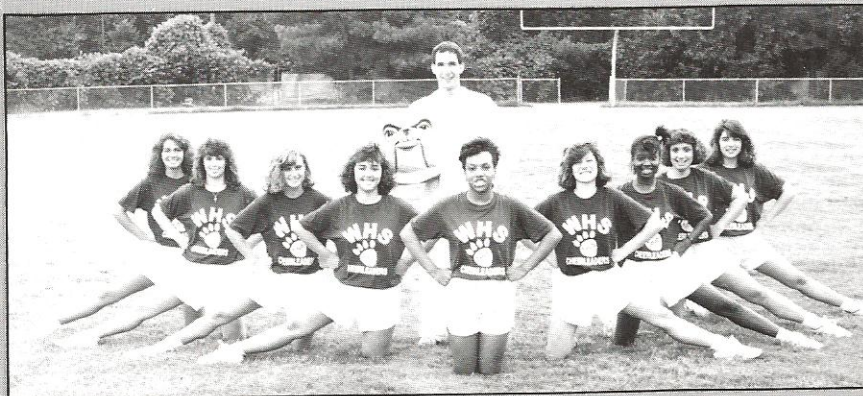
One of the major goals for the squad was greater crowd participation. The band had provided most of the enthusiasm in the past years. Surprisingly, more involvement occurred than was expected. Not only was the Band of Blue supportive, but the crowd helped at times, too.

A special highlight for the cheerleaders was their trip to Myrtle Beach to cheer. Because football

Coach Gyles Hall was invited to coach for the North-South All-Star Game, and Mike Hiott was selected to play, the squad was invited for support.

Concern was expressed because almost half of the girls were seniors. Upon thinking of the upcoming year, which seemed to entail devotion and hard work, Varsity Sponsor Sylvia Gale expressed, "I look at next year with a lot of reservation because I am losing so many people. I have to start all over again."

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Varsity Squad: K. Colson, A. McDaniel, T. Hoover, S. Cone, W. Hooker, S. Reed, D. Jordan, F. Washington, T. Beach, S. Davis
Not Pictured: L. Hiott, T. Coaxum, R. Maree, S. Boozer, A. Hall
J.V. Squad: A. Campbell, H. Miller, M. Wright top, B. Brown bottom, N. Maxey, T. Roy
Not Pictured: M. Hickman, K. Nielson, C. Alexander, V. Kirkpatrick

