



Malachi Taylor goes through her routine during a dress rehearsal. She and the rest of the squad were preparing for State Prelims at Mooresville.

## Without You

Through out the season the winter guard had its ups and downs. First, Amy Nelson dislocated her thumb at practice and was in a cast for about 6 weeks. From then on, there was injury after injury. The guard placed second at Franklin Central and Franklin Community, first, at Chesterton, fifth, at Northview, third, at State Prelims, and brought home the bronze at state.

Their show this year was Mariah Carey's *Without You* and *Vanishing*.

"Our show was much more demanding, exciting, and it was very emotional," said assistant guard instructor, Marty Johnson.

"This years guard had a strong work ethic, and the attitude of the group was very strong," said guard instructor, Lee Gibson. "We emphasize excellence in everything, not just guard."

This year the North Putnam winter guard had its first male member. Even though he wasn't in the performing guard, he still was on the squad.

"I think more guys should at least try out. It takes a lot of skill to do the things the girls do, and to do it right," commented C.J. Wintermute. "The whole group really comes together, its just like being in a big family."



**Front:** Tina Coleman and Laura Blubaum. **Second Row:** Shannon Berry, Jennifer Chestnut, Jenni Hilburn, Malissa Burchett, Amy Jo Nelson, and Lois DeHoff. **Back Row:** Angie Clark, Leslie Anderson, Salena Hammond, Malachi Taylor, Carrie Chastain, Stephanie Stevens, Amy Lambermont, and C.J. Wintermute.



"What I'll miss most is all my friends; Lee, Marty, Le Ann, and Tom. I'll also miss performing and competing."

**Tina Coleman**