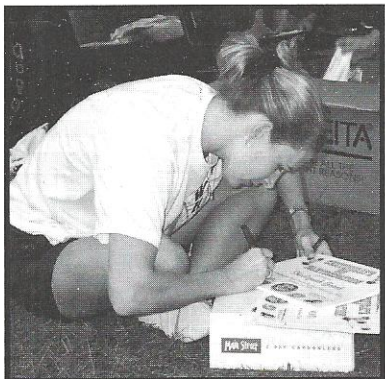


**The future looks great.** The future cheerleaders of Walterboro concentrate on perfecting their performance. These girls participated in a clinic held by the varsity squad.

**She works hard for the money.** Coach Lori Murray finishes certificates of participation. Coach Murray found the job of coaching three squads to be demanding, but her love for the girls and the game kept her involved.



**generate some spirit-mighty varsity-who rocks the house- bang bang-we got spirit-hey crowd let's here it- bulldog beat- jammin with the blue and white-get on up, are you ready- take that ball away**

Doing it again and again at cheerleading practice was a job for the cheerleaders, who practiced until they got it right. The girls, who began practice in early July, cheered until the mid-February end of basketball season which was immediately followed by new cheerleading tryouts. With the growing recognition of cheerleading as a sport, the varsity cheerleaders rose to meet the standard.

"As a cheerleader, I am interested in showing my capabilities. Since cheerleading has been officially named a

sport, we are breaking boundaries and rising above the standard," senior **Latasha Levant** said.

Cheering for the Bulldogs also presented opportunities to have a good time. The girls had the opportunity to meet with young fans, play with the mascot, and cheer on the football players.

"Though we often get criticism from people at school, we just brush it off. They don't know how hard we actually work," sophomore **Toni Bloodworth** said. Although the cheerleaders gave up a lot to devote themselves to the sport, they considered it to be

worth it.

"I put a lot on the back burner for cheerleading. Practices after school and on the weekends can be time consuming, but I enjoy it. That is what makes us a better squad," junior **Jackie Fletcher** said.

"I feel closer to this group of girls than ever before. I wish that this wasn't my last year. I will miss the fun times that we all shared," said senior **Trimmer McClellan**.

In the end it all payed off with each girl receiving lessons that would last throughout her entire lifetime.

-Shantel Middleton