

# A Dash of Pizzazz

## Cheerleaders Show Their Stuff

Beginning with four fun-filled days at camps held at Charleston Southern University for varsity squad and Coastal Carolina University for junior varsity squads, the cheerleading team jumped into a new year.

"Camp was great. It was exciting to see the other schools and watch the girls get excited over learning new things," said former coach Mrs. Sandra Goff. Due to her pregnancy, she had to give up coaching for a while. Ms. Lori Murray, a former Sumter High School cheerleader, replaced her.

Both squads came home with great honors. The varsity team placed first in both the cheering and dancing competitions and placed second in the chanting contest. The JV team placed first in the dancing and pom-pom cheering contests. They received seven superior ratings



**Strike a pose.** Before leaving London, Samantha Waldrop takes a moment to pose with her roommate.

and six excellent ratings for evaluations.

Along with others from across the United States, two of Walterboro's finest earned the right to travel abroad.

Samantha Waldrop, a third-year veteran, was one of 1200 U.S. varsity cheerleaders who travelled to Long, England.

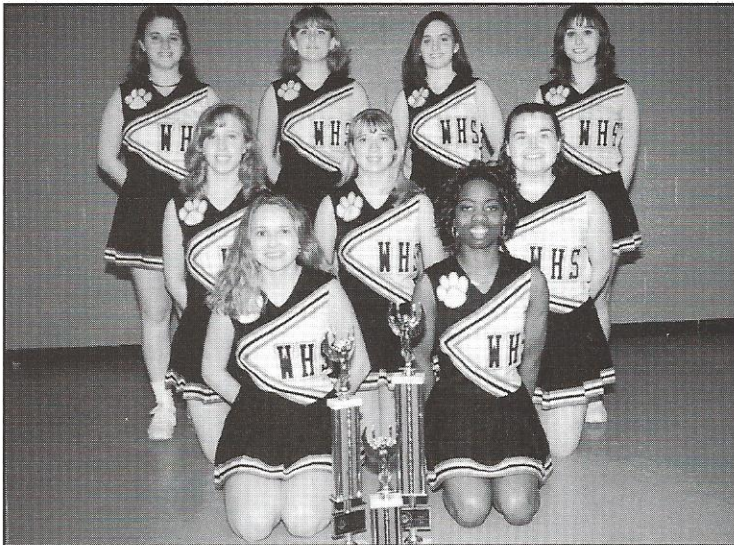
Once there Samantha and the others danced in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade and Spectacular.

"Performing in the parade was an unforgettable experience. I met many new friends and got to experience an entirely different country," said Samantha.

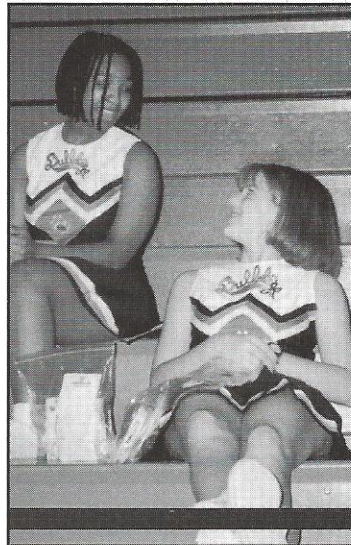
Amanda Wertz was selected for the All-Star Parade in Florida but was unable to attend.

"This year was more difficult than I thought it would be, but it was also meaningful," said Ericka Tedder of her first year as a cheerleader. "While staying physically fit, we became close friends. Although both squads lost several cheerleaders, we were able to bounce back."

— Tina Shider



**Varsity squad.** Top row: Kimberly Shell, Robin Bullock, Lauren Ulmer, Ashley Heaton. Middle Row: Caroline Powers, Courtney McDonald, Samantha Waldrop. Bottom row: Leah Steele, April Pierce.



**Just chillin'.** Deana Johns and Vivian Hiott small talk during a break at practice. Deana and Vivian were members of Women's Treble chorus.

