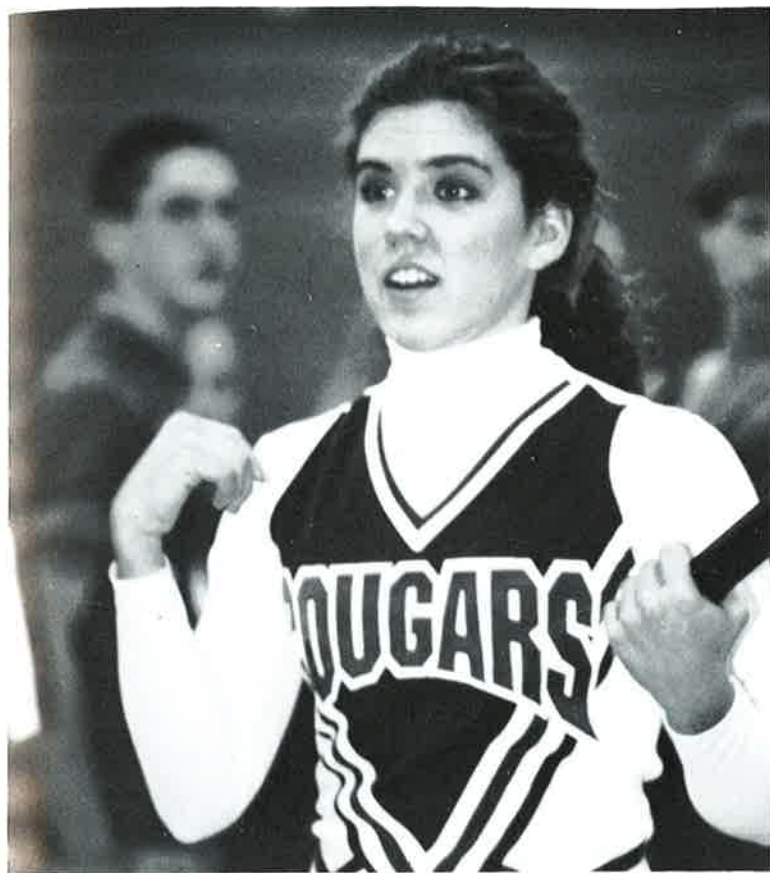


Nichole Mitchener seems to be saying, "Are you talking to me?" She had just finished leading the squad in a cheer.



"The squad this year was like one big family."

Heather Durham

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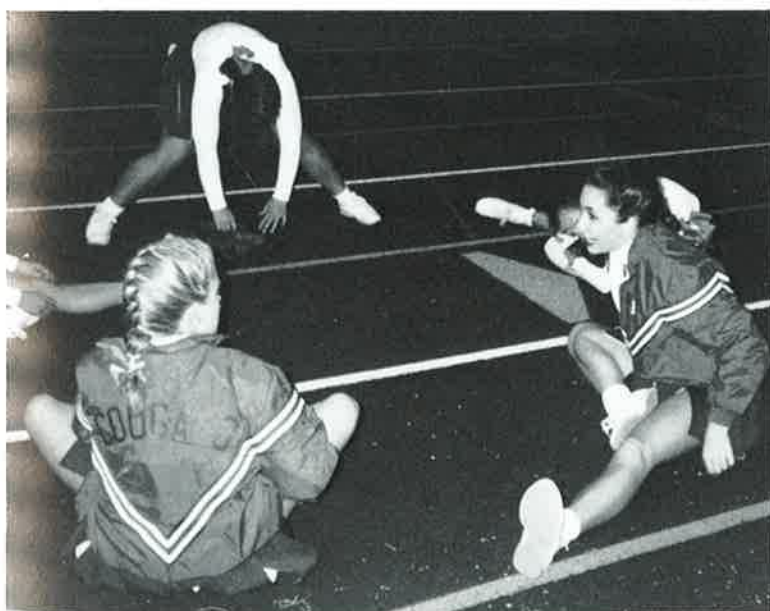
Who do We Appreciate!

By: Shawna Lowe

Are cheerleaders just for cheering at ballgames? Could anyone do their job? Well, it's not as easy as it seems. Cheerleaders have to spend a lot of time planning for Spirit Week, cheer at all home and away games, decorate the lockers of the players, give candy to the players before games, help with the sports banquet, and on top of that, maintain their grades.

"I think we lost a lot of spirit and participation from the seniors of last year, but we've gained spirit because of the success of this year's football and basketball teams," commented Mendy Howell.

"Unlike other sports teams, we are together through the whole school year plus the summer. You gain many friendships that way. Having eleven girls, we can do a lot of different and difficult things which makes the squad feel like their best," said Heather Durham.



Mecca Adams, Nichole Mitchener, and Heather Durham warm up before a game.