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The cheerleaders were more prepared than ever to take on their rigorous responsibilities of supporting the Bulldogs through thick or thin. The job requirements seemed simple. They enhanced the spirit of the crowd and maintained crowd participation until the end of the game.

Cheerleaders began their preparation for the year during the summer at camp in July. Three cheerleaders from The University of South Carolina came to Walterboro for four days of tedious practicing at the Recreation Complex. Cheerleaders learned safety methods for group pyramids and routines used for pep rallies and games. Cheerleading camp required the utmost cooperation and endurance.

In addition to camp, cheerleaders had practice biweekly for two hours in the hot gym. All the hard work and dedication eventually paid off when the cheerleaders placed third in state

competition.

"Winning third place in the competition was great! It showed that our hard work was not in vain," said senior Tracy Bell.

Without a junior varsity squad this year, cheerleaders ranged from freshmen to seniors on the varsity squad. Therefore, underclassmen could carry on the skills they learned to the next year. The squad only graduated three seniors.

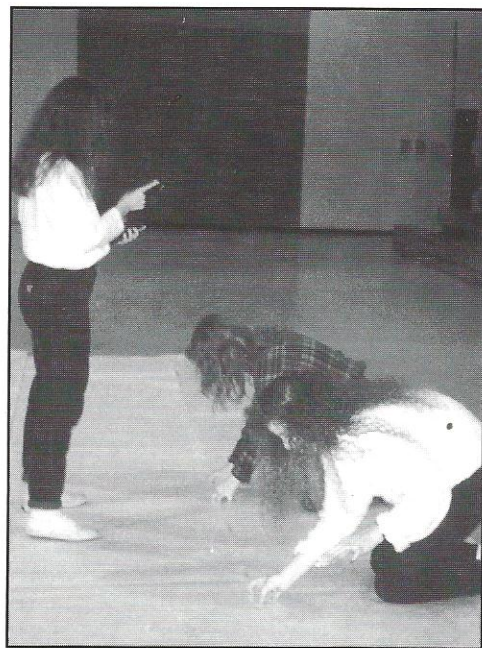
"Since this was my senior year, cheerleading meant more to me than ever," said senior Andy Wilson.

Squad members were Captain Katrena Winfield, Co-Captain Stacie Pye, Andy Wilson, Becky Smith, Tracy Bell, Regina Hicks, Angie Drawdy, Dawn Newton, Cokeitha James, Karyn Davis, Rhonda Dopson, Jamie Dubois, Jenny Sarvis and Tina Elliott.

— Karyn Davis



Before all home games, cheerleaders were allowed to "strut their stuff" when being introduced. Junior Regina Hicks does a toe-touch after her name was called.



Cheerleaders often devoted their free periods to help with the games. Juniors Karyn Davis, Angie Drawdy, and Regina Hicks make a run-through poster for the upcoming game against Summerville.

Doing a stunt called the elevation, juniors Karyn Davis, Katrena Winfield, and Regina Hicks carefully perform. Cheerleaders were taught advanced stunts at camp over the summer.