

Guard puts in long hours

by Mindy Higgins

Throughout the year, the Winter Guard worked hard to reach the state finals at Southport High School. There were two first places, two second places, two third places, a ninth place at nationals, and, finally, fifth at state.

The practices were held at Russellville Elementary four nights a week with each practice lasting three hours. Members' parents made the props and set up the floor. The Winter Guard season started in late November and ended in March. The drill designer was Robin Shaw; warm-up director was Marty Johnson; body director was LeeAnn Gearte; and the head director was Lee Gibson.

Members relax before a show.



WINTER GUARD, (NAMES NOT LISTED IN ORDER), SENIORS: Julie Parent, Jennifer Evans, and Christy Harris; JUNIORS: Amy Martin, Nikki Branham, Katrina Lieske, and Tammy Coleman; SOPHOMORES: Becky Collins, Stephanie Kington, Tina Coleman, Laura Blubaum, and Monica Folck; FRESHMEN: Amy Nelson and Lois DeHoff.



Becky Collins, Amy Martin, Nikki Branham, Tina Coleman, and Lois DeHoff act in synch during a performance.



Lois DeHoff speaks to the student body prior to performing with the rest of the Winter Guard.