

I Need A Lift

The cheerleaders jump-started the year with both a new varsity and junior varsity coach. Mrs. Sandra Goff, a former cheerleader and current math teacher at WHS, took on the varsity coach responsibilities, while dance/aerobic teacher Ms. Cathy Layton sponsored the jv's.

Boosting with spirit and school pride, both squads prepared the Homecoming pep rally, Homecoming activities, and Summerville pep rally. These preparations included choreographing, practicing, and perfecting their dance routines, practicing cheers and stunts, collecting and mixing music, and decorating the gym.

"Pep rallies are a lot of hard work," said junior Liz Hughes, "but when you see the screaming faces of the whole student body cheering for the football team, you realize it was all worth it."

Although both squads were fairly young, they achieved many new "heights" when performing stunts. The girls built pyramids, boosted extensions, and even mastered a difficult stunt called a "chair."

Senior Stacie Pye commented, "We did a lot of new things this year that I never knew that we could accomplish. Because of a new coach with a positive attitude, we performed stunts that we

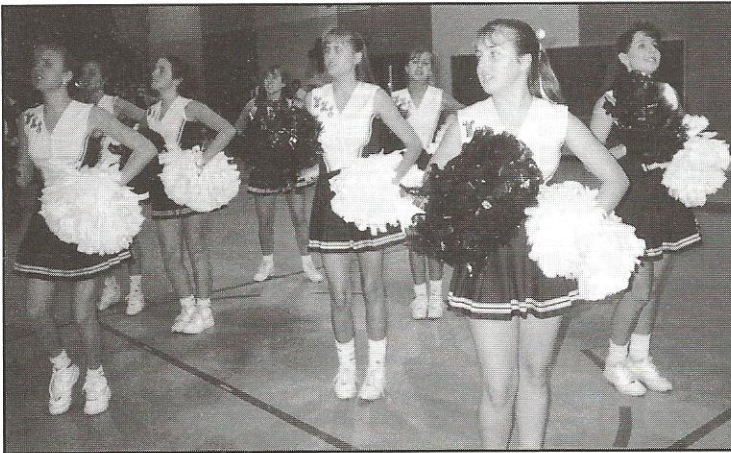
never imagined were possible!"

Midway through the season, the varsity squad encountered some turbulence that left them minus a few good cheerleaders. But after a number of weeks the remaining squad finished the season together.

"It was really hard to lose those girls; they were not only fellow cheerleaders but friends, too," said junior Jenny Sarvis.

As the season ended and the girls looked back, they realized the lessons they learned from their experience as cheerleaders. Friendships are golden —

— Lindsey E. Robertson



Shake That Thing! The junior varsity cheerleaders finish off their routine at the first pep rally of the year. Ms. Cathy Layton was their coach; it was her first year as cheerleading sponsor.

RELIEF! Junior varsity coach Cathy Layton claps after the end of the Summerville pep rally, while varsity sponsor Sandra Goff stands relieved. Although this was Mrs. Goff's first year as varsity sponsor, she knew of the hard work and dedication it took to be a cheerleader because of her participation on the squad when she attended WHS.

