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Basketball Cheerleading Front row: Melissa Dennis, Brandie Burgett, Christy Harris Second row: Dawn Garcia, Ronda Merignac, Sara Felton.

SQUADS SUPPORT EACH OTHER TEAMWORK GETS JOB DONE GIRLS CHEERED ON BEAR TEAMS AND HELPED ONE ANOTHER, TOO

"Not having ever been a cheerleader, I wasn't sure what to expect. But the girls were very ready to take charge," remarked Coach Melanie McPherson. The football cheerleaders were an experienced group of girls, with only two rookies. "Being a senior and always wanting to cheerlead I really needed help from the other girls and everyone was great about encouraging me and not letting me give up," reflected JoAnna Thompson.

Lack of support from the student body seemed to

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wear down the football and basketball cheerleaders. "I think the girls learned to depend on each other for their support," added Coach McPherson.

Basketball cheerleading was a little tougher, as there were only three vets, to seven rookies. "It was fun being the one teaching, not the one being taught," remarked Ronda Merignac.

"Some important lessons were learned about teamwork, and effort; overall, the seasons were learning experiences for the girls, as well, as for me," commented Coach McPherson.

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THESE ARE PRETTY CHEAP. Ronda Merignac tries on the style of tennis shoe she would like the squad to wear for the season. "They worked out good for the bouncing around, but I really don't use them for everyday use," commented Ronda.