CHEERLEADER

1902  Fred A. Cornell
1903
1904
1905  Herbert S. ("Dave") Warwick
1906  Harry E. ("Mother") Ewing
1907
1908
1909
1910  "Tuffy" Eillstrom
1911  Herbert S. ("Hub") Atkinson
1912  Robert B. Sigford
1913
1914  Gerald R. ("Pink") Tenny
1915
1916-
1917  Edmond H. ("Goggles") Diebel
1918  Maltbie S. Brown - Asst. by Dan M. ("Strings") Hoyt. (Letters never awarded)
1919  Russell G. ("Doc") Means, M.N.
1921  John A. Creps
1922  Stanley A. ("Stan") Martin
1923  Howard F. Hamnes
1924  Lyman A. ("Jack") Decker
1925  Henry E. Worley
1926  Roger W. ("Bud") Tracy
1927  Thomas W. ("Tom") Sprague
1928  Robert P. ("Dobie") Gunning

Beginning at close of this football season Cheerleaders were appointed for the next year - beginning with the basketball season of 1928-1929

1929  Wm. H. ("Bill") Rodabaugh
1930  Herbert W. ("Herb") Decker
1931  Lewis H. ("Lew") Mussman
CHEERLEADERS

1933    William F. ("Bill") Cherry
1934    Carlos M. Muniz
1935    Charles A. Dolby
1936    Harold D. Washburn
1937    Ralph Telfer
1938    Clarence A. ("Clancy") Isaac
1939    Richard P. ("Dick") Kelting
1940    Dwight M. Hughes
1941    Richard W ("Dick") Overmyer
1942    Frank Dempsey
1943    Edwin Whitman
**Fellow Students:**

Better make that new pair of Shoes a good one. When you can get Quality, Style and Service all combined in a pair of shoes at a moderate price, you had better snap them up. We can't use Bates Shoes to kick goal, but they have been my "kick abouts" for years.

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YELLS

3. O---, Ohio; O---, Ohio; Rah, Rah, Rah, Rah, Ohio.
4. The Locomotive's---se-see-se-see-
   Rah, Rah, Rah, Rah; Ohio State, Ohio State.
   (Repeat three times, very slowly,
    faster, very fast; all cheer at end.
5. The Skyscraper
   A prolonged rising whistle—
   Boom—, Hurray—, Ohio.
6. The Drum
   B, r, r, rah; B, r, r, rah,
   C---bi---.
   B, r, r, rah; B, r, r, rah,
   C---bi---.
   Rah, Rah, Rah, Rah;
   B, r, r, r, r, r, rah, Ohio.
They lead Ohio's Band and Cheers

William Knepper
Drum Major

William Radebaugh
Cheer Leader
YEA OHIO
Yea Ohio! Yea Ohio! Yea Ohio!
Fight! Fight! Fight!
TEAM RAH
Team, Rah! Team, Rah!
Rah, Rah! TEAM!
SKYROCKET
A prolonged ringing whistle—
ROOM—, Ah—, OHIO.
DIVIDED OHIO
0—0—0—0
H—H—H—H
I—I—I—I
0—0—0—0
OHIO
LOCOMOTIVE
3 times (3 times)
Oh, Rah, Rah, Rah, Rah,
Ohio State, Ohio State.
(Repeat three times, very slowly,
At last, very last, all cheer at end.)
WHAA—HO OHIO
Wha-ho, Ohio, Ohio,
Let's GO.
E—EE E—E—YAH
E—EE E—E—YAH!
fight, fight, fight
Ohio, Ohio, OHIO.
FIGHT ON OHIO
Words and Music by
W. A. Dougherty.
The pride of Ohio,
Jones on the field today,
And they will show that Ohio
Will fight to the finish,
Whichever is the score.
They do or die!
They glorify!
Ohio evermore!
CHORUS
Fight on Ohio!
Drive on down the field.
Fight on Ohio,
And never, never yield.
Fight on Ohio!
A touchdown now to go,
Fight, Fight, Fight, FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT.
ALLEN DOLBY
Varsity Cheer Leader
CARMEN OHIO
Words and Music by Fred Cornell, ex'06
(Flat off, standing)
O, come, let's sing Ohio's praise
And songs to Alma Mater raise;
While our hearts rebounding thrill
With joy that death alone can still.
As sturdy sons of O-hi-o,
If on the seas of care we roll,
Neath blackened sky, o'er barren shol,
Thou of thee bid darkness go,
Dear Alma Mater—O-hi-o.
ACROSS THE FIELD
Words and Music by W. A. Dougherty, '17
Fight that team across the field,
Show them Ohio's here.
Set the earth reverberating with a mighty cheer—
Rah—Rah—Rah!
Hit them hard and see how they fall;
Never let that team get the ball;
Hail! Hail! the gang's all here,
So let's beat that whole conference now.
Oh, Ohio! Oh, Ohio! Wa-hoo! Wa-hoo! for Ohio.
To the President of the University,

Sir: Last Saturday at the Wisconsin game Miss Clara Rutherford, a former student of Ohio State University who dropped out of school early last year and who is now clerking at the University Book Store at the corner of 15th Avenue, appeared in bloomers and acted as cheer leader for the women, imitating Pink Tenney in his flip-flops and in all the other gyrations of a cheer leader. While the dress was seedy, the actions were disgusting. I am glad to say that the women students as a whole were shocked at this performance, declined to follow her leadership, and have been expressing their protests against such actions being taken as typical of Ohio State women.

Miss Rutherford has been irrepressible. She has done horrid things while taking part in student activities. It seems to me that inasmuch as she is not a member of the University, the possibility of her doing such things should be removed. I am, therefore, asking you for authority to tell her that since she is not a member of the University she is to be excluded from all student activities. Now this does not mean that she could not attend the dances of the University, but that she could not take part in the Browning play nor in any of the women's stunts such as those given at the co-ed prom.

Most respectfully submitted,
Left to Right: Robert Light, Fred Elsee, Fred Goodwin, Ralph Teller, Tucker P. Smith, Jr., Harold Washburn (Senior Cheer Leader), Owen Hays, Ralph Winnam, B. N. Burke, Clarence Isaacs.
CHANT
Ohio! Hih! Hii! Ohio!
O-H-I-O, Ohio
Fight! Fight! Fight!

SKYROCKET
A prolonged ringing whistle—
ROOM—, Ah—, OHIO.

DIVIDED OHIO
(1-3-1-0)
(1-1-1-1)
(0-0-0-0)
OHIO, OHIO, OHIO

E—EE—E—YAH
E-e-e-e, Yah!
E-e-e-e, Yah!
Fight, Fight.
Fight, Fight.
Ohio, Ohio, Ohio, Ohio

YEAE OHIO
Yea, Ohio! Yea Ohio! Yea Ohio!
Fight! Fight! Fight!

THE BUCKEYE BATTLE CRY
Words and Music by Frank Cummit
In old Ohio there's a team,
That's known throughout the land;
Eleven warriors, brave and bold,
Whose fame will ever stand;
And when the ball goes over,
Our cheers will reach the sky
Ohio Field will hear again
The Buckeye Battle Cry.
Drive! Drive on down the field,
Men of the Scarlet and Gray;
Don't let them thru that line,
We have to win this game today.
Come on, Ohio! Smash thru to victory,
We cheer you as we go;
Our honor defend
So we'll fight to the end
For Ohio.

LOCOMOTIVE
S-c-s-c-s (4 times)
Rah, Rah, Rah, Rah.
Ohio State, Ohio State.
(Repeat three times, very slowly,
faster, very fast, all cheer at end.)

CARMEN OHIO
Words by Fred Cornell, W.001
(Hats off, standing)
O, come, let's sing Ohio's praise
And songs to Alma Mater raise;
While our hearts reounding thrill
With joy that death alone can still.
Stammer's beat or winter's cold,
The seasons pass, the years will roll;
Time and change will truly show
How firm thy friendship—Ohio.

ACROSS THE FIELD
Words and Music by W. A. Honehers, '17
Fight that team across the field,
Show them Ohio's here;
Set the earth reverberating with a mighty cheer—
Rah—Rah—Rah!
Hit them hard and see how they fall;
Never let that team get the ball.
Hah! Hah! the game's all here.
So let's beat that whole conference now.
Oh, Ohio! Oh, Ohio! Wahoo! Wahoo! for Ohio.
CHEERLEADERS OF YESTERYEAR

They're Back for Homecoming to Lead a Cheer for Chic Harley

H. C. "Hub" Atkinson
1911

Herbert S. Warwick
1903

Harry E. "Mother" Ewing
1901

Dr. Russell G. Means
1916-19

John E. Jones
1920

Gerald E. "Pink" Tenney
1913-14-15

Charles A. Dolby
1915-16

Roger W. Tracy
1925-26

Roger Teller
1917-18

Lyman A. Garber
1921-24

Herbert W. Decker
1930-31-32

Harold D. Washburn
1936-37

And when the band spells T-U-B-B-Y down on the field, they're honoring another Ohio State immortal - Edwin "Tubby" Essington, drum major in 1921-22 who is back for Homecoming. Returning, too, are drum majors Dr. Augustus "Gus" Hall (1923-24-25), Bobby Hines (1926-27), and Myron S. McKelvey (1936-37).
FROM: OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Ohio State's cheerleading squad gives out with a big "Ohio" in this scene taken at a pre-game pep rally held during the 1947 football season.

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LET'S CHEER FOR O-H-I-O

[Image of a stadium with people performing a cheer]

[Image of people forming the letters O-H-I-O]

[Image of a football player]
THREE OF A KIND. First women cheerleaders in history of Ohio State University wore these vivacious beauties who reigned during the 1948 season. They are (left to right) Sarah Miller, COLUMBUS, 19, a Physical Education major; Rita Baldwin, BELLEVUE, 19, Home Economics major; and Jean Chard, COLUMBUS, 20, Arts College student.

To maintain their cheer-leading post during the 1949 season, the girls must win again in competitive try-outs to be held during Freshman Week, beginning September 28 on the Ohio State campus. Ten to twelve men are also chosen annually to "assist" the girls in the cheer-leading work.
1948 - First female cheerleaders at OSU for the 1947-48 season. (A-3678-16)
Ohio State Cheer Leaders

Left to right: John Barholomew (head); Sonny Forsythe, Sharon Sheldon, Mort Menzes (junior leader); Jane Richardson, Ron Nocks (junior leader); Kathy Clark, Olyn Davis, Richard Stagg.
Ohio State University Cheer-Leaders

Left to right—Harvey Freeman, Toni Calhoun, Jim Callahan, Jere Richardson, Sue Dillahunt, Ron Necks, Junior head cheer-leader; Jerry Tanner, Sue Wagner, junior head cheer-leader; Dave Brooks, Dick Stoag, head cheer-leader. (Faculty advisors are Mrs. Shirley White and Joseph Hewlett.)

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### Ohio State Cheers

**HELLO**
Hello (draw out) (VISITING team)
Ohio says hello!

**FRONT**
Yea (draw out) Ohio;
Let's go, Let's fight, Let's WIN!

**PROGRESSIVE**
O—H—I—O
O-H-I-O
OHIO (spelled out)
OHIO!

**SPREAD**
Yea (draw out) Ohio Clap, Clap!

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YEA!!!

**CHANT**
O—H—I—O
O—HI—O
FIGHT!!

**DIVIDED**
OH—I
OH—I
OH—I
OHIO!!

**HEWLETT'S) HOP**
Yea (draw out) Team
FIGHT!!

**LOCOMOTIVE**
Whistle—
Whistle—
Whistle—
O—H—I—O
O-H-I-O
O H I O
OHIO!!

**BUCKEYES**
B-u-c-k-e-y-e-s
Buckeyes
Fight!
COSTITUTION

Article I

Name

This organization shall be known as the Ohio State University Cheerleaders.

Article II

Object

The object of the cheerleaders is to promote cheering and enthusiasm of pep rallies, football games, basketball games and to maintain school loyalty and tradition.

Article III

Membership

A. Rules of Eligibility for Cheerleading Participation

1. Prior to each quarter of participation, the eligibility status of cheerleaders is checked on the basis of the following regulations.

   a. A student shall be eligible for cheerleading if, for the quarter of participation, he
      a. is carrying a minimum of 15 hours, has a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or above, and is not on
         warning by the Dean of his College for scholastic deficiencies;
         or
      b. has the special permission of the Dean of Men or Dean of Women.

2. A student may be at any time declared ineligible for cheerleading --
   a. by the Dean of his College for unsatisfactory class work
   b. by the Dean of Men or Dean of Women when his active participation is judged to be detrimental to the
      student himself, the organization, or the University.

3. Cheerleaders will be required to attend practice sessions.

B. Organization of Cheerleaders

1. The Cheerleader squad consists of five men and five women.
2. With the exception of the Head Cheerleader each member of the squad must try out annually.

Article IV

Officers

1. The officers that guide the activities of this are -- a
   a. Head cheerleader, a Junior Head cheerleader, one of the latter
      serving as Recording Secretary-Treasurer.
      a. The head cheerleader must be at least a junior in good
         standing at the time of his election to office.
         The head cheerleader must be elected by a majority vote of
         the squad.
      b. The head cheerleader is to be elected at the first meeting
         of Winter Quarter.
      c. The Junior Head cheerleaders may be either a male or female
         elected by the majority vote of the squad. Election for
         Junior Head shall be during practice week or another
         designated time.
2. Two faculty advisors appointed by the Athletic Department supervise the meetings and activities of the cheerleading squad.

3. Prior to the first home football game, one week of cheerleading practice is scheduled. Attendance during this week of practice is required! Failure of a cheerleader to attend prohibits him from participation at the first football game.

Article V
Meetings
The meetings of the cheerleaders shall be when they, the present squad, and the advisors choose.

Article VI
Amendments
Amendments are to be made by two-thirds vote.

EX.1/IV

Article Y

Try-outs

Section 1. Instructional and practice sessions will be held Monday thru Thursday during the week following May Week from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the main floor of the Gymnasium.

Section 2. Instruction in the form of small groups of three or four members will be given. The present cheerleading officers will be in charge.

Section 3. The final try-out will be held on Thursday, of the practice and instructional week at 7:00 p.m.

Section 4. On the evening before try-out, all candidates should sign up showing their group of three or four members of their own choosing.

Section 5. E3 judged will evaluate the performance using a 1 to 10 point scoring system. The performance will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

a. correctness of the execution of movements
b. rhythm and coordination
c. expression and enthusiasm etc.

The highest and lowest scores will be eliminated and each person will be ranked according to the sum of remaining scores.

Section 6. The purpose of the semi-finals is to reduce the number of contestants to 10 or less men and women. These successful candidates will compete in the finals the same evening.

Rules of Eligibility for Try-outs

Section 1. Men and women students who are currently enrolled, and making normal progress, in a curriculum leading to a degree at Ohio State University.

Section 2. Physical examination - Men. Must have a satisfactory rating in the physical examination upon entrance.
Section 3. Physical examination - women. Must have an "A" in the Women's Department of Physical Education.

Section 4. Men: men must be carrying a minimum of 1.8 hours, have a cumulative point hour ratio of 2.00 or above, and be not on warning by the Dean of his College for scholastic deficiencies.

Article II

Awards

Section 1. Upon the recommendation of the Faculty Advisor of the cheerleaders selected by the Director of Athletics, the Board may award various of the cheerleading squad the following:

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Article XIV

Rules of Conduct

Section 1. Personal appearance - one must be neat of dress and in personal grooming.

Section 2. One must be at all ball games 20 minutes prior to starting time at which time he must check in with the head cheerleader immediately. If for any reason one is delayed, notify the head cheerleader prior to the game.

Section 3. Do not indulge in intoxicating drinks before or during ball game.

Section 4. Avoid all 'looking', arguments, or sights with spectators of a physical or verbal nature. In the event of unruly spectators call the aid of coaches and/or police guards or police.

Section 5. The head cheerleader is responsible for the conduct of all cheerers. All organized and spontaneous cheers must originate from him. No one, therefore, shall make suggestions at any time during the game.

Section 6. Do not obstruct the view of paying patrons. When not cheering either sit down or otherwise get out of their view.

Section 7. Refrain from any kind of unSPORTSMANLIKE conduct either by word or action. No cheer shall be used which might embarrass or humiliate, or otherwise degrade the visiting team.

Section 8. Minor faults should be ignored; more severe baring should be brought under control by best possible means.

Section 9. No cheer will be heard when a member of either team is injured. Upon the injured players unusual from the playing field the cheerleaders should lead applause.
Section 10. At football games stay on the track side of the yellow lines at all times; at basketball games stay off playing courts during the games. Cheers may be heard from playing court only during time outs.

Section 11. Return after intermission at football games to be present for singing of the Alma Mater.

Article IV

Attendance
(Meeting & Games)

Section 1. Cheerleaders must be present at all meetings and home ball games. Failure of a member to attend either a ball game or meeting without permission of the head cheerleader and/or an advisor may result in his dismissal from the cheerleading squad.

Section 2. Such an action of dismissal may occur only through a final decision made by a committee consisting of the two faculty advisors, the head cheerleader and the two junior head cheerleaders.
BUCKEYE CHEER-LEADING STAFF

OHIO STATE CHEERLEADERS

BACK ROW (Left-Right) — Dave Holcomb, Clarence Beals, Steve Malley, Steve Emrich, Randy Holmes, Bill Gray, Ken Jamescn.

FRONT ROW (Left-Right) — Vicki Coultas, Sherri Cartwright, Carol Headlee, Cindy Poston, Connie Headlee, Bonnie Roberts, Beth Dougherty, Cathy Rinesmith, Rita Dieli.

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1977 Ohio State Cheerleaders

(L to R) Bridget Mouri, Dean Oblonsky, Mary Major, Frank Lasdug, Margo Ridenour, Timothy Brooks, Lee Voeller, Kraig Stallman, Nancy Stickrath, Alan Ashworth, Dena Barry, Craig Miller, Ann McLane, Mike Reid.
Brutus' squad chosen

The 1977-78 Ohio State cheerleading squad was selected Sunday after two days of tryouts.

The new men cheerleaders are Alan B. Ashworth, a junior from Dayton; Timothy D. Brooks, a junior from Columbus; Frank S. Lasduk, a junior from Canton; Craig E. Miller, a senior from Westerville; Dean S. Oblonsky, a freshman from Beachwood; Michael L. Reid, a freshman from Dayton; and Kraig Tallman, a sophomore from Worthington.

The women selected were Dena Barry, a junior from North Canton; Mary Major, a sophomore from Columbus; Bridget L. Mours, a sophomore from Lancaster; Ann C. McLane, a sophomore from Columbus; Margo M. Ridenour, a junior from Dayton; Nancy A. Stickrath, a junior from Marietta; and Lee Ann Voeller, a sophomore from Worthington.
OSU Cheerleaders

Jim Arthur  Ron Broomall  Dave Brundrett  Maria Ciminello
Chris D'Amico  Mike Emrich  Sally Hartwell  Sue Henderson  Kim Kellogg
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CHEERLEADING STAFF
1962-1963

Director of Physical Education and Athletics    R. C. Larkins
Cheerleading Advisors
Mrs. Shirley White
and
Mr. Donald Harper

CHEERLEADING SQUAD

Sandra Badgley                      Bill Glenny
Tom Blackstone                     Marty Hover
Judy Brown                         Jan Johnson
Carol Culp, Alternate              Ron Kocher, Alternate
Chuck Pay                          Dottie Reese
Ron Gadd                           Linda Radabaugh, Head Cheerleader
INTRODUCTION

The Cheerleading squad of The Ohio State University is an independent student organization under the sponsorship of the Athletic Department. It is the purpose of this squad to promote cheering and enthusiasm at the football and basketball games, as well as support, participate in, and sponsor pep rallies in order to maintain school spirit, loyalty and tradition.

The following policies and procedures are a guide for future cheerleading squads, as well as a source of general information concerning the group.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

Name

This organization shall be known as The Ohio State University Cheerleaders.

Article II

Object

The object of the cheerleaders is to promote cheering and enthusiasm at pep rallies, football games, and basketball games and to help maintain school loyalty and tradition.

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B. Organization of Cheerleaders

1. The cheerleading squad shall consist of five men, five women and two alternates, one man and one woman.
2. With the exception of the Head Cheerleader, each member of the squad must try out annually.
3. Requirements for cheerleaders and alternates.
   a. Must attend all meetings and practice sessions.
   b. Are required to attend practice week (the week prior to the beginning of classes in Autumn Quarter).
   c. Must adhere to all rules and regulations as listed in the constitution.
4. Alternate cheerleaders will be called upon to temporarily replace any varsity cheerleader when the varsity cheerleader is unable to attend a designated athletic function, and will be called upon to permanently replace a varsity cheerleader for any of the following reasons:
   (a) extended sickness
   (b) graduation
   (c) failure to meet the obligations of the position of varsity cheerleader

Article IV

Officers

1. The officers that guide the activities of this organization are a head cheerleader and two junior head cheerleaders.
   a. The head cheerleader must be in good standing and must have been a cheerleader for the football and basketball seasons previous to his or her election to office.
   b. The junior head cheerleaders will be (1) a man in charge of all cheerleading equipment and uniforms and (2) a woman in charge of secretarial duties. Election to such an office will be by a majority vote of the squad during practice week.
   c. Only the ten cheering members of the squad may vote; however, alternates and advisors may participate in discussion.
2. Two faculty advisors, (one man, one woman) appointed by the Department of Athletics, supervise the meetings and activities of the cheerleading squad.

Article V

Meetings

1. The meetings of the cheerleaders are on a regular schedule set up by the advisors and present squad. (Usually once a week.)
2. Prior to the first home football game, one week of cheerleading practice is scheduled. Attendance during this week of practice is required unless excused by the head cheerleader and the faculty advisors. Failure of a cheerleader to attend may prevent him from participation at the first football game.

Article VI

Amendments

Amendments are to be made by a two-thirds vote of the squad.
BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Try-outs

Section 1. Instructional and practice sessions will be held Monday through Thursday during the week following May Week from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the main floor of the Men's Gymnasium; attendance is optional.

Section 2. Instruction in the four cheers that will be used in the try-outs will be given during these sessions. The present head cheerleading officer will be in charge.

Section 3. The final try-outs will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday of the practice and instructional week.

Section 4. On the evening before try-outs, all candidates should sign up in groups of three or four members of their own choosing.

Section 5. There will be six judges for the tryouts. They shall consist of the two advisors to the squad, an ex member of an Ohio State University cheerleading squad (preferably someone who has been out of school for 4-8 years) and three other adults who have had experience in cheerleading, physical education and judging. These judges are to be selected by the cheerleading squad and the advisors.

Section 6. The judges will evaluate the performance of each candidate, using a 1 to 100 point scoring system. The performance will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- exactness of the execution of movements
- rhythm and coordination
- expression and enthusiasm, etc.

The highest and lowest scores will be eliminated and each person will be ranked according to the sum of the remaining scores.

Section 7. Quarter Finals: The purpose of the quarter finals is to reduce the number of contestants to 20 women and to one half of the men who try out to a maximum of 20 and a minimum of 10. These successful candidates will compete in the semi-finals in the same evening.

Section 8. The purpose of the semi-finals is to reduce the number of contestants to one half of the quarter finalists. These successful candidates will compete in the finals in the same evening.

Rules of Eligibility for Try-outs

Section 1. Men and women students who are currently enrolled, and making normal progress, in a curriculum leading to a degree at The Ohio State University.

Section 2. Physical examination—Men. Must have a satisfactory rating in the physical examination upon entrance into the University.

Section 3. Physical examination—Women. Must have an "A" health rating in the Women's Division of the Department of Physical Education.

Section 4. Men and women must be carrying a minimum of 15 hours, have a cumulative point-hour ratio of 2.25 or above, and not be on warning by the Dean of his College for scholastic deficiencies.
ARTICLE II

Awards

Section 1. Upon the recommendation of the Faculty Advisors of the cheerleaders in concurrence with the Director of Athletics, the Athletic Board may award members of the cheerleading squad the following:

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Head cheerleader

ARTICLE III

Rules of Conduct

Section 1. Personal appearance—one must be neat in dress and in personal grooming.

Section 2. One must be at all required ball games 20 minutes prior to starting time at which time he must check in with the head cheerleader. If for some reason one is delayed, he must notify the head cheerleader prior to the game.

Section 3. Do not indulge in intoxicating drinks before or during ball game.

Section 4. Avoid all “heckling” arguments or fights with spectators of a physical or verbal nature. If spectators become unruly, seek the aid of stadium and/or arena guards or police.

Section 5. The head cheerleader is responsible for the conduct of all cheering. All organized and spontaneous cheers must originate from him. However, the squad may feel free to make suggestions at any time during the game.

Section 6. Do not obstruct the view of paying patrons. When not cheering, either sit down or otherwise get out of their view.

Section 7. Refrain from any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct either by word or action. No cheer shall be used which might embarrass, humiliate or degrade the visiting team.

Section 8. Minor booing should be ignored; more severe booing should be brought under control by the best possible means.

Section 9. No cheer shall be led when a member of either team is injured. Upon the injured player's removal from the playing field, the cheerleaders should lead applause.

Section 10. At football games stay on the track side of the yellow lines at all times; at basketball games stay off playing court during the game. Cheers may be led from playing court only during time outs.

Section 11. Return after intermission at football games to be present for singing of the Alma Mater.

Section 12. Cheerleading uniforms are not to be worn at any place serving alcoholic beverages.
Article IV

Attendance
(Meeting and Game)

Section 1. Cheerleaders must be present at all meetings and required ball games. Failure of a member to attend either a ball game or meeting without permission of the head cheerleader and/or an advisor may result in his dismissal from the cheerleading squad.

Section 2. Such an action of dismissal may occur only through a final decision by both faculty advisors and the head cheerleader.

Ohio State Cheers

Because attendance at Ohio State football and basketball games is usually quite large, the cheers used at these athletic events are relatively short and simple. They are planned that way to encourage more crowd participation. The following cheers are some of the basic Ohio State yells:

Progressive
- O-H-I-O
- Ohio
(yelling progressively faster with each Ohio)

Front:
- Yea-a-a—Ohio
- Let’s go
- Let’s fight
- Let’s win

Locomotive
- Whistle three times
  - O-H-I-O
  - O-H-I-O
  - O-H-I-O
  - Ohio

Divided
(If half the crowd yells)
- O-H, the other half
  - Yelling I-O.
  - Oh-Io
  - Oh-Io
  - Oh-Io
  - Ohio

Buckeyes
- B-U-C-K-E-Y-E-S
  - Buckeyes
  - Fight

Score
- S.C.O.R.E
  - Score
  - Buckeyes

Scarlet and Gray
- Scarlet
- Gray
- Touchdown

Whip
- Yea-a-a—Ohio
- Go—Bucks—Go
- Beat—[opponent]
RALLIES AND PARADES

One of the significant functions of The Ohio State University Cheerleading squad is to support, participate in, and sponsor football and basketball parades and rallies. The night before the homecoming football game, two parades emerge from the fraternity-sorority and dormitory sections. These parades are led by the OSU Marching Band and Cheerleaders. Meeting at the head of the oval, this marching, shouting corps of students combines and continues down the Oval Drive to the bonfire outside the Stadium. Cheers, music, a pep talk by the football coach and introductions of the team are always on the agenda. A similar rally is held the night before the first football game, however, this one terminates at the Ohio Union Terrace.

This is not all that rallies and parades involve, however. There is a great deal of planning and responsibility that precedes these seemingly spontaneous yet organized events. The role of the cheerleading squad, in the football rallies and parades, has been one of participation in the leading of the parades and cheers. The Ohio Staters and other large member groups usually sponsor these events.

Basketball season is quite another situation, however. The responsibility for organizing, publicizing, and conducting rallies has been that of the immediate cheering squad. A tremendous amount of detailed planning goes into this and it takes a great deal of group co-ordination and work.

First, tentative arrangements must be made with the head basketball coach—for the team certainly must be there. Then the Ohio Union Director must be contacted for the use of their facilities. Having the band or other musical group is desirable. The Dean of Men’s Office must be contacted for off-campus parades and rallies. The Executive Dean of Special Services and the Executive Dean of Student Relations must be contacted for on-campus parades and rallies. [For more specific details refer to the section on Parades and Rallies in the current issue of the Official Student Handbook of Rules and Regulations.]

Publicity for the rallies is a big undertaking. Local newspapers, radio, and television stations must be notified by mail. The campus newspaper (Lantern) must be contacted in person for publicity and the Ohio Staters’ must be contacted for use of the Rally Wagon for lunch hour advertising. Posters, banners and billboards are also needed in this campaign. As may easily be seen, all of this must be done several days in advance.

The rally itself is a program of orderly spontaneous events. That is, the schedule is followed but the reaction of the audience to the coach, team, band, and cheers must be alive, alert and organized. This is also the responsibility of the cheerleaders.

The cheerleaders bear a tremendous load as they take a leading part in an afternoon or night rally for the team.

TRIPS

It has been the policy of the Athletic Department to send four members of the squad to each of the away football games with all expenses paid by the university. There have been no sponsored trips for the regularly scheduled basketball games except for the tournaments. Arrangements for tournament games are made with the Athletic Department within a short period preceding the tournaments.

The conduct of the cheerleaders is in accordance with those rules of the university as well as those defined in the constitution. The girls are subject to 1:00 a.m. hours on these trips and are responsible to the chaperones and head cheerleader as to this stipulation.
Women students must secure written permission from their parents and then register their out-of-town trips with the Dean of Women’s office at least one week in advance of the trip.

All the meals are paid for by the Athletic Department and may be eaten wherever the individual cheerleader decides except for the meal previous to the sporting event. This time is considered a pre-game meeting of the traveling squad and the entire group is expected to be together.

UNIFORMS

The cheerleading uniforms are supplied by the Athletic Department. The women’s uniform consists of a red pleated skirt, white sweater and red jacket. The men’s uniform consists of white pants, red sweater and red jacket.

BUDGET

The head cheerleader and the advisors are responsible for making out the budget. When completed it must be presented to the Director of Physical Education and Athletics for approval. This procedure must be completed by May 1st for the following school year’s activities.

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PUBLICITY FOR CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Publicity for cheerleading tryouts is handled in the following manner:

1. The dormitories, both men's and women's, are contacted personally and mimeographed posters are given to them to be distributed among their various floors. The same procedure is to be followed for the sorority and fraternity people. Follow-up is necessary for all groups.

2. The campus newspaper, the Lantern, is notified several times both by letters and personal calls, urging them to give good coverage.

3. The Ohio Staters Incorporated are contacted and arrangements are made for the use of the rally wagon. This form of publicity is used on the Friday previous to the first practice session and on the day of the first practice session.

4. Large posters are placed in the Ohio Union and in the Men's and Women's Physical Education Building.

5. The Billboard at High and 15th can be rented to publicize try-outs.
Procedure for Obtaining Mimeographed Posters

1. Obtain mimeo paper and ditto sheets.
2. Type information and/or draw pictures to be presented.
3. Take finished mimeo sheets to advisors to be mimeographed.
4. Pick up the posters and distribute them.
"On a cold autumn afternoon in 1906, cheermaster Harry "Mother" Ewing stood alone in his Sunday best. Megaphone in hand, he shouted cheers to a few thousand OSU football fans at old Ohio Field . . .

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Y: In 1916, Edmond H. "Goggles" Dische perfected an early version of the liplop.

EVOLUTION OF

Seventy-four years later, Harry's successors rush out to dazzle 89,000 fans in the enormous concrete horseshoe known as Ohio Stadium. Garbed in color-coordinated, specially designed outfits, they thrill the noisy multitude with choreographed routines, elaborate pyramids, and breath-taking stunts. In the past year, these hard-working men and women have appeared several times on national television, winning trophies for their efforts.
FA CHEERMASTER

by Sandra J. Gurvis

Like football, cheerleading at Ohio State has hit the big time. Unlike football, it happened so gradually that few seemed to notice. At least, not until recently. The "whys" of OSU cheerleading success aren't hard to pinpoint, when one considers the time, physical effort, and dedication that have put it through the decades.

Bloomers and Hecklers

OSU only had one male "yellmaster" until 1909 when another one was added. In 1910, the cheering contingent was expanded to three, all of whom were elected by the student body. Their most important duty was keeping the crowd in line (when OSU was losing, students were given to cat-calls and even worse, hissing). One conscientious cheermaster, in his attempt to defend OSU's honor, encountered a diehard who shouted, "To hell with our reputation! We just want to win the game!"

"The heckler was probably, though not necessarily, a Freshman; at any rate, he was at the beginning of his education in sportsmanship," observed the OSU Quarterly of 1910. "The cheermaster was there to teach him. It was a heavy responsibility (for the cheermaster) and he lost much sleep over it."

The first attempt at female cheerleading was made in 1914, by a former OSU student, Miss Clara Rutherford. She scandalized the student body by performing flip flops and other cheerleading "gyrations" alongside the cheermasters, in her bloomers and blouse. The general student consensus was that her "hoydenish" actions were improper for an Ohio State woman.

By the mid-1920s, the cheerleading staff had grown to six. Their ranks included the now famous cartoonist Milton Caniff. They began to travel to "away" games, lead rallies, and cheer at basketball games. They were awarded the Varsity "O" for their efforts. The Student Senate took over selection of the cheerleaders, basing it on recommendations of a permanent cheerleading committee.

The "Gentlemen of the Cheer" of the '30s began to place more emphasis on acrobatics and precision of movement. They performed Evel Knievel-type leaps over one another (see photo), and even spelled out "Ohio" using body formations. All this and more was done in suit jackets, coats, sweaters, and ties. Not exactly comfortable athletic wear!

Two big innovations occurred during that decade: the official organization of the Block "O" cheering section, and (shades of the hoydenish Miss Rutherford?) the formation of a female cheering squad.

World War II overshadowed all school activities. During those years the predecessor to the ever-present
1. The suave "Gentleman of the Cheer" pose before the newly completed Ohio Stadium (1924).
2. Chris, a Rin Tin Tin lookalike, was a part of the Buckeye effort during World War II.
buckeye, a German Shepherd, performed with the cheerleaders. "Chris" jumped through hoops, did acrobatic tricks, and probably growled at the opposing team when the coaches weren't looking.

During the '50s, female cheerleaders began to acquire status. Cheerleading became synonymous with being pretty and popular. The squad seemed to solely consist of members of certain sororities. This was probably the result of coaching by cheerleader "sisters" before tryouts. Women did no acrobatics and wore a regulation outfit of a full, long (below the knee) skirt, tights, shirtwaist blouse, sweater, and of course, white socks and saddle shoes. Thus clad, they performed pom-pom routines on hot football Saturdays. Jackets and ties for men were replaced by sweaters and pants. Two head cheerleaders and the faculty advisor now selected the "holler guys and gals."

The campus turmoil of the '60s and early '70s left the cheerleaders untouched. While others were marching on buildings, throwing eggs at ROTC students, or hiding in their rooms, the cheerleaders continued to develop increasingly elaborate routines. Men leaped over a pyramid formation three bodies high. During a routine appropriately named "The Bird" they lifted the girls over their heads and held them aloft. The trampoline was being used more and more. Skirts were finally shortened and remain so today, despite rising and falling hemline styles. At one time the girls wore halter uniforms which, in the true CI a Rutherford tradition, evoked some complaints.
Videotapes and Equality

Hundreds of hopefuls (mostly female) still flock to St. John Arena for tryouts each spring. Anyone who is a full-time student for the current and previous quarter, and has a 2.0 average is eligible. All members of the squad, without exception, must try out each year. This rule has been in effect over the past decade, and some incumbent cheerleaders have been "cut."

No one knows what kind of routines will be used until the first night of tryouts. This discourages extracurricular "coaching"; only about half of this year's squad is Greek affiliated.

Judges of the '70s and '80s are former college cheerleaders or cheerleading and gymnastics experts and teachers. Using a point system, they evaluate exactness of execution, coordination, rhythm, poise, and vigor.

Tryouts are held in three rounds: preliminaries, in which the top 25 males and 25 females are chosen; semifinals, in which the number is reduced to 15 each; and finals. During the first two rounds, very high and very low scores are dropped from

During the late seventies, emphasis was placed on partner stunts and acrobatics; so much so that during basketball games, avid fans complained that the cheerleaders were blocking their view (above, below right).

The 1980 squad keeps active on the sidelines of Ohio Stadium.
each student's tally. Judges interview each applicant during finals, and a squad of seven girls and seven boys is usually chosen.

There are always complaints from some who aren't selected. A preference for blondes, the feeling that the judges didn't like them, and racial discrimination (from all races) are among the most commonly voiced. "I place a one week moratorium on grievances after the squad has been picked," says Richard Delaney, Associate Director of OSU Athletics and the cheerleaders' advisor. "I go into hiding during tryouts so no one can say I influenced the judges."

His influence is felt during the school year, "I emphasize (to the cheerleaders) that they be careful of their actions. Of course, they're normal college kids and should behave as such. But when they're in uniform, they are in the spotlight, wherever they go," says Delaney. Although he keeps tabs on expenditures and administers the program, he basically lets them make their own decisions. They choreograph their own routines, schedule practices, and choose their own uniforms.

The cheerleaders have handled their duties well. Last year, they were among the top five squads chosen for the National Collegiate Cheerleading Competition on the basis of a six minute videotape of their routines. They competed on prime-time TV, and placed a disappointing fourth. "But we're going to try again this year," says Kim Kellogg, squad captain. Since they won the overall award as the best at cheerleading camp this summer (most of the major U.S. colleges sent their cheerleaders), she feels that their chances of winning the 1981 national championship are excellent.

One of the secrets of their success is the emphasis on gymnastics and tumbling. Being able to do both well is practically a prerequisite. Female cheerleaders "...don't have that prissy, glamour girl image anymore," says Maria Ciminello, a three year veteran. "Yet the routines don't take away from our femininity." Group spirit is another influencing factor. "We function as a unit," emphasizes Kim Kellogg. "When one person is absent, everyone is thrown off." One boy willingly gave up a gymnastics scholarship to stay on the squad.

But what really makes the OSU cheerleaders shine can be summed up in one word — practice. First, they attended ten grueling days of camp at Blacksburg, W. Va. While taking classes in pyramids, partner stunts, and other acrobatics, they swapped ideas with other squads. Then, a week of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. practice in front of St. John's Arena before the September 13 game. During the school year, they meet twice a week for three to four hours of workouts.

The rewards? Excitement, fun, prestige, and "a lot of anonymous phone calls," sighs one girl. They learn how to budget their time — attendance at games, rallies, and certain alumni functions is required. If a game is televised, they get additional exposure. A trip to the Rose Bowl is usually another tantalizing possibility.

The days of cheermaster "Mother" Ewing and his megaphone are gone forever. But one thing remains constant throughout the decades: OSU sports fans bleed scarlet and gray. The same can be said of its cheerleaders.
hat has 20 to 40 legs, is highly visible and boisterous but performs namelessly before thousands of people?

Before you tax your brain needlessly, cast your eyes on the football field below and pick out the most active, enthusiastic college students on the floor of the stadium.

If your eyes settle on the twinkle-toed quarterback with the shotgun arm or the bouncy linebacker who drives an offense crazy with his motion, you’re a bit high. Drop your head a tad more and you’ll spot the bundles of energy we’re referring to.

It’s the cheerleaders, of course, who jump, shout, dance, gyrate, climb, tumble and cheer throughout football games and other athletic events with a seemingly endless amount of get-up-and-go.

Like the well-conditioned athletes they cheer for, the cheerleaders are a well-organized, highly-drilled and athletically-inclined group of college students. They practice three to five times a week, and some go as far as calling cheerleading a sport and the cheerleaders athletes.

Just how do you get to be a cheerleader and what does it mean? Let’s take a closer

(over)

Cheerleaders at Minnesota, Ohio State and Illinois use different methods to fire up the crowds.
look at the cheerleaders of the Big Ten. First of all, let it be known that the Big Ten cheerleading teams are as good or better than any in the country if the three-year-old national collegiate cheerleading championships are an accurate measuring stick.

Michigan State, under the direction of former assistant football coach Ed Rutherford, matched its 1979 NCAA basketball championship with a national crown in cheerleading in the same year. And this past spring the Ohio State unit, under the guidance of 10-year advisor Richard Delaney, finished fourth in the country.

Whether it's an increase in school spirit or the rise to prominence of the national contest is anybody's guess, but the interest level at Big Ten schools in cheerleading has never been higher.

"We had 183 students show up for a cheerleading clinic we held in conjunction with our tryouts," said Rutherford, in his seventh season as MSU's advisor. "The competition in the spring was never more fierce or enthusiastic. It's too bad we couldn't select more kids."

Phyllis Gordon, in her third season as advisor for the University of Illinois cheerleaders as well as the Illiniettes pom-pon girls, seconded Rutherford's feeling.

"Interest in becoming a cheerleader was never higher than last spring when we had a tremendous turnout for tryouts," she said. "I think a lot had to do with our athletic programs getting better and a general feeling of school pride and enthusiasm." Iowa had a record 93 candidates.

One of the most difficult jobs on the Big Ten campuses each spring is the selection of cheerleaders for the upcoming school year.

Hobie Pharis, advisor for the University of Minnesota cheerleaders, explained what happens at his school: "The cheerleaders must audition before a panel of judges each spring and they are judged on cheering style, athletic capability, voice projection, appearance, etc."

Janet Campbell, captain of the Indiana University unit, explained that personal interviews with potential cheerleaders were also included, while at the University of Iowa a series of clinics are held by advisor Phil Silberstein, followed by an open tryout with preliminaries and finals.

Wisconsin, under the guidance of the Big Ten's dean of cheerleading advisors Oscar Damman, has the largest cheerleading squad in the Big Ten with 24. Iowa is next with 20 while Michigan State is at 18. Illinois 16, Ohio State 14, Minnesota, Northwestern and Indiana 12 and Purdue 10.

"It's hard picking cheerleaders," said Damman, who is in his 18th year in charge of the Badgers. "We look for coordinated people with lots of enthusiasm who would be good public relations persons for the university."

The University of Michigan has one of the most unique squads. Prior to 1974, the Wolverines were all male. Now they have a female pom-pom squad that performs along with the men. Michigan has two advisors—Newt Loken for the men's football squad and Pam Slade for the football pom-pom team—and the squads usually consist of 10 men and 10 women.

The cheerleading teams are funded by the athletic department at all of the schools although finances are limited and quite often cheerleaders are forced to raise their own revenue for trips and camps they take in.

Cheerleaders are being provided for more sports each year with the growth of women's athletics and so-called minor sports. For instance, Purdue provides cheerleaders for women's volleyball while Minnesota cheers at hockey games and Iowa at wrestling meets.

The cheerleaders rarely, if ever, travel with the team they cheer for and almost always go by car or van. Most of the squads in the Big Ten go to all away football games and to a select number of basketball contests.

Driving time is the rule of thumb at most schools: cheerleaders stay home when the trip takes more than eight hours. The Big Ten also has a rule that limits the number of cheerleaders that travel to 10, plus a mascot.

Some schools spend a great deal of time working on intricate pyramids and complicated gymnastics routines, but the trend in the Big Ten appears to be heading back to the basics of cheerleading.

"For a while everybody was doing more and more pyramids but we're changing and I think everyone's happy about it," said Gordon at Illinois. "Our cheerleaders are more into trying to get the crowd and various teams fired up rather than being a big show themselves. You don't have to be a great tumbler at our school to be a cheerleader anymore."

Ohio State's Delaney agrees. "Recently there has been an overemphasis on gymnastics and pyramids," he said.

Rutherford likes to call Michigan State's cheerleading style 'multi-faceted.' "We have a great variety of partner stunts, pom-pom routines and outstanding pyramids."
Ohio State Fight Songs

**ACROSS THE FIELD**
Fight that team across the field,
Show them Ohio's here,
Set the earth reverberating with a mighty cheer
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Hit them hard and see how they fall;
Never let that team get the ball,
Hail! Hail! the gang's all here,
So let's win that old conference now.

**BUCKEYE BATTLE CRY**
In old Ohio there's a team,
That's known thru-out the land;
Eleven warriors, brave and bold,
Whose fame will ever stand,
And when the ball goes over,
Our cheers will reach the sky,
Ohio Field will hear again
The Buckeye Battle Cry—

**CARMEN OHIO**
Oh! Come let's sing Ohio's praise,
And songs to Alma Mater raise;
While our hearts rebounding thrill,
With joy which death alone can still.
Summer's heat or Winter's cold,
The seasons pass, the years will roll;
Time and change will surely show
How firm thy friendship O-hi-o.

Drive! Drive on down the field,
Men of the scarlet and gray;
Don't let them thru that line,
We have to win this game today,
Come on, Ohio!
Smash thru to victory
We cheer you as we go:
Our honor defend
So we'll fight to the end for O-Hi-o.
Rah Rah, Sis-Boom — Bah!

Cheerleading is both scarlet and gray at Ohio State University

By CAROL ANN LEASE
Photos By Gordon Kuster Jr.

The wind licks at the pennants of the Big Ten schools rimming Ohio Stadium. The sun shines. The autumn day is tangy, perfect for football. The rumble of the crowd rises to a roar as the Ohio State University Buckeyes swarm onto the field, led by 14 tumbling, cavorting, scarlet-and-gray-clad cheerleaders who look as if they haven’t a care in the world. Like cheerleaders everywhere, they are bouncy, bright, lithe and agile.

But at the drop of a pompon, they will pour out a litany of woes — having to drive instead of fly to some out-of-town games, arguing with the Athletic Department over uniforms, not getting scholarships even though they win scholarship money for the university, and fighting department threats to ban their favorite stunts as too dangerous.

“People look at us and think, ‘They’re just whining. It can’t be that bad.’ But it really is,” said Kim Kellogg of Bellefontaine, Ohio, a senior who has been on the OSU squad three years.

Making the squad is no cinch. Ann Briggs of Dublin tried out three times before succeeding in this, her senior year. “I lost weight. I really worked on my dance and gymnastics,” she said. About 100 women signed up for tryouts last spring. Forty-five showed up. “A lot of people think, ‘I was a cheerleader in high school. I could do it. They see the competition (at practice sessions), and they drop out like flies,” Miss Briggs said. All seven of the women cheerleaders this year were cheerleaders in high school.

Most of the seven men cheerleaders are gymnasts. They were chosen from 45 applicants. “I love gymnastics,” said Mike Emrich of Worthington. He is in his second year on the squad. “I lettered here. I was on the team two years, but I messed up my ankle real bad. (Also), I didn’t want to work out six hours a day (for gymnastics). I’m trying to get into dental school. You can’t take that kind of time (away from studying).”

Miss Kellogg; Emrich; and Juilee Peyton, a junior from Pataskala, Ohio; and a second-year cheerleader, are co-captains. Maria Cinimello, a senior from Columbus, is a third-year cheerleader. The other 10, including Ann Briggs, are first-year cheerleaders, and all are from Ohio: Beth Schaeper of Washington Court House, and her twin sister, Jill, both seniors; Debbie Ruthsatz of Sandusky, a junior; Paul Carlson of Avon Lake, senior; Kevin Tompkins of Cambridge, senior; Mike Bower of Lima, junior; Dan Burns of Columbus, sophomore; Alan Savransky of Beechwood, junior; and Craig Conner of Kettering, junior. Moi Arzamendi of Worthington, who wears the Brutus Buckeye mascot costume, also technically is a member of the squad, but he practices on his own.

The cheerleaders practice four hours a week — two hours on Tuesday and two on Thursday. “We (also) do one or two public relations things a week for the university” such as cheering at charity drive kickoffs, Miss Kellogg said. During basketball season, there are two and sometimes three games a week. “I feel like I have majored in cheerleading,” Miss Kellogg said. Nonetheless, she has a 3.6 grade point average on a scale in which 4.0 is straight A’s. “It’s gone down (from a 3.9) because of cheering,” she said. She hopes to enter law school.

One of the complaints the cheerleaders have is that they are second-class citizens compared with cheerleaders at other schools and especially compared with the football team. For example, they drive to some out-of-town football games in university vans. The team always flies.

They also are unhappy that OSU is going to a standard uniform so the Athletic Department can pass them down from year to year and save money. “They told us we couldn’t get new uniforms because there was no money. They bought the uniforms, but we had nothing to say,” Miss Kellogg.
said, “The guys have stretch gray pants — no stripe, no ‘OSU.’ They’re so boring. They don’t even fit.”

She corrals another cheerleader, Kevin Tompkins, with, “Tell her about the uniforms.”

“They’re universal-fitting pants — no buttons or zipper,” he explains. “They have a wide elastic band. It ruffles the material. It looks like something out of a circus.”

Some of the uniforms the cheerleaders now wear are 10 years old, Miss Kellogg said they need several, not just for style, but because with only one “we have to go home and wash it two or three times a week,” given all their appearances. Their shoes are provided free by Converse, manufacturer of athletic shoes.

Team members point out that they are as recognized in their field as OSU athletic teams are in theirs. Both Miss Kellogg and Miss Peyton taught at a college cheerleading camp last summer in Virginia. “It’s a real honor,” Miss Briggs said. The Ohio State...ed also attended and competed against 65 other squads.

“We placed first in our floor, second on our sideline cheer and second in pom-pom. We got first overall,” Miss Briggs said.

Last year’s squad placed fourth when five teams competed in the final’s of the National Collegiate Cheerleading Championships. “We won $3,000 for scholastic purposes,” Miss Kellogg said. “They (OSU) took it, and it went to the general fund. We get nothing.” She acknowledged that similar money won by football players and other athletes also goes to the general scholarship fund, but she pointed out that other athletes have scholarships earmarked for them while cheerleaders do not.

Another bone of contention between the cheerleaders and the Athletic Department is the basic philosophy of why they are on the field in the first place. The department wants them to concentrate on cheerleading rather than on acrobatics. “We do a lot of gymnastics and pyramids because we don’t have a public address system to work with the crowd,” which often numbers more than 87,000 people. Miss Kellogg said, “Block O (the end section) is the spirit group,” agreed Miss Briggs. “For us to get the stadium going, it’s hard. A lot of times when the game gets boring, they (the fans) look at us for entertainment.”

“They are so paranoid about a lawsuit,” Miss Kellogg said of the Athletic Department. “That’s why we don’t use the Mini-Tramp, a small trampoline for launching aerial acrobatics. The device was banned by the Big Ten. She said stunts are arranged so there are always spots to catch anyone who falls, and no one on the squad has ever been seriously injured. “You have your ankle sprains and your bruises — just like football.”

Richard Delaney, the associate OSU athletic director in charge of the cheerleaders, said there have been some near misses. “When you take a kid up on a pyramid, one little slip can ruin a life. Kim will say, ‘I’ll take the risk.’ The Wallendas...wire tightrope walkers... took a risk, but you can’t say anything to a couple of them, because they’re dead.” The department, he said, would rather “see the crowd involved in the game” than the cheerleaders “putting on a show.”

Decisions on whether the cheerleaders should drive or fly to away games are made on the basis of what the weather is likely to be and the distance, Delaney said. For example, they drove to Northwestern University in Evanston, III., Oct. 11 but were to fly to the University of Iowa Nov. 14, when icy roads are more likely. “Northwestern is an easy trip — seven hours,” Delaney said.

“We have no space” for the cheerleaders to fly with the team, generally on a chartered plane, he added. When they do fly, “they fly up the morning of the game (on a commercial flight) and come back that night.” Football team members go the night before the game.

Delaney said the cheerleaders are budgeted to spend $10,000 this year, the same as last year. About $3,600 of that will cover expenses for some 10 judges, many of whom come from out of town, for the two-day tryouts in the spring. Asked about a special cheerleader’s fund started last year, Delaney said, “It never got off the ground.” The OSU Development Department said the account had $612.50 in it early this fall, and how it is spent is up to the Athletic Department. “I didn’t know there was that much,” Delaney said. “No one to date has come to me about anything about getting what’s in there.”

Things are not apt to change to the cheerleaders’ liking. Two football seasons
ago there were several stories in the news about their unhappiness. Despite the students' complaints about the way Delaney handled things, the OSU Athletic Council, which sets policies for the department, commended him for a job well done.

Cheerleading is not all bruises and gripes. Miss Briggs said she is happy to be going to three of five away football games this year, because she thought it would be only two. A Big Ten Conference rule allows OSU to take only 10 cheerleaders on the road. One of the men said cheerleading gives him "face time," a chance to be seen by girls he might want to date.

"It's a lot of fun. You meet a lot of nice people," said Jill Schaepker. She and her sister, Beth, may be the first twins ever on the squad, but proving it would require going through all the old cheerleading pictures in the university archives. Delaney said. The Schaepkers transferred from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, last year. "We wanted to get interior design experience in Columbus," Beth said. She was not surprised that both she and Jill made the squad. "Our abilities are exactly the same," she explained. "We knew we would both make it or neither one would."

Although they look identical, sound the same and have the same grade average (3.7), the women said they actually are fraternal twins. They developed from two eggs. "My face is rounder than Beth's," Jill added. The two said it's embarrassing to be twins, because people stare at them, looking for differences. On the other hand, "you can take turns going to class," Beth said, because they take all their classes together. "They can't mark you down (for skipping) because nobody knows who's there."

It is a warm October evening. Larkins Hall at OSU is teeming with swimmers, racketball players, karate enthusiasts, gymnasts and weight-lifters. In a high-ceilinged room with wall-to-wall red mats, the cheerleaders are practicing their stunts. A male cheerleader lifts his female partner high above his head as she stands with one foot on his hand. The others cheer, and another pair step forward to try to top it.

One woman doesn't complete her aerial somersault fast enough and slaps into the mat as hands reach to ease her fall. "These girls are tough," a male cheerleader tells a visitor as the cheerleader jumps up to try again. It is 80 degrees in the room. Sweat beads up on the cheerleaders' foreheads and rolls down their faces as the evening progresses.

Given the hard work and what they claim is little thanks, why don't they quit? The answer is akin to the joke about the circus worker whose job was to clean out the elephants' stalls. Asked why he didn't get out of such filthy work, he said, "What? And leave show business?"

"The whole thing that makes it worthwhile," Miss Kellogg said, "is the comments from the crowd: 'You guys are super.'"

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Ohio State University's Athletic Department prefers sideline cheers like the one at right to the danger of high-rise stunts such as the one above. Twin cheerleaders Beth Schaeper, left, and Jill Schaeper are on top. Ready to catch anyone who falls are Paul Carlson, left, and Mike Emrich, behind the line. Holding the women are, from left, Kevin Tompkins, Mike Bower, Alan Savransky, Dan Burns and Craig Conner. The women are, from left, Maria Ciminella, Debbie Ruthsatz, Ann Briggs, Jullee Peyton and Kim Kellogg.
Front Row (L-R): Tracy Yee, Kathy Murray, Debbie Ruthsatz, Juilee Peyton, Valerie Tarter, Becky Kuhn, Sally Jo Hartwell.

Back Row (L-R): Al Savransky, Dan Burns, Keith Pain, Jeff Gunter, Mary Burnett (Brutus the Buckeye), Eric Pearce, Mike Bower, Louis Robinson.
Cheerleaders, Brutus named

By Tom Bolt
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OSU's 1982-83 cheerleading squad has been selected despite some "tough competition," according to Richard Delaney, associate director of athletics and director of the cheerleading tryouts.

Anyone of the final 20 women or 12 men could have made the squad, Delaney said. 56 women and 21 men competed in the tryouts before a capacity crowd in the French Fieldhouse.

Six of those selected are former OSU cheerleaders. They are: Mike Bower, a senior from Cairo, Ohio; Craig Conner, a senior from Kettering; Jeff Gunter, a sophomore from Medina; Becky Kuhn, a senior from Waverly; Kathy Murray, a junior from Columbus; and Debbie Ruthsatz, a senior from Sandusky.

Other members on the 1982-83 squad are: Louis Robinson Jr., a sophomore from Dayton; Larry Tolliver, a freshman from Cincinnati; Steven Wedge, a freshman from Grove City; Alan Wolfe, a freshman from Columbus; Kerry Hatch, a freshman from Findlay; Jan Ewing, a junior from Columbus; Liz Kahoun, a sophomore from Timberlake, and Darla Miller, a freshman from Toledo.

The new Brutus, the Buckeye is Eric Mayers, a sophomore from Beachwood.
OSU cheerleaders take all at nationals

By Dave Thornsbury

Everyone who groaned when the football team lost and cried when the cagers couldn't pick up the slack - take notice. The Buckeye cheerleaders are national champs!

The OSU squad, as Midwest Regional champs, placed first in front of the other regional winners which were: Kansas State, Memphis State, Boston College, Louisiana State and Utah respectively in Miami, Fla., Fla., last weekend.

"We are champions in our own right," said Maria Ciminello, a senior cheerleader from Columbus, adding, "It really felt good to achieve a goal that some of us have been working toward for four years."

However, of the 14 cheerleaders who represented OSU, 10 were first-year squad members, Ciminello said.

The cheerleaders began preparation for the contest shortly after the football season ended, Ciminello said. The routine was put together by Ciminello, co-captain Kim Kellogg, a senior from Bellefontaine, and co-captain Julie Peyton, a junior from Pataskala.

As part of the competition, a film of the routine was sent to the judges in February, Ciminello said. The routine included dancing, tumbling, mounts, and a pyramid.

Unlike the other contestants, OSU "did everything cheerleading is supposed to be without the use of props," Ciminello said. "We used just our talent, and that's probably why we won."

The squad received $10,000 in OSU's name, the use of a Ford van for the university for one year, and a gold trophy as first-place winners.

Judges for the competition included celebrities Mary Ann Mobley, skier Susie "Chapstick" Chaffee and Dr. Joyce Brother. Other judges were representatives from the National Cheerleading Association, Universal Cheerleading Association and International Cheerleading Foundation.

Entertainment during the competition was provided by hosts Andy Gibb, John Davidson, Debbie Boone, dancer Juliette Prowse, Victoria Principal of the TV series "Dallas," and the Beach Boys.

A 90-minute special on the cheerleading championship, including entertainment by the celebrities, will be aired on Channel 10 (WBNS-TV) following an edition of "60 Minutes" in late May.

Cheerleaders enter Ice Age

By Kim Rudolph

At Buckeye football games, the cheerleaders bring the crowd to its feet cheering for a touchdown. In basketball, they shout for a rebound. In hockey, they ... hockey?

With the Buckeye hockey team gaining a strong following from its recent success, the cheerleaders are taking on a new challenge, and one they are eager to face.

It started with a suggestion by head cheerleader Kim Kellogg, a senior from Bellefontaine, who thought the hockey team deserved some school spirit. They have already cheered at two hockey games — Bowling Green and Northern Michigan.

Alan Savransky, a junior from Beechwood and member of the cheerleading squad, said the decision to cheer was "all on our own because the hockey team is the best team at OSU now."

Some teams at other schools have a figure skater or two that cheer on the ice during breaks in the game, Savransky said, but the OSU cheerleaders stand and cheer the entire game.

"Sometimes," he added, "the fans look at us like we're nuts."

Basically, they stick to the same cheers used in basketball and football, with occasional substitutions of "slapshot" for "rebound" and "touchdown."

Cheering at basketball and football games is done primarily for the fans, while cheering at hockey games is more for the players themselves, Savransky said. Most fans don't cheer along, he added, but the players hear them and have told the squad more than once how much the cheers are appreciated.

The team's goalie Mike Blake, describes the cheerleaders as "great; I enjoy it." Many of the team members like the feeling that they are being supported, and look forward to having the cheerleaders at the games, he said.

Not all team members share Blake's enthusiasm, however. Jamie Crapper, who plays the wing, feels the fans "get into the game whether the cheerleaders are there or not."

In fact, the fans have been known to boo the cheerleaders occasionally, he said.

Blake said some teammates resent the cheerleaders because they have worked hard and want to feel appreciated for themselves, rather than for the fans.

Savransky admits hockey fans are a different kind of crowd, because they are truly there to see the game. "The fans are crazier at hockey games. They want blood," he said.

This is not the first year the cheerleaders have cheered for the hockey team, Savransky noted. They appeared at a few games last year as well, and will hopefully cheer next year, too.

Unfortunately, many times basketball games conflict with hockey games, so the cheerleaders can't attend as many as they'd like. Their schedule includes practice each day, cheering at two basketball games each week, and numerous other activities such as filming for television's National Collegiate Association Championship.

Even with this hectic routine, the cheerleaders still hope to show their Buckeye spirit by cheering at the Perris State hockey game, Feb. 27 in the OSU Ice Rink.
Ruling knocks down cheerleading pyramids

By Julie Washington

Ohio State cheerleaders are no longer permitted to build human pyramids over two people high because of a policy recently adopted by the OSU Athletic Department.

The policy change was made in accordance with a recommendation made in May by the Big Ten Team Physicians, said Robert Murphy, head team physician and chairman of the Big Ten Team Physicians.

The Athletic Department has defined a pyramid as any formation with one person on top of another, even if one person is lying flat on the ground and another stands on his back, said Julie Peyton, squad captain.

"I can't help but think it (the policy) is going to hurt us," said Peyton, a senior from Pataklakha. The OSU cheerleading squad is known for its ability to build pyramids, which helped it win the National Collegiate Cheerleading Championships last year, she said.

The Big Ten Team Physicians made the recommendation to all conference athletic departments after hearing a report from the University of Minnesota concerning cheerleading accidents that left one man a quadriplegic and another person with a broken neck, said Murphy. He said he is unsure if the injuries took place during pyramid building.

OSU cheerleaders have suffered injuries including a severely sprained ankle and a concussion because of pyramid building during the last three years, he said.

"It was the unanimous opinion that any pyramid over two (people) high created too high a risk at the intercollegiate level," he said. "When you're dealing with a boy in bed, you start to wonder."

Most Big Ten universities have adopted the proposal, the physician said.

Murphy said he thinks it is not appropriate for college cheerleaders to perform acrobatic stunts. They should stick to gymnastic stunts, he said.

"The direction of cheerleading in the last five years has changed from (students) being cheerleaders to being performers. The performances involve more and more dangerous activities, relying upon the coordination and condition of the student athletes," he said.

Peyton said, "This is really disappointing to everyone on the squad. To do a two (people) high pyramid we might as well do guy-girl stunts... there's really no difference," she said. "I wish the squad could have talked to someone before it was written into law."

Alan Savaransky, a second-year member of the cheerleading squad, said, "we're (the squad) probably more qualified to determine if something is not safe for us. The people on the squad know more about cheerleading than the Athletic Department."

"It's like them (the Athletic Department) telling (football coach) Earle Bruce the football team couldn't pass."

Savaransky said that now the cheerleaders will have to do more yelling with the crowd instead of performing.

Peyton said that although the squad has not heard any complaints from fans yet, she is sure they will notice the difference soon.

The highest pyramid the squad ever built, called the Skyscraper, was three and one-half persons high.

Murphy said the cheerleaders of the past two years have been conscientious and competent people, and that he is sure they are creative enough to make their performances entertaining without using high pyramids.
Front Row (L-R): Tracy Yee, Kathy Murray, Debbie Ruthsatz, Juilee Peyton, Valerie Tarter, Becky Kuhn, Sally Jo Hartwell.
Back Row (L-R): Al Savransky, Dan Burns, Keith Fain, Jeff Gunter, Mary Burnett (Brutus the Buckeye), Eric Pearce, Mike Bower, Louis Robinson.
Cheerleading posts filled

By Dave Thornsburg

Seven men and seven women were selected to lead Ohio State in cheers for the 1981-82 year.

"They're a talented group of people," said Richard Delaney, associate director of athletics for OSU. The new squad compares with those of recent years, he added.

"The competition was very tough," he said. There were originally 180 applicants, but 50 women and 18 men actually tried out.

The applicants had a two-week preparatory period where they learned techniques used for the judged competition, Delaney said. For three days during this period, former cheerleaders taught the techniques but the competitors were otherwise on their own.

There were 20 judges, including ex-cheerleaders, cheerleading advisors, and gymnastics coaches.

"These were people who have had a great deal of expertise in judging and in cheerleading," Delaney said.

Five members from last year's squad and two from the squad two years ago have returned.

Last year's returning members are: Jeilee Peyton, a junior from Pataskala; Debbie Ruthsatz, a junior from Sandusky; Alan Savransky, a junior from Beechwood; Mike Bower, a junior from Lima; and Dan Burns, a sophomore from Columbus.

New members are: Kathy Murray, a sophomore from Columbus; Rebecca Kuhn, a junior from Waverly; Tracy Yee, a sophomore from Columbus; Lou Robinson, a sophomore from Dayton; Keith Fain, a sophomore from Columbus; Jeff Guenter, a freshman from Medina; and Eric Pierce, a freshman from Powell.
Cheerleaders involved in political dinner

By Matt Moffett
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Five OSU cheerleaders who performed at a fund raising dinner for a gubernatorial candidate may unwittingly have involved the university in the political battle for Ohio's highest office.

Although the five did not appear in uniform when they performed a cheer at a Feb. 18 fund-raiser for State Sen. Thomas A. Van Meter, R-Ashland, they were introduced as "The Ohio State University Cheerleaders."

A television crew taped the event for possible use in a political commercial for Van Meter, a Republican candidate for governor.

'Van Meter said the cheerleaders' appearance was merely an opportunity for them to have fun and enhance the atmosphere of the $100 a plate dinner, which also featured former OSU football coach Woody Hayes and former OSU football player Dick Schafrath.

He said he did not think their appearance constituted an endorsement from OSU.

The cheerleaders also said their appearance did not represent an endorsement from OSU, but three of them added that they probably would not have attended the dinner if they had known beforehand of its political nature.

"Going in, I knew nothing about Van Meter or what he believed in," said cheerleader Debra Ruthsatz, a junior from Sandusky. "I don't feel like I was had, but I probably wouldn't do it again."

"I couldn't have told you anything about him (Van Meter)" said cheerleader Mike Bower, a senior from Lima.

"They didn't seem like my kind of people," said Alan Savransky, a senior from Beechwood. "I don't think I'd want to do it again."

Another cheerleader, Mary Burnett, a junior from Bryan, said she appeared as a supporter of Van Meter.

"He seems like a nice guy. I'll go for him," she said. "But I don't want to affiliate the university with my choice."

The cheerleaders said they were attracted by the offer of a free dinner and the opportunity to meet Hayes and the other celebrities.

Richard Delaney, associate athletic director and advisor to the cheerleaders, said they could go to the fund-raiser as long as they did not appear in uniform or perform any OSU cheers.

Although they did not wear their OSU cheerleading costumes, three of the five appeared in red Rose Bowl T-Shirts decorated with a grey block-letter O and a group of grey roses.

The group performed one cheer: "Van Meter for governor. Get those votes."

The cheerleaders said they regularly attend functions other than OSU sporting events. One cheerleader compared the group's appearance at the Van Meter fund-raiser to an earlier appearance made at a fund-raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The cheerleaders said it was their first appearance at a political function, however.

OSU graduate Brad Kastan, an associate of Van Meter and a friend of cheerleader Rebecca Kuhn, contacted Kuhn to invite the cheerleaders to the fund-raiser.

"It was just an idea I had because Woody Hayes and other athletic figures were there," Kastan said.

"Senator Van Meter and I were worried that some people might get the idea that the cheerleaders were representing the university and we discussed that possibility beforehand."

"But we thought that since they weren't in uniform there would be no problem."

Kastan said the evening was "purely innocent."

Kuhn, a senior from Waverly, said she didn't consider her appearance at the fund-raiser a "touchy political situation."

"I don't think it was any different than if five other OSU students showed up at the dinner," she said.

Kuhn said she had explained the purpose of the event to all the cheerleaders before they attended. The remaining members of the cheerleading squad did not attend.

Van Meter said he had not yet seen the tape his crew made.

Earlier that day, that same camera was on the floor of the Senate while Van Meter was speaking on a bill he had sponsored.

At the time, Sen. Harry Meshel, D-Youngstown, had accused Van Meter of performing before the camera for political gain.

State operated youth groups have figured before in advertisements for Ohio gubernatorial candidates. In 1978, Gov. James A. Rhodes featured the All-Ohio Youth Choir in a commercial during his successful campaign for re-election.
Dick Delaney discusses the cheerleaders

One of the more pleasant attractions at football and basketball games undoubtedly are the cheerleaders. While some squads remain in virtual obscurity, others, such as the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders have gained national and international attention. Their visibility over the years has increased to the point where they are almost as much a part of the game as the participants on the field or in the arena.

At Ohio State, Associate Athletic Director Dick Delaney serves as advisor to the Buckeye cheerleading squad. In this capacity, he acts as a supervisor and monitors grades, travel, public participation, provides uniforms and hands out awards, to name a few of his many duties.

One of his primary responsibilities each spring is to oversee cheerleader tryouts, which this year are being conducted on April 17. According to Delaney, approximately 120 women and 30 men have already signed up for the tryout competition. By April 17 however, Delaney estimates this number will be reduced to about 50 women and 20 men who will each compete for seven positions on the squad. Add Brutus Buckeye and the Buckeye cheerleaders number fifteen as a group.

Tryouts are rigorous and the competition seems to get tougher each year. "They consist of a series of things that will take in partner-stunts, gymnastics, cheering, dance routines, selected men's routines and required rhythm routines," noted Delaney.

"One of the things we've done in the past is not to let anyone know what those routines will be (required during tryouts) until the first day we meet. At that time, they will have approximately three days to learn them and I'd say two weeks to practice them."

Delaney refuses from judging the competition, but instead brings in other judges who have a demonstrated expertise in cheerleading. Some of these judges may have been former cheerleaders or advisors, but in each case they are considered to be cheerleading experts. One of Delaney's judges is a former Miss America, while another is in charge of a local high school cheerleading group.

"What do the judges look for in a prospective Buckeye cheerleader? "Well, I don't think you can necessarily define that unless you have certain things in certain areas," said Delaney. "That will all be spelled out, plus I have a short film which deals with techniques and was prepared by a past cheerleading which the judges will view before tryouts begin. We're not looking for that person who is nothing but this or that; it includes a variety of things."

One of the things the squad will try to do beginning in the fall is to attend more women's sports events. "We're going to try to do a better job of that than we have in the past," Delaney added.

There is more to cheerleading than leading cheers. Many squads act as a public relations tool or extension of a supporting institution. The Buckeye squad, as is the case with many other collegiate squads, makes public appearances, assists with judging other cheerleading competition events and get involved with charitable organizations and fund-raising drives.

"You would be surprised at some of the people who get rather indignant when I say we can't send our squad somewhere. It's too much sometimes for our cheerleaders whose foremost concern is with going to school," Delaney said.

Their basic purpose however is in motivating fan support. "I think a lot of people will look around at schools such as Clemson or Virginia where the whole auditorium will follow every movement of the cheerleaders. It's a little different here in the fact you go to Virginia and you may have more people on this campus than in the whole town of Charlottesville (Va.). The outlets are different here than at Virginia. Come basketball season, they're all trying to get into that 9,000-seat arena (University Hall) down there. We can fill it here, but it's not the only game in town, so to speak," Delaney remarked.

"We talked a long time about how our fans reacted to cheerleading and most recently about the trend away from leading cheers and becoming a show. How many times have you seen our kids do something and all you get is a hand-clap? You could here the cheerleaders expressing the cheer, but not the fans."

"And spontaneously, someone will stand up and do something, not necessarily here, but they do something. It's like that guy in Dallas, or Pittsburgh—somebody used to stand up and just get them going. If you have cheerleaders out there, everyone just applauds and this happens not only in college, but is also filtering down to the high schools."

"I don't know where cheerleading is headed as an entity. I do know if you look at it, you must ask yourself, is it really fulfilling those things it is set out to fill? It's pretty hard in our stadium to get a group going unless you divide it."

No doubt, that is true of Ohio State cheerleaders are annually among the nation's best.
Stadium fans. Over the years, inspired fans were vocally divided between those in the south bleachers and those at the closed end of the stadium, which is the residence for the "BLOCK-O" group. The famed "O-H","I-O" cheer has long been a stadium favorite. "People will always respond to that cheer," said Delaney, "but some of the other cheers are not as popular."

In further assessing fans' reaction to the Buckeye squad, Delaney admitted, "Our cheerleaders are really held in good esteem by the fans because of their skill. That skill is evident each year by the quality of people who tryout. We will drop in numbers mainly because that person who decides to attend tryouts may see the skill levels involved and decide he/she needs more refinement of their own skills before competing for a position on the squad."

In years past, a dazzling display of these skills was showcased with pyramid-building routines, which often went as high as five people. That has been severely restricted now in the Big Ten because of the potential risks for severe injuries. The current rule, put into effect last fall, only allows one person to stand upon the shoulders, or kneel upon the back of another.

Delaney explained, "We may have spearheaded that change through the efforts of Dr. Robert Murphy (chief team physician at Ohio State) and the other medical people throughout the conference. The conference that got together last year and in essence said it (pyramid-building) was too dangerous. Well, it is too dangerous in spite of the fact you may have a skilled performer who can do it.

"When you have five individuals who go five-high, you're talking about a minimum of people who go five feet high per person. That highest person may very well be 20 feet or more off the ground. If that person falls - though it's easy to say no one has been hurt yet - it only takes one."

"We can all stand back and say how sorry we feel and that person took the chance. The person who is laying there with the inability to move legs or arms won't feel the same way about it. Rather than get into that position by having someone fall, just eliminate it and the problem will be solved.

"We had enough injuries this year from just having two-high pyramids like ankles, knees and wrists. We didn't have anyone fall and hit their head, but that did happen at an eastern school during the basketball season this year. Fortunately, that girl suffered only a concussion and did not become paralyzed, but those things have happened." (Delaney noted this particular mishap involved a pyramid involving more than two people.)

This brings to question another important issue, that of legal liability. According to Ohio law, Ohio State and other state-supported universities are prohibited from purchasing liability insurance. In the case of Ohio State itself, is named in a lawsuit, in the case of a cheerleader who is injured during a sponsored function, and is found to be guilty of negligence, then Ohio State would have to pay out funds from its own coffers.

In essence then, the University and administrative officials remain unprotected from legal litigation arising from a lawsuit filed by an injured cheerleader. Delaney noted, "The cheerleaders are covered by insurance policies, but I think it's like anything else. It's fine to have release forms absolving an advisor and the University from any legal liabilities and when it happens though, that form means nothing in court. We live in a society where we want to go to litigation immediately."

In addition to the newly mandated rule in the Big Ten regarding pyramid structures, Ohio State maintains a set of guidelines detailing what is and is not permitted by cheerleaders. The majority of the prohibitive rules deal with personal action and are designed to discourage and discipline those who would act in a such a way as to reflect a negative perspective on Ohio State.

"I wouldn't want the people doing some of the negative things that you would find out there on the streets. We won't tolerate it because of the negative reflection on this Department and Ohio State," Delaney stated.

The most highly visible component of most cheerleading squads is the mascot. Brutus Buckeye took on a new appearance this past season, a departure from the brown, hard-shell, which weighed 60-85 pounds and restricted the mascot's mobility on the field. Another change is planned for this fall.

"The old version was too cumbersome and I couldn't get a guy to run down the field in that," said Delaney. When we made the change to what we have now, we were looking to improve flexibility - one that becomes more mobile so that the mascot can do more things on the field.

"I have to change the bottom part of our current uniform this year. What I would like is a mascot with which you can change character through use of gloves, boots, or a hat. I wanted one who might be able to chase a Blue Devil out of the stands and come back in with shredded blue material, signifying we got his pitchfork and so forth.

"We still don't have that type of mobility with our present uniform. I also wanted Brutus Buckeye to come running out of the tunnel with the football team."

Despite the fact Ohio Stadium and St. John Arena fans may shay away from more vocal participation with the cheerleading squad, few do not notice their presence on the field and on the court. Perhaps the trend is getting away from the traditional leading of cheers to more of an entertainment showcase. In any event, enhanced visibility of the cheerleaders and their mascot should never receive complaint.
Cheerleaders, Brutus named

By Tom Bolt
Lantern staff writer

OSU's 1982-83 cheerleading squad has been selected despite some "tough competition," according to Richard Delaney, associate director of athletics and director of the cheerleading tryouts.

Anyone of the final 20 women or 12 men could have made the squad, Delaney said. 56 women and 21 men competed in the tryouts before a capacity crowd in the French Fieldhouse.

Six of those selected are former OSU cheerleaders. They are: Mike Bower, a senior from Cairo, Ohio; Craig Conner, a senior from Kettering; Jeff Gunter, a sophomore from Medina; Becky Kuhn, a senior from Waverly; Kathy Murray, a junior from Columbus; and Debbie Ruthsatz, a senior from Sandusky.

Other members of the 1982-83 squad are: Louis Robinson Jr., a sophomore from Dayton; Larry Tolliver, a freshman from Cincinnati; Steven Wedge, a freshman from Grove City; Alan Wolfe, a freshman from Columbus; Kerry Hatch, a freshman from Findlay; Jan Ewing, a junior from Columbus; Liz Kahoun, a sophomore from Timberlake, and Darla Miller, a freshman from Toledo.

The new Brutus the Buckeye is Eric Mayers, a sophomore from Beachwood.
INSIDE THE CHEERLEADERS AND BAND entertained the students with demonstrations of their skills. Drum Major Bruce Hart, above, a senior from Pataskala, shows his ability to jump and twirl his baton, and at the same time lead the band. Brutus Buckeye Eric Mayers, left, a sophomore from Beachwood, is teaching enthusiasm to the crowd, while the cheerleaders, right, are leading the shouting. Cheerleaders from left to right: Becky Kuhn, a senior from Waverly; Debbie Ruthaszt, a senior from Sandusky; and Kathy Murray, a junior from Columbus.

The photos above, all outside and inside the Ohio Union, were taken by Kevin Fitzsimons.
1982 Ohio State Cheerleaders
Cheerleaders prepare to defend their title

By Brian White
Lantern staff writer

The OSU cheerleaders, who often put in more hours of sweat than the athletes they cheer for, are prepared to begin defense of their national championship.

The title was brought to OSU two years ago when the 1980 squad took first place in the national finals in Miami, Fla. The competition was not held last year, so the distinction of being the best has remained in the hands of OSU.

The 14-member squad will have its routine filmed for judging today at 4 p.m. in the Larkins Hall Green Gym. The cheerleaders are anxious for the competition to begin and urge OSU students to attend and support them. Crowd reaction not only provides motivation, they say, but can also play a large part in the judges' decision.

"You can look really good with the crowd," said co-captain Debbie Ruthsatz, a senior from Sandusky. "We hope to teach the fans the words to part of the routine beforehand." To add to fan support, some members of the OSU Marching Band are planning on attending.

This year's competition is sponsored by the Ford Motor Co. A panel of cheerleader instructors, gymnastics experts, and others will view the films of the participating schools and choose one team from each of four regions of the country.

After further judging, the two finalists will be asked to take the last step toward the championship by performing at halftime of the Hula Bowl game in Hawaii.

A member of the 1980 championship team, Bowers' feeling comes from experience. That year, he said, the team improved gradually and peaked.

Not only is this year's squad different than the 1980 squad, but it is also under much more pressure. The team was not sure a competition would be held, so when it received notice of the chance to defend its title, valuable time had been lost.

"This is a different squad with a different personality, but we work well together," Bowers said. "Two years ago, we practiced considerably longer. This year, we were undecided and then we had to learn a new set of rules."

The new guidelines present a competition drastically different from those of the past. Previously, the squads could film a routine and splice it into a 5½-minute routine consisting mostly of dance. This year, the routine must be only 2 ¼ minutes of cheering and dancing taken from a game or pep rally situation. Of this, only 1 ¾ minutes can be put to music.
1982 Ohio State Cheerleaders
GO BUCKS!

1983 Ohio State Cheerleaders

Sitting Row 1 (L to R) - Kerry Hatch, MaDonna Grimes, Elizabeth Kaboun. Sitting Row 2 (L to R) - Monique Peyton, Ann Marie Wardlow, Darla Miller, Marty Burns. Standing (L to R) - Eric Meyers, Eric Fleming, Steven Wedge, Ralph Amos, Jeff Gunter, Phillip Baskerville, Bill Newton, Eric Pearce, Peter Scott. Not pictured - Jan Ewing.
Game 11—November 19, 1983
MICHIGAN 24, OHIO STATE 21
Ann Arbor, Michigan 106,115

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The 80th meeting in what many believe to be the greatest rivalry in college football took place in Ann Arbor. And even though the game atypically was not for the Big Ten championship, it was a typical Ohio State-Michigan confrontation.

A Michigan Stadium crowd of 106,000 and change was on hand with more than 100,000 of that number hoping their beloved Maize and Blue could end a two-year losing streak to the Buckeyes and at the same time hand OSU Coach Earle Bruce his first loss in three visits to Ann Arbor.

Bo Schrambacher's squad did just that with a 24-21 victory in which the opportunistic Wolverines took advantage of four OSU turnovers, two of which came in the fourth quarter and led to UM touchdowns.

After falling behind 10-0 early in the first quarter, the Buckeyes battled back to take a 14-10 lead on a pair of Keith Byars touchdowns.

Byars, a 6-3, 227-pound sophomore, scored from one yard out midway through the second quarter following a 17 yard Michigan punt that gave OSU the ball at Michigan's 26 yard line. That score made it 10-7 at the half.

OSU then took the lead, 14-10, with 7:34 to play in the third period when quarterback Mike Tomczak and Byars executed a perfect option play that covered 18 yards.

But Michigan regained the lead two possessions later after intercepting an errant Tomczak aerial. UM quarterback Steve Smith scored from the one on an option and the Wolverines led 17-10.

OSU also turned the ball over on its next possession and Michigan again capitalized, this time on an eight yard pass from Smith to tight end Eric Kattus. Michigan 24, Ohio State 14.

But the Buckeyes cut the margin to 24-21 when Tomczak and flanker Cedric Anderson hooked up on a 32-yard scoring pass that capped a six play, 85 yard drive. The latter came with 1:52 left on the clock.

OSU got the ball back with 32 seconds left, but this time the Michigan defense held.

Tomczak, Frank and Byars all had outstanding days.

Tomczak threw for a career high 298 yards, while Frank had 10 receptions for 123 yards, both personal highs. Byars' two TDs gave him Big Ten single season records for TDs (19) and points (114).

And with 115 yards on the day, he wrapped up the league rushing title with 1,065 yards, becoming the first sophomore since Archie Griffin to rush for 1,000 yards in league play.

Defensive tackle Dave Morrill led OSU in tackles with 10, followed by linebackers Rowland Tatum and Clark Backus with nine apiece.

The Wolverines finished with 415 yards in total offense, compared to 448 for the Buckeyes. But Michigan had no turnovers. That was the difference as Michigan took a 44-31-5 lead in the series.
OSU cheers way to finals

By John Backderf
Lantern staff writer

The long hours of practice are over and the OSU cheerleaders are ready to defend their national title at the finals of the Ford College Cheerleading National Championship.

The Buckeye squad will be one of five finalists which will compete from Jan. 12-17 in Hawaii. After a preliminary judging the top two squads will vie for the title on national television during the halftime period of the Hula Bowl.

The last competition, held two years ago, was won by the 1980 OSU squad.

This year’s team qualified for the finals by winning the mid-American Regional. Each of the four regions sent its top team, with a fifth team receiving an at-large bid.

Each squad entering the contest submitted an unedited two and a half minute videotape consisting of dancing and cheering in a game or pep rally situation. Squads were judged on projection, fundamental skills, group technique and overall appeal and effect.

Captain Mike Bowers, a senior from Lima and a member of the 1980 championship team, is confident of the team’s chances. But, he said the other four finalists; North Carolina State, Kansas State, Penn State and the University of Utah, will offer stiff competition.

“They’re good overall squads,” he said, “with good motion, good climbing and good routines.”

Co-captain Debbie Ruthsatz, a senior from Sandusky and also a member of the 1980 squad, feels that being former title-holders may be a drawback.

“They (the judges) might be a little more critical of us,” she said.
OSU cheerleaders are champs

By Patrick J. Tiberi
Lantern staff writer 1-16-83

Ohio State University’s cheerleading squad captured top honors Saturday night in national cheerleading competition at Honolulu.

Winners of the national title were announced during the second half of the East-West Hula Bowl football game. The OSU cheerleaders bested Kansas State University, the other finalist, for the title.

In addition to OSU and Kansas State squads, cheerleaders from Penn State University, University of North Carolina and University of Utah competed.

The College Cheerleading National Championship was sponsored by the Ford Motor Co.

OSU cheerleaders tops in nation

The Ohio State University cheerleaders successfully defended their national title Saturday night in Honolulu.

The 1980 OSU squad won the last competition, which was held two years ago.

The 1982 cheerleading squads from Kansas State University (KSU) and OSU were chosen Thursday as the two finalists to compete for the 1982-1983 Ford College Cheerleading National Championship at the Hula Bowl college all-star football game.

Both squads, which performed on national television at halftime, had two and one-half minutes to show their stuff.

“Overall, our routine had a lot of variety,” said co-captain Debbie Ruthsatz, a senior from Sandusky. “We were consistent the whole time.”

Also competing in Honolulu were squads from Penn State University, North Carolina State University and the University of Utah.

“I would say they were the best five squads in the nation,” said Craig Conner, a senior from Kettering. “It was real close between North Carolina State, KSU and us in the prelims.” North Carolina finished third.

Cheerleading squads from around the country entered the competition, which was divided into four regions.

The winner of each region, and Kansas State, who received an at-large bid from the mid-American Region, comprised the five schools who competed. The OSU squad won the mid-American Regional.

The five squads performed in the preliminaries on Thursday. OSU performed to the song “Getaway,” from the album Chicago 16.

Kerry Hatch, a sophomore from Findlay, said “I think we felt confident going out there. The routine in the semi-finals was the best we had ever done, and it gave us more confidence that we could do it in the finals.”

Jim O’Conner, vice-president of the Ford Motor Co., presented the OSU squad the championship trophy at the end of the third quarter of the Hula Bowl game.

The squads were judged on gymnastic ability, synchronization and overall appeal and effect.

Hatch said, “They had excellent judges, and they explained to us exactly what they were judging on.”
TRYOUTS FOR THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MASCOT AND CHEERLEADING SQUAD WILL BE HELD DURING SPRING QUARTER.
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 422-0705——RICHARD L. DELANEY, ASSOC. DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS
Members of Ohio State University's cheerleading squad hop to it on campus. From left are Louis Robinson of Dayton, Debbie Ruthsatz of Sandusky, Ohio; Steve Wedge of Grove City; Jon Ewing of Westerville; and Kerry Hatch of Findlay, Ohio.
OSU picks cheerleaders

From a field of 70 contestants, 14 Ohio State University cheerleaders for the 1983-84 school year were picked Saturday at tryouts in French Field House on the OSU campus.

Judy Bunting, a former OSU cheerleader who was one of the judges, said contestants were judged on execution of movement, precision, appearance, rhythm and coordination.

They were required to perform two pompon routines, a cheer, gymnastics and a cheer routine with a partner.

Thirty people judged the contest, which lasted from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., said Bunting, a cheerleader from 1971 to 1973.

The female cheerleaders for the 1983-84 season from Ohio are:

Madonna Grimes, Dayton junior; Kerry Hatch, Findlay sophomore; Jan Ewing, Westerville senior; Elizabeth Kahoun, Timberlake junior; Darla Miller, Toledo sophomore; Ann Marie Wardlow, Waynesville sophomore; and Marty Burns, Bryan junior.

The male cheerleaders are:

Peter Scott, Mansfield junior; Eric Fleming, West Lafayette freshman; Steve Wedge, Grove City sophomore; Jeff Gunter, Medina junior; Eric Pearce, Powell junior; Ralph Amos, Dayton sophomore; and Phil Baskerville, Prospect, Conn., freshman.

The cheerleader chosen to be Brutus Buckeye is Eric Mayers, Beachwood junior.
Cheering their way to victory

By Marlene Harris
Lantern staff writer

After the excitement has worn down, after the glamour has worn off, and after the long hours of practice begin, what is it really like to be a new Ohio State cheerleader?

"It's not what I expected but it is exciting," said Ralph Amos, a sophomore majoring in nursing. "I'm glad that I'm a cheerleader, but I really didn't take it seriously at first."

Amos' interest in cheerleading came about in a peculiar way. He was at his first Ohio State Football game. "I was so excited and into the game that I yelled and jumped up and down all through the game," he said. A man sitting behind Amos got so upset that he said, "If you want to jump around be a cheerleader."

A year later and after a month of practice Amos took the stranger's advice.

Monique Peyton, a freshman majoring in medical communication became interested in being a cheerleader long before she ever walked across the OSU oval. "I learned a lot from my sister," she said. Peyton's sister Juilee was a member of the OSU squad a few years ago.

"I always wanted to be a cheerleader," she said. By watching her sister and the other squad members, Peyton learned at an early age what it took to be an Ohio State cheerleader.

The squad of eight women and eight men was chosen from 200 female and 90 male applicants. "Being picked from all those people was exciting, but so far the glamour of being a cheerleader hasn't hit me yet," said Madonna Grimes, a junior majoring in dance education.

Grimes had a freak accident with her partner while they were practicing a new lift. She suffered torn ligaments in her knees and had to sit out the spring football game. It was just one of those things that happen, she said.

Grimes discovered that being an OSU cheerleader was different from her expectations. "What really surprised me is how simple the movements and words to the cheers are," she said. Most of the cheers have no more than three words so that the huge crowd can understand.

Another one of the new cheerleaders is Philip Baskerville, a freshman majoring in psychology. "I feel great," Baskerville said. The cheerleaders work hard in practice but, "the little things we've done so far have been fun."

Baskerville believes that spirit and personality are the most important qualities of a new cheerleader. "School enthusiasm has to be there," Baskerville said.

Knowing gymnastics is also a great asset. "Many of the team members have been on gymnastics teams in high school," he said.

Baskerville added that competition is worse for the girls than for the guys. "If you are a girl you have to excel in everything," he said.

The other new members of the squad are: Marty Burns and Peter Scott, College of Arts and Sciences; Anna Marie Wardlow, Education; Eric Fleming, University College; and Eric Pearce, Continuing Education.

The remaining squad members are: Carrie Hatch, Darla Miller and Steve Wedge, University College; Janice Ewing, the College of Arts and Sciences; Bill Newton, College of Social Work; Jeff Gunter, College of Administration; and Elizabeth Kahoun, Physical Education.
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(further information on back)
The OSU cheerleaders show off their stuff Saturday at St. John Arena. The squad was having the routine taped to send in for qualification in the national competition.

Catch the Spirit

the Lantern/Scot Fagerstrom
11-28-83
Cheerleaders seek repeat of title

By Karen Kiger
Lantern staff writer 11-29-83

Although plagued by injuries, the Ohio State cheerleaders are going for their third national championship.

Knee and other injuries have delayed the taping of the routine to serve as their entry into the national competition.

"We had planned to tape during the Northwestern football game, but had to change because of illnesses or injuries," said Bill Newton, a senior from West Jefferson.

"Another thing this year, the taping had to be done at an actual sporting event," said Ann Marie Wardlow, a junior from Waynesville. "The basketball game was the last home event before the Nov. 30 deadline in Memphis."

They taped the routine Saturday at the OSU-Akron basketball game. The tape will be sent to the Memphis headquarters of the Universal Cheerleading Association for review and a possible invitation to the finals. In the competition, the nation is divided up into four regions. The winning squad and a bid-at-large squad from each region goes to nationals. It is then narrowed down to five squads and then to two. These two then perform for the championship in January at the Hula Bowl.

Universal Cheerleading Association and Ford Motor Company are co-sponsors of the event.

The tape includes a variety of stunts, mounts and dance routines. OSU had only six pairs participating because of the loss of co-captain Carrie Hatch, who broke her ankle in practice last week.

"We were going to have to choose only 14 squad members to participate in the beginning because of the scoring difficulties this year during tryouts. Now things have changed again," said Newton.

"Now we are down to 12 since Carrie and a partner are out," Wardlow said. "We had to change our mounts and we can't do scraper, a four-man high mount. But we are still optimistic."
1984 OSU CHEERLEADER AND
MASCOT TRYOUT INFORMATION

Tryouts for the Ohio State University mascot and cheerleading squad will be held during spring quarter. The date of tryouts is Saturday, April 14th!
Practice sessions are held where each candidate can learn cheers required at tryouts. Attendance is mandatory. These sessions will be held in the French Field House on March 27, 28, 29 & 30 from 5PM until 9PM. Registration for tryouts is
being held now and will run through the first day of Spring Quarter-March 23rd!
Interested persons may register in Room 229 of St. John Arena Monday through Friday from 9AM-12PM & 2PM-4:30PM. Registration will close March 23rd at
4:30PM and NO applications will be accepted after that deadline.

GENERAL INFORMATION
Our cheerleading squad is well known for its spirit, vitality & execution. Tryouts and activities during the season require you to maintain high performance levels to
insure optimal participation. Cooperation & congeniality contribute to the success of the squad throughout long practice sessions & tension filled games. With these
thoughts in mind, the privilege of becoming an OSU cheerleader initiates significant responsibility to the squad and the school.

RULES OF ELIGIBILITY
1. Enrollment as a full-time student for the Quarter previous to tryouts. (12 hour
minimum)
2. An accumulative point-hour ratio of 2.00 prior to tryouts. Maintenance of that
ratio is also essential to remain eligible
3. A high level of physical fitness is necessary in preparation for the physically
demanding practices and games.

REQUIREMENTS
1. Attendance at all meetings and practice sessions.
2. Attendance at practice week - one week prior to school in the fall
3. Adhere to the rules and regulations as stated in the cheerleading guidelines.
4. Girls' attendance at Pom Pon weekend during the summer.

Tryouts for the OSU Cheerleading Squad and Brutus Buckeye will be separate
events. You may only register for one tryout. Probable number of selection for
cheerleading will be 7 men & 7 women. Judges will evaluate exactness of
execution, coordination, rhythm, voice & vigor.

For further information, call 422-0765
Richard L. Delaney-Associate Director of Athletics
Cheerleading clinics prove nerve-racking experiences

By Charli Hill
Lantern staff writer

Tense, nerve-wracking, intimidating and traumatic are just a few ways cheerleading tryouts are described.

Spring tryouts are April 14 and everyone is already practicing.

Clinics start two weeks before the actual tryouts, which will be in the French Field House from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 27-30. Students must be registered to participate in the tryouts, according to the athletic department. At the clinics, prospective cheerleaders will learn the requirements which include gymnastics, cheers, stunts and the fight song routine.

Darla Miller, 21, is a junior from Toledo and a current OSU cheerleader. Miller believes the clinics are more nerve-wracking than tryouts because "you can see who the big competition is because everyone is practicing together."

According to Miller, first-time tryouts are awesome and advises candidates to go to the gym and start working on basic skills and stunts with a partner.

Pete Scott, 21, a junior from Mansfield who is also an OSU cheerleader, said although there is a lot of pressure at tryouts, they are good experience.

"Tryouts are good experience because there is pressure all year and tryouts are to see if you can adjust to that pressure," said Scott. "You have to get used to being in front of 90,000 people."

Scott estimated 1,000 people watched last year's tryouts.

"People that make it are the ones who can get the crowd backing behind them," Scott said.

"I let the nervous tension out with expression, by showing off," Miller said, adding the advice, "Have fun with it; show everyone you are having fun."

Monique Peyton, 19, a sophomore and an OSU cheerleader from Pataskala, said the most frightening part for her "is waiting to find out who makes it." After tryouts, there is generally a half hour wait before the squad is announced, which is usually seven women and seven men.

Peyton also commented that during the two weeks between the clinics and tryouts "it is really difficult to concentrate on anything else."

Cheerleading provides many opportunities, such as extensive travel, meeting people and good experiences.

"The second time (after you make it) there is more pressure because you know what being a cheerleader is like and you want to do it again," Miller said.

Cheerleading also requires dedication and work. For example, before the season, the squad practices two weeks, eight hours a day and they spend many hours practicing for national competition.

But the work is well worth the excitement. Receiving fifth place at nationals was a little disappointing, but the trip to Hawaii was enjoyed.

"It was the best week of my life," Scott said.

To be a cheerleader candidate, students must have a 2.0 GPA, be a full-time student (12 hours), be an OSU student the winter quarter before tryouts and attend clinics prior to tryouts.
Three Cheers
Story by Kathy Peterson

three days a week, usually in the stadium or in front of St. John Arena or, if the weather is bad, in French Field House.

To squad members such as Wedge, who took to cheerleading mainly because he's a sports fan, "it's a way to get involved in the university but not spend as much time" as might be required by being on a team. And, he added, "you do feel pretty special."

Apparently plenty of people agree that they are. According to co-captain Darla Miller, requests to have the squad appear at special functions are phoned in regularly to the athletic department (422-3736). Richard Delaney, associate director of athletics, decides which invitations will be accepted.

BUT, "anyone can ask," Miller notes, adding, "last week we were at the opening of College Traditions on Lane Ave. and, before that, we went to a party honoring a big Buckeye fan. We do a lot of television and radio promotions. When the season really gets under way, we probably do at least two special appearances a week."

Among them are fundraisers, such as the Bucks for Buck-Eyes gala Sept. 15 and a program for muscular dystrophy Sept. 21. That's in addition to university functions.

The cheerleaders also have to maintain a 2.0 grade point average, just like the athletes, to keep their positions on the squad.

"It gets pretty hectic," said Miller, 21, a senior who says cheerleading is "the closest thing to gymnastics," which she was involved in for five years when she was younger.

"Michigan week is our busiest week," says Wedge. "We go crazy."

This year's squad is made up of seven men and seven women, half of them seniors.

TO THE contrary. All 14, trim and rambunctious, have spent the last three weeks from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily flipping, tumbling, dancing and climbing on each other's shoulders to learn the 15 to 20 cheers plus "sidelines," those easy-to-follow repetitive chants that enliven the crowd.

Before that, they spent a week at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg with other Big Ten cheerleaders improving their routines and competing for honors. (They lost.)

Next week, they will settle down to two-hour practices.

This year's Ohio State University cheerleaders are, front row from left, Monique Peyton, Ann Marie Wardlow, Darla Miller, Jan Ewing, Liz Kahoun, Kelly Wood and Maria Bonaventura; standing, from left, Eric Flemming, Jeff Burpee, Steve Wedge, Bill Henry, Ralph Amos, Bill Grindle, Pete Scott and Eric Mayers (Brutus) Bruta Buckeye — Eric Mayers — is a senior, too.

Only 10 cheerleaders, plus Brutus, get to travel to away games, due to a limited travel budget and space. The OSU Athletic Department funds both their travel and uniforms.

SQUAD members were selected during a spring quarter tryout session that is described by Wedge as "nerve-racking, but exciting." This year, only 13 men competed for the seven available spots.

"A lot of people assume that just because you've been on the squad before, you'll definitely make it again the next year," says Jan Ewing, 23, a senior from Westerville. "That's not true, and you're even expected to be that much better than everyone else during tryouts." Ewing has cheered for three years, the maximum since freshmen are not allowed to try out before matriculating.

"Once you make the squad, you automatically have 14 brothers and sisters," says Miller, including Brutus in her count.

"We're family," says Wedge. Noting that they sometimes "are together almost 24 hours," Miller adds, "and we fight sometimes."

Their goal? They would like to capture the College Cheerleading National Championship, last won in January 1983, in Hawaii. But first, there's the football season — and Saturday's opener.

"Yeah... be there," chants Miller, making the words sound just like a cheer.
1984 Ohio State Cheerleaders

Row 1 (L - R) Liz Kahoun, Darla Miller
Row 2 (L - R) Jan Ewing, Ann Marie Wardlow, Monique Peyton, Kelly Wood, Maria Bonaventura
Row 3 (L - R) Eric Mayers, Ralph Amos, Bill Grindel, Jeff Burpee, Steve Wedge, Bill Henry, Pete Scott
Not Pictured: Eric Fleming
Energetic hopefuls jump to fill cheerleading spots

By Scott Skinner
Lantern staff writer

After exuding more enthusiasm and pep than should be expected from anyone, 14 people were selected Sunday as the Ohio State Cheerleaders for 1985-86.

The new squad is composed of seven women and seven men, of which two women and four men are returning from last year's team.

The women are: Vicki Ashley, a senior from Columbus; Monique Peyton, a junior from Pataskala; Jenny Gee, a junior from Dublin; Maria Bonaventura, a sophomore from Columbus; Annette DeFelice, a sophomore from Columbus; Terri Bonaventura, a freshman from Columbus and Krista Singer, a freshman from Smithville.

"I'm elated," Gee, who was trying out for the third and final time, said. "This has been a goal of mine, something I have dreamed about for a really long time."

The men making the squad are: Bill Grindle, a senior from Ashland; Bill Henry, a junior from Twisp, Wash.; Ralph Amos, a junior from Trotwood; Phil Baskerville, a junior from Prospect, Conn.; Jeff Burpee, a junior from Cincinnati; Matt Hower, a sophomore from Worthington and Rick Mathews, a sophomore from Medina.

"Being an OSU cheerleader is so much fun," said Grindle who is returning for his second year on the squad. "This is going to be an excellent squad," he said. "There is a lot of talent here."

About 60 candidates went through the rigorous two-day tryouts. They were judged on gymnastics, partner stunt, the "Across the Field" fight song routine, and a cheer which they had been taught. Additionally, the women were judged on a dance routine and the men were judged on another partner stunt.

After the first day, the candidates were cut to 38. Those remaining returned for the second day to start all over again.

The second day of tryouts was conducted much like the first, with the exception of two new grading categories. The candidates had to complete a personal interview and do a partner dance routine to "Brass Roots."

In the dance they were graded on appearance, execution, showmanship and synchronization.

There were over 400 people who turned out to watch and even participate in tryouts. Their cheers filled French Field House in appreciation of the cheerleading candidates. The most successful candidates were those who played to the audience.
OSU squad seeks spot as finalists

By Rob Berger
Lantern staff writer

The Ohio State cheerleading squad is preparing to perform for someone other than usual sports fans.

The squad will soon videotape performing cheers for its entry in the annual Ford College Cheerleading Championship.

If judges like what they see, the squad could win a chance to compete against other cheerleading squads in San Diego, Calif.

Judges for the championship will choose 18 finalists from more than 150 cheerleading squads entered. The finalists will be invited to compete against each other in San Diego in January.

The final competition will be broadcast over the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network.

This is an opportunity for cheerleaders to demonstrate their skills, said Dan Meinert, OSU’s assistant director of athletics.

A winning squad needs gymnastic skills and the ability to work together as a group. Contestants will be judged on enthusiasm, timing, rhythm and athletic ability.

The videotape must include a cheer, a sideline chant and a fight song.

“I’m pretty sure we are going to tape it at (tonight’s men’s) basketball game,” said squad captain Monique Peyton.

During the six years Ohio State has participated, it has won first place twice, fourth place once and fifth place twice.

Now that the regular football season is over, the cheerleaders are concentrating on preparing for this competition. The competition is important because it strengthens OSU’s name, Peyton said.

This is one of the bigger championships for cheerleading, adviser Sherri Moore said.

Moore said the cheerleading program at Ohio State is different from many others. “Instead of a coach, they have an adviser,” she said.

The squad has done well with only an adviser, Peyton said. “Our level of talent has never required a coach,” she added.

This year the squad has seven returning members and seven new members.

The OSU cheerleaders, besides Peyton, are co-captains Maria Bonaventura and Ralph Amos, Vicki Ashley, Jenny Gee, Terri Bonaventura, Kris Singer, Jeff Burpee, Annette DeFelice, Matt Hower, Phil Baskerville, Bill Henry, Rick Mathews and Bill Grindle. Scott Geyer, who is Brutus Buckeye, also performs with the squad.
OSU team may extend holiday cheer at finals

By Tanya Madison
Dispatch Staff Reporter

The Ohio State University cheerleading squad has cheers coming out of its ears.

Aside from practicing routines for regularly scheduled basketball games and the Citrus Bowl football game in Florida on Dec. 28, the 14 cheerleaders have been practicing for the Ford College Cheerleading National Championships in San Diego on Jan. 9-14.

To enter the competition, the cheerleaders had to send a videotape of their cheering at a game. They were among 16 finalist teams chosen for the competition on the basis of enthusiasm, showmanship, athletic skills and crowd appeal.

When the team was notified three weeks ago, it began practicing, first for three hours a day and then six.

The team is working on a routine that incorporates tumbling, dancing, gymnastics and cheering, squad captain Monique Peyton said.

"It's a lot of work," she said, "but we're going to keep doing this until we get it sharp."

At this point, she said Thursday, the team's weakness is working together as a whole because during football season the cheerleaders - seven men and seven women - usually pair off.

"We're going to practice while we're at the Citrus Bowl, and when we get back we're just going to do the routine over, over and over again."

The squad was voted "most collegiate" at a summer camp attended by cheerleaders from across the country.

"We're viewed by most squads as the ideal squad because of the way we work with each other," Peyton said.

That coordination doesn't come easy.

"I'm tired and I ache," said Maria Bonaventura, a squad co-captain. "I feel that way at night, when I leave here and in the morning when I wake up."

"I'm tired, too," said Philip Baskerville. "There's pressure on us to learn routines, clean them up and perfect them, but we'll be ready by January."

OSU won the competition in 1981 and 1983. Last year, the team placed fifth out of seven finalists. If the team wins, they will earn prizes and make an appearance on ESPN at the end of January.

"It's always good to get support from the school and the community so we don't feel like we're doing this for ourselves," Peyton said. "We're doing it for the state."
Cheering squad seeks national win; competition intense in San Diego

By Brian P. Davis
Lantern staff writer

The OSU cheerleading squad will be trying for its third national championship in the past six seasons this weekend at the Ford College Cheerleading Championships in San Diego.

The Buckeyes brought home the title in 1981 and 1983, but the squad has come away from the competition disappointed the last two years, said cheerful Rick Mathews, a junior from Medina.

This year, Mathews said, the pressure to regain the championship is real.

Squad member Matt Hower, a junior from Worthington, said he feels this pressure.

"I'm really scared. I'm scared to go to the competition plus I'm scared thinking what's behind me — holding up the reputation of Ohio State University."

The 14-member squad entered the competition along with 149 other schools by sending a video of themselves cheering at a game. Five regional champions were selected and four teams received at-large bids to reach the finals in San Diego.

The Buckeyes received an at-large bid after they were beaten by Arkansas in their region.

The competition will be televised by ESPN Jan. 24 at 8 p.m.

The cheerleaders have been busy practicing their routine since early December. The routine includes cheering, fast-paced dancing, tumbling, and gymnastics.

Cheerleader Annette DeFelice, a junior from Columbus, said the routine can be dangerous, but trusting the person underneath you is important. "I have a lot of confidence in the guys. I've come down many times headfirst but they've never let me hit the ground."

DeFelice said all the practice has taken its toll. "We're really tired. Ever since finals week we have worked 9 to 4 every day. We've had no Christmas break."

Squad captain Monique Peyton, a senior from Pataskala, said the Buckeyes are underdogs going into the competition. The squad hasn't talked much about winning, she said, but it's definitely on their minds.

"We just want to get out there and blow them away," she said.
Students cheer, tumble,

By Nick Kellis
Lantern staff writer

"An OSU cheerleader must have the gymnastic skills to make difficult tumbling passes across the football field or basketball court, the control and courage to perform dangerous acrobatic stunts 10 to 20 feet above the ground, and the talent to bring 90,000 Buckeye fans screaming to their feet.

Ralph Amos, a senior from Trotwood, has cheered for three seasons at Ohio State. "Until the beginning of the '80s, cheerleading was more of a sideshow," he said, "but today it is definitely a sport."

"Students hoping to be cheerleaders will get their chance to compete for the squad's 14 spots the third week of spring quarter. All participants in the tryouts must attend three clinics where the Ohio State Fight Song, two mixed-pair cheerers, and a dance routine will be taught.

"Tryouts are very intense, high strung, and rigorous. You've got to be prepared physically and mentally," said Amos. "A lot of the judges are former OSU cheerleaders. You have to be an actor and say to yourself 'I deserve to be an OSU cheerleader.'"

Amos also said a prospective cheerleader must keep in mind that tryouts are a test for potential, a test for possible ability.

"You won't necessarily be cut if you can't do everything perfectly," he said.

Five women and four men are returning from the old squad, but they are not guaranteed a spot on the new squad.

"Old cheerleaders have been bootied if their skills are below the competition," said tri-captain Maria Bonaventura, a junior from Columbus.

Lewis Robinson, former OSU cheerleader and instructor for the Universal Cheerleading Association, said that tryouts are a test for ground for future squad members.

"No one thing will keep you off or put you on the squad," he said.

"You might not get on your first year, but next year you'll know what to expect and won't get discouraged."

Two-year squad member Bill Grindie, a senior from Ashland, said the right attitude is important in becoming a cheerleader.

"Two things make a good cheerleader," he said. "You have to perform the motions, stunts, and tumbling correctly, of course. But you also have to be genuinely concerned about the team and the fans. People that are naturally enthusiastic, even on the sidelines, are natural cheerleaders."

"It's really important to encourage the crowd," Grindie said.

"After you learn the technique, you've got to put yourself into it. I think cheerleaders are hyperactive extroverts that can't stay in the stands, so they put them to work on the field."

Cheerleading is not considered a varsity sport at Ohio State, so squad members are not given scholarships, letter jackets, or other varsity privileges. But there are other reasons to want to be a cheerleader.

sing for spot on '87 squad

what to expect and won't get discouraged."

"You have a lot of contact with people and it looks really good on your resume," Grindie said.

"Employers are impressed if you can control and carry yourself in front of large crowds of people."

"The university also sends you everywhere," he said. "It's a lot of fun, and you get to meet people from all the other schools."

Most of the women that make the squad were cheerleaders in high school with a good background in gymnastics. But many of the men had little or no experience with gymnastics and cheerleading, but most competed in other high school sports.

"Every high school ball player wants to come to Ohio State and play football," said Jeff Burpe, a senior from Cincinnati who participated in wrestling and football in high school. "I couldn't do that, but I saw cheerleading as a challenge, and a lot of fun."

All the cheerleaders think their sport is fun, but they also know they have a responsibility to the squad.

"If you make it, you have to put everything into perspective," Amos said. "There is no room for ego in this. You should feel lucky and you should be proud. If you're not, the squad will let you know because it gives us a bad name."
Rah! '86-'87
OSU squad announced

By Michael C. Adolph
Lantern staff writer

The OSU cheerleading squad for the 1986-'87 year was selected Sunday at the French Fieldhouse. Seven women, seven men, and Brutus Buckeye were chosen after Saturday's semifinal and Sunday's final competition.

Stephanie Fenik, one of the winners, said the competition was exhausting.

"We had clinics Monday through Wednesday and we had to learn a dance routine in two days," said Fenik, a freshman from Jackson.

After a week of practice sessions and clinics, 40 women and 14 men entered the competition Saturday at Larkins Hall. By Sunday, 32 contestants remained.

The new Brutus Buckeye, Todd McCartney, a junior from Maumee, was named Saturday after performing in five areas, including an original routine.

"I used Beach Boys surfing music mixed in with cheers to get the audience behind me," said McCartney.

Annette DeFelice, a junior from Columbus, cheered on the 1985-'86 squad and tried out again. DeFelice, who made the new squad, said there were both advantages and disadvantages to being a former cheerleader.

"We're not allowed to work with any of the other former squad members, but we do have the experience," she said.

Other cheerleaders on the new squad are: Debbie Downs, Terri Bonaventura, Kris Singer, Maria Bonaventura, Mayme Harrigan, Rich Matthews, Antwan Jones, Matt Hower, Bill Henry, John Jackson, Phil Baskerville and Todd Norcross.
S-m-i-l-e spells winner
Cheerleader named tops

By Ginger Pullen
Lantern staff writer

The crowd is bashed in Ohio Stadium. Suddenly a loud "O" bursts from the Block "O" section in the north. From the east an "E" reverberates. The south stands answer with a raucous "I" as the west waits for their turn to shout another "O." It echoes around the stadium as each section continues with its designated letter. O-H-I-O.

O-H-I-O.
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Leading all these echoes are Annette DeFelice and her comrades. DeFelice, a junior from Columbus, is one of those 15 people who experience Buckeye football from all sides of the playing field. She is an Ohio State cheerleader.

Because of DeFelice's appeal, July's issue of Columbus Monthly named her as the best cheerleader in Columbus as determined by a readers' poll.

Sherry Moore, the athletic department's liason with the cheerleaders, said she thinks DeFelice was chosen because of her smile.

"Her smile really catches a lot of peoples' eyes," Moore said.

"When you're in the stadium, it's kind of hard for people to really focus on one particular person," Moore said. But DeFelice's smile is a natural part of her and people notice that, Moore said.

DeFelice is a dental hygiene major. She has been a cheerleader for most of her 21 years. "I started when I was eight, cheering for my younger brother's team," DeFelice said.

Just being in front of all those people and knowing you're part of the Ohio State tradition, it's unbelievable.
— Annette DeFelice

Cheerleader.

As a result of the award she received a scholarship to attend the University of Hawaii, but at the last minute she opted for Ohio State. "I've always wanted to be an Ohio State cheerleader," she said.

DeFelice's career as an Ohio State cheerleader started slow when she didn't make the squad her freshman year.

Her sophomore year DeFelice knew what to expect from the tryouts and said she felt she did a much better job. That was the beginning of her career as an Ohio State cheerleader.

Being an Ohio State cheerleader is very important to DeFelice. "Just being in front of all those people and knowing you're part of the Ohio State tradition, it's unbelievable," she said. "Just walking out onto that field... takes your breath away." DeFelice, who lives with her family in Columbus, said her parents have been her biggest supporters. They attend all her home games. Her father, who the cheerleaders call "photo fairy," somehow always manages to get on the field with his camera.

"I don't know how he gets down on the field every single game. He was down on the field in Michigan," DeFelice said. "They kick him off and he comes right back."

Looking to the future, DeFelice said she can't wait to graduate. With two years of school left, she would like to spend her last year focusing on school work and a career.

"With cheerleading, I haven't had a lot of time to get to know the people I'm going to school with," she said.

When the echoes are finished and the cheering is all over, DeFelice will have a lot to remember from her college years. After a few disappointments and many victories, Annette DeFelice is still smiling.
A spirited team of seven men and seven women has been named to Ohio State’s cheerleading squad for 1986–87. Leading the rally for the Buckeyes will be Phil Baskerville, Prospect, Connecticut; Maria Bonaventura, Terri Bonaventura, Annette DeFelice, and John Jackson, all of Columbus; Debbie Downs of Englewood; Stephanie Fenik, Jackson; Mayme Harrigan, Urbana; Bill Henry, Twisp, Washington; Matt Hower, Worthington; Antwan Jones, Massillon.

Rick Mathews, Medina, Kris Singer of Smithville; and Todd Norcross, Republic.
Problems on OSU sideline

All is not rosy on the Ohio State cheerleading squad.

Members are questioning the surprise addition of a 15th member to the seven-man, seven-woman squad.

Jill Redo, who flunked the tryouts last spring, is scheduled to report for practice for the first time today. The squad was told about it Thursday, but it is unclear who ordered Redo’s addition.

Captain Maria Bonaventura and co-captains Kris Singer and Bill Henry will talk about it with OSU President Ed Jennings today.

Redo claimed in a grievance filed with the Student Human Relations Board last spring that she was excluded because she is black. It was the third time the senior from Wichita, Kan., failed to make the team.

Three black men made the squad. Redo was the only black woman to try out.

Last year, the captain and co-captain were among three blacks, one of them a woman, on the squad.
Cheerleaders upset over addition

By Lucy Wolstenholme
Lantern staff writer

The Ohio State cheerleading squad captains met with President Edward H. Jennings yesterday to discuss his decision to add a new member to the squad.

Jennings added Jill Redo, a senior from Wichita, Kan., to the squad last week because of what he called a "breakdown in the institution."

Redo, who tried out for the squad three times before, filed a complaint of discrimination with the Student Human Relations Department last spring when she did not make the squad.

A prepared statement from Jennings explaining his decision said, "the university received a complaint about the cheerleading tryout process last May. It had not been resolved as of last week. At this point we are not making any judgment on the complaint. There were procedural problems with the tryouts, race aside, but the fundamental problem is that the situation had not been resolved in six months. And that is the institution's fault. So Miss Redo was added to the cheerleading squad."

Redo reported to cheerleading practice for the first time Tuesday.

Bill Henry, co-captain of the cheerleading squad and a senior from Twist, Wash., said Redo finished 13th of 18 finalists. Five women scored higher scores in the tryouts.

After spring tryouts, Dan Meinert, assistant director of the athletic department, claimed Redo had said she did not make the squad because she is black, said squad captain Maria Bonaventura.

However, Bonaventura, a senior from Columbus, claimed Jennings said he was not aware of the racial issue involved.

The meeting with Jennings was the first time the squad members heard the reason behind Jennings' decision.

"We still don't agree with his decision, but he was very willing to listen to our side and very willing to help us," Bonaventura said.

Henry said Jennings had said the squad's captains will decide when Redo will perform in public. "We have the authority and he will support us on the decision as long as we have clear standards," Henry said.

Henry said before cheerleaders can perform in public, they must complete 110 hours of structured practice, which does not include outside practice.

"We have practice five hours a week. There is no way she will be able to cheer for football season," Bonaventura said.

Henry said in order to find Redo a partner, the first male alternate will be asked to join the squad if he declines, the squad will go down the line until someone accepts the position.

"The squad is very upset," Bonaventura said. "We worked very hard to be on the squad and thought it was a special accomplishment and because someone complained long enough she is put on the squad. It downgrades us and we were really hurt by his decision."

Redo was not available for comment.
No cheering over

By Lucy Wolstenholme
Lantern staff writer

President Edward H. Jennings' decision to add a black female to the Ohio State cheerleading squad has stirred controversy and hard feelings among those involved.

Jill Redo, a senior from Wichita, Kan., was added to the squad Friday after Jennings said the Human Relations Department took too long — six months — to resolve Redo's appeal.

Redo said she appealed the judges' decision in May because she believed she was discriminated against.

OSU Athletic Director Richard M. Bay said the original grievance Redo submitted to the athletic department was based on racial discrimination.

Redo was the only black female to try out for the squad last spring. She finished 13th out of 18 finalists and had not made the squad in two previous attempts.

"There was only one (black female) trying out and she was not even relatively close. She was fairly far down the ladder (in the final scoring)," Bay said.

Bay said the athletic department investigated Redo's appeal and concluded it was unfounded.

"It is hard to make a basis of discrimination with the cheerleaders we have had in the past," he said.

There are three black men on the squad. Last year the captain of the squad, as well as two other members, were black, Bay said.

Bay said Redo is stretching her discrimination claim and he cannot accept her grievances under any circumstances.

"I disagree with President Jennings' decision, but I respect that it is his prerogative to make that decision," Bay said.

He said he was disappointed with Jennings' decision and said Jennings never consulted the athletic department on the matter.

Bay said he will encourage the cheerleaders to work hard to train Redo and treat her with respect.

Although Redo reported to cheerleading practice for the first time Tuesday, she did not participate because the squad was practicing for a national cheerleading competition and no one was available to help her.

Redo said it is the captain's responsibility to appoint someone to help new members learn routines and sideline chants.

"I feel if someone would teach me the routines I would be able to perform during football season," Redo said. "If you are on the cheerleading squad you are ready to perform."

But, Squad Captain Maria Bonaventura, a senior from Columbus, said squad captains have the authority to decide when a member is ready to perform.

Redo said she did not agree with the squad's policy.

"How can you have the captains tell another cheerleader when they are and aren't allowed to cheer?"

Redo also said there is a lot of hostility toward her from squad members.

"I don't think they should hold me responsible for being on the squad," she said.

Dena Logan, president of the Ohio State Cheerleading Alumni Association and a judge last year, said she did not agree with Jennings' decision because Redo was not one of the top finalists.

Bonnie Little, a judge for the last six years and a former Ohio State cheerleader, said she remembered Redo from previous years and said Redo did not have the ability to be one of the top seven and was not surprised that Redo did not make the squad.

"I would be the last one to discriminate against anyone because I am also black," Little said.

Jennings' addition
Leaders of ‘cheer’ stage cool welcome

A cold war is heating up on the Ohio State cheerleading squad.

Jill Redo, a senior from Wichita, Kan., was added to the 14-member team this week on the orders of OSU President Ed Jennings.

Jennings said he issued the order because a complaint Redo filed concerning the cheerleader selection process had been left hanging for six months.

The move angered the other cheerleaders, who apparently have retaliated.

Redo showed me a set of rules she was given when she went to her first practice Tuesday night.

Among other things, the rules say:

• “Captain’s decision is final. No questions asked.”

• “When captains address the group, everyone listens! Discussions opened by captain and co-captains only.”

• “Seniority rules.”

• “Demerits issued are final. No discussion!”

Chilly as her reception has been, Redo says she intends to stick it out.
Plan submitted to alter tryouts

After a lengthy investigation into the process of cheerleading tryouts, the Department of Human Relations submitted its findings to the Athletic Department but refused to divulge the contents.

Sue Blanshan, executive officer of the Human Relations Department, said she sent "helpful information for a positive change" in the cheerleading tryout process to Rick Bay, OSU athletic director, and Dan Meinert, assistant athletic director.

Bay and Meinert were both out of town and unavailable for comment.

Blanshan said the results of the investigation were based on information from four previous tryouts. She said they talked to past judges, previous cheerleaders and others who previously participated in tryouts.

The investigation resulted from the case of Jili Redo, a senior from Wichita, Kan., who questioned the policies and procedures of last year's tryouts.

Redo was placed on the squad by President Edward H. Jennings after waiting six months after appealing the decision to refuse her a position on the team. Redo had based her appeal on claims of racial discrimination.
Cheering the Bucks on to victory, these cheerleaders perform both for football and basketball games. Prior to 1947, only males were cheerleaders. In that year the Athletic Board adopted a resolution stating: "there is no regulation existing which would prevent any woman from becoming a cheerleader at OSU." (James Pollard, Ohio State Athletics: 1879-1959, p. 283).

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From: Bulletin Board Display in Main Library: Jan - Mar 1987 "Basketball"
Redo starts as

By Kim Matthews
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Lantern staff writers

Jill Redo, who was added to the varsity cheerleading squad Oct. 31, will cheer for the first time tonight at the Ohio State-Northwestern basketball game at St. John Arena.

Redo, who tried out for cheerleading in April and did not make the squad, appealed the judges' decision on the basis of racism. President Edward H. Jennings decided to add Redo, who is black, to the squad in October because of the delay by the Human Relations Department in responding to her appeal.

Several judges of the competition said Redo did not make the squad because she was unqualified, not because she is black. Three of the seven men on the cheerleading squad are black.

Sherri Moore, cheerleading coordinator,
said Redo has been practicing with the squad since November. The decision allowing her to cheer was made by the captains after reviewing her performance Tuesday night.

"She has met our expectations, so she will be performing Thursday night," said Assistant Athletic Director Dan Meinert.

"We presented her with the material and she knows it," said Squad Captain Bill Henry. "Whether or not she does it well is not the case. The decision is based on that she knows it."

Moore said Redo will be cheering at the game without a partner. Four men who tried out and did not make the squad were asked to join as Redo's partner. All of them declined to join the squad.

Meinert said the university will have to wait until tonight's game to see if Redo's performance will be affected because she doesn't have a partner.

"It remains to be seen," Meinert said. "Our focus has changed in cheering, so it is less of a problem than in previous years."

"It won't make a difference that she

She has had quite a while to prepare and the material has been presented to her so we'll just have to see how everything turns out.

-- Kris Singer, cheerleading co-captain
cheerleader tonight

doesn't have a partner," Henry said. "We don't do a lot (with a partner) unless it's the game lineup, and she can stand on the end by herself and yell 'Go Bucks.'"

Kris Singer, a co-captain, agreed that Redo not having a partner will not affect the team. "The squad has already been affected. We're used to it by now," Singer said. Redo has had ample time to prepare her routines.

"She has had quite a while to prepare and the material has been presented to her so we'll just have to see how everything turns out," Singer said.

Sue Blanshan, executive officer for Human Relations, is pleased with the decision to let Redo cheer.

"It's important that the captains felt she was ready to cheer, before she does cheer," Blanshan said.

Blanshan said she hopes students will be fair to Redo.

"The campus should look at the squad as a team, and not as individuals," she said. "No one cheerleader should stand out alone."

Henry does not share Blanshan's views.

"This has totally ruined my perception of what cheering is about," he said. "It's hard to represent the team and the university when they put someone like that on the squad."

Henry said the final decision will hurt the squad in the long run.

"It set us (the squad) back about 10 years," he said. "From watching her perform, it's destroying the level of perfection of the cheerleaders, because her motions are weak."

Co-captain Maria Bonaventura was contacted and refused to comment. Redo could not be reached for comment.
Newest cheerleader faces uneasy start

by Mark D. Somerson
Lantern staff writer

Jill Redo, the cheerleader who was added to the squad in October by President Edward H. Jennings, became a real member of the OSU cheerleading squad Thursday. Redo cheered at the OSU-Northwestern basketball game.

"I felt a little nervous, but very excited," Redo said.

Redo's debut was met with opposition by many members of the cheerleading squad.

Debbie Downs, a cheerleader and sophomore from Englewood, said, "It was really sloppy because she isn't the caliber of cheerleader that should be on the OSU squad."

Rick Mathews, another cheerleader and a senior from Medina, said, "It has hurt the whole reputation of OSU cheerleading. We were ready for the nationals (cheerleading competition), but this brought us down. It hasn't been the same since."

Sarah Smith, the first female cheerleader at Ohio State and a judge at Redo's tryout in the spring, disappointed Redo challenged the judges' original decision. "I feel, as a judge, I have the competence and expertise to know what it takes to be a cheerleader. I'm disappointed that Miss Redo felt she was judged misleadingly.

"I was also disappointed that she felt so inclined to question my judgment publicly," Smith said.

Downs said, "I don't think I could ever bring 14 or 15 other people down. It's just not humane."

Smith called the cheerleaders' experience "a carnival," because of all the attention focused on Redo during the game.

"We could hear that the crowd had a few comments here and there," Downs said. "She knew the material, but she didn't have the motions perfected, so she was wasted, really."

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Dan Erlanger, a senior from Canton who was at the game, said, "She's not real good. She's watching everyone else to see what to do. If she wasn't the next alternate, it was a mistake to put her on the squad."

Redo concluded her comments by saying if she had to do it all over again, she would. "I don't have to think about it anymore, but if you want an answer, it would be yes."
Cheerleading changes

By Jill Massey and Cynthia L. Reza
Lantern staff writers

Cheerleaders selected in April will see some changes that may not be beneficial to the squad, say some OSU cheerleaders.

Maria Bonaventura, senior co-captain from Columbus, said she met with cheerleading adviser Dan Meinert, who told her there would be a cut in the number of cheerleaders chosen. The number would drop from 14 members to 12.

"He (Meinert) told me it would be better to cut to 12 people," Bonaventura said. "How can cutting two lousy people make everything better?"

"I'm glad this is my last year of eligibility," Bonaventura said, "because the program is going downhill."

"Yeah," she added, "we're real happy about everything that's happened this year."

"As of now, only two of the qualifying squad members plan to try out for the 1987-88 squad," said Matthew Hower, a junior OSU cheerleader from Worthington.

"That (the cut) eliminates any chance of any Ohio State squad going to the nationals and winning," said Bill Henry, a senior OSU cheerleader from Twist, Wash.

"You're competing with squads with 14 people and you can't make an impressive mount with 12," Henry said. New NCAA rules require spotters to be taken from the squad, leaving a 12-member squad with only 10 people for the mount, he explained.

When Bonaventura protested the change, she said Meinert replied there would be no discussion about it.

Another change will include the hiring of a part-time coach for the cheerleading squad.

It will be the first time OSU cheerleaders will have an officially paid coach.

Sherri Moore, who has acted as an unofficial adviser for the squad for 10 years, was notified by Meinert that her services would no longer be needed.

Moore, who is often called "mom" by squad members, said, "The coaching position is not open to me as they are offering it."

Acting as an administrator and coordinator on her own time without pay since 1977, Moore said the new position will require formal coaching experience, which she does not have.

Bonaventura and Henry said they were upset that no justification was given for some of the changes.

Meinert refused to comment on the proposed changes.

"We're reviewing several aspects of the process but nothing has been finalized," Meinert said.

President Edward H. Jennings said he was unaware of the proposed changes. His main concern, he said, is revising the judging process for this year's tryouts.

Jennings wants to see a record kept of judge's decisions so that past mistakes will not happen again.

Tryout dates, usually announced by February, have not been set yet.
Low turnout delays cheerleader tryouts

By Frederick Bermudez
Lantern staff writer

The OSU cheerleader tryouts, which were set for Saturday and Sunday, have been postponed because of a low turnout, said Daniel Meinert, assistant director of athletics.

The Athletic Department decided to postpone the tryouts until May 16 and 17. Those trying out were told about the postponement Monday night — the night tryout practices were to begin.

Meinert, who is also the cheerleaders' adviser, said the number of students trying out for the cheerleading squad and for the mascot, Brutus Buckeye, was about 45, compared to about 70 who tried out last year.

"We felt at that point of our advertising, we may have missed some students due to break or exam week and in the activities getting their first week of classes in," Meinert said.

Meinert said the department advertised the tryouts in the Lantern, dorms, Larkins Hall and on campus buses.

An OSU cheerleader, who asked not to be identified, said the postponement was irresponsible on the part of the Athletic Department.

The cheerleader said students had already rearranged work and school schedules so they could practice for the tryouts. The cheerleader said those trying out must now shuffle their schedules again in May.

"They could have told us last week," the cheerleader said. "Something's wrong."

The cheerleader said the reputation of the squad has been damaged by fall quarter's controversy involving Jill Redo and that may be the cause of the low turnout.

Redo, who tried out for cheerleading in April and did not make the squad, appealed the judges' decision, claiming she was discriminated against because she is black.

President Edward H. Jennings decided to add Redo to the squad in October because the Human Relations Department took too long to respond to Redo's appeal.

The cheerleader said Redo is trying out again this year.

In order to avoid a similar problem this year, Meinert said the judging process has been revised.

"There will be seven judges per part (event) of the tryout," Meinert said. "Overall we have about a total of 20 judges involved."

Only five people judged tryouts last year.

Meinert said the judges, for the first time, will fill out standardized score sheets on every candidate trying out.

Jennings said last quarter that without actual scores of each candidate's performance, it is difficult to explain to those who do not make the squad why others were judged more qualified.

Meinert said this year's judges were selected based on their experience with cheerleading and experience in judging cheerleading.

"We (also) tried to select people throughout the campus that may interact with the cheerleaders at one point," Meinert said.

"Once we had those people identified, then we just tried to get a good representation from the general campus area," Meinert added.

Meinert stressed that the group of judges will be diverse.

"We feel very, very comfortable about what we have and will be implementing in this tryout process: that everyone has a fair opportunity," Meinert said.

The cheerleading squad also has a new coach this year. After this year's season, Meinert told Sherri Moore, who acted as unofficial adviser to the squad for 10 years, that she would no longer be needed. Moore volunteered her time as adviser.

Meinert would not officially release the new coach's name, but sources have told the Lantern that Judy Bunting, who worked with the Scarlet Steppers, will be the new part-time coach.

Any student wanting to try out can sign up in room 228 in St. John Arena.
Cheering spots chosen Sunday

By Frederick Bermudez
Lantern staff writer

After a month of anticipation, OSU students will have their chance Saturday and Sunday to compete for positions on the 1967-68 OSU cheerleading squad.

The tryouts were originally scheduled for April 11 and 12 but were postponed because of a low turnout. Only 45 contestants signed up for the tryouts last month.

Daniel Meinert, assistant director of athletics, said the application deadline was extended to allow more students an opportunity to apply and prepare for the tryouts.

Meinert said more than 50 students signed up for this weekend’s competition, including five for the OSU mascot, Brutus Buckeye.

However, some students have dropped out.

Todd Norcross, a junior from Republic who was on this year’s squad, estimated that 25 women and 11 men were at the final meeting and practice Wednesday night.

“Typical,” Norcross said. “The quality of talent is so great that some have to drop out. But that’s how you get the best.”

Norcross is seeking a spot on next year’s team.

Anyone trying out for the squad must have a 2.0 grade point average and must have been a full-time student last quarter.

In order to participate in this weekend’s tryouts, the students must have attended all three practice sessions held earlier this week.

As a cheerleader for next year’s season, each student must be enrolled as a full-time student during autumn and winter quarters, the time all of the cheering takes place. The only exception is if a student is near graduation and needs less than 12 hours.

The preliminaries will start Saturday at 9 a.m. and will continue until mid-afternoon. The applicants will be cut to 15 women. All the male contestants will go through the preliminaries and automatically on to the finals. Those trying out for the Brutus Buckeye will compete only in the finals.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Sunday, the finalists will compete for the six male and six female cheerleading positions. The mascot position will also be determined Sunday.

Meinert said the applicants will go through a series of routines during the two days.

The judges will base their decision on the following categories:

- Gymnastic ability; the contestants will have to perform several stunts, such as cartwheels, handstands and front and back hand springs.
- Dancing ability; contestants will perform dance routines choreographed during practice sessions.
- Mounts and partner stunts; the contestants will have their balance and flexibility tested.
- Solo; each contestant will have to perform individually.

Meinert said each contestant will be performing six or seven times for the judges.

Both sessions are open to the public and will be held in the French Field House.
New cheerleaders chosen for 1987-88

By Frederick Bermudez
Lantern staff writer

Perseverance: the continuance of an action despite difficulty.

It was a strategy that paid off for Stephanie Byers at the OSU cheerleading finals held Sunday in the French Field House.

Byers, a sophomore from Heath, was one of 12 students chosen for the 1987-88 cheerleading squad.

Of the 12 cheerleaders selected at the finals, six were on the squad this past season. They include: Todd Norcross, a junior from Republic; Matt Hower, a junior from Worthington; Antwan Jones, a sophomore from Massillon; Stephanie Fenik, a sophomore from Jackson; Mayme Harrigan, a sophomore from Urbana; and Kris Singer, a junior from Smithville.

The other newcomers to the team are: Damon Hicks, a sophomore from Dayton; Derek Mann, a freshman from Wilmington; Steve Vehr, a junior from Columbus; Olivia Chu, a freshman from Nashport; and Vikki Early, a freshman from Huntsville.

Kyle McQuaid, a sophomore from Strongsville, was chosen Saturday from four contestants to be Brutus Buckeye, Ohio State's mascot.

Byers, who competed in the tryouts last year, but was not selected, said she has been concentrating on the tryouts since June. "I started preparing for the tryouts last summer by taking gymnastics," she said.

The tryouts for the 1987-88 squad, originally scheduled for April 11 and 12, were postponed to give contestants more time to prepare.

"It (the delay) was a downer mentally, but I was also glad," Byers said. "It gave me a chance to work on my stunting and gymnastics."

Although Byers had experience from last year's tryouts, she said she was surprised with this year's practice sessions.

"The practices were really intense," she said. "The material was a lot harder than last year."

Fenik said she wasn't surprised with the level of competition.

"It's always tough," she said. "I knew it was going to be hard again. At this level, you always have good people trying out."

Judy Bunting, OSU cheerleading coach, said the competition was close, especially with the women.

A crowd of about 100 cheered on the contestants as they performed for the judges.

Bunting said she was pleased with the judging process.

She said one person was in charge of the judges, while another supervised the practice and teaching sessions.

There was a total of 21 judges, divided into three groups.

"There were seven judges judging each event, and high and low scores were dropped," Bunting said. "I think it was a very fair process."

The new squad will begin practicing next week.

In August, the squad will go to cheerleading camp at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg.

After returning from camp, the cheerleaders will prepare for the football season opener with West Virginia Sept. 12.
Correction

Also, The Lantern incorrectly identified Steve Vehrs as a junior from Columbus in a Monday story about the new OSU cheerleaders. Vehrs is from Addison, Ill.
CHEERS! — Ohio State's yell leaders have a new leader of their own.
Judy Bunting, a three-year cheerleader who graduated from OSU in 1974, was named coach of the squad last week. She'll handle administrative duties and work on routines and choreography for the squad.
Redo now says racism

By Lucy Wolstenholme
Lantern staff writer

The newest member of the OSU cheerleading squad now says racial discrimination was never an issue in her appeal and the media has been one-sided in its coverage of the issue.

Jill Redo, a senior from Wichita, Kan., appealed to the Human Relations Department last spring after she tried out for the cheerleading squad and was rejected. Last week Redo told the Lantern her grievance partly claimed racial discrimination.

Redo was added to the squad by President Edward H. Jennings Oct. 31 because he said the university had taken too long to deliver a decision on her appeal more than six months ago.

Tuesday Redo gave a different story. "There was no grievance of racial discrimination, only with the policy and procedures of the tryouts," Redo said. "There is no way in my right mind I could ever scream racism."

Redo said she decided to fight the judges' decision last spring when two female cheerleaders again made the squad, even though they had major problems in their performances. She said she also questioned why the judges' decision was announced in 15 minutes, but the results of the scores were not posted for two weeks.

"I question the integrity of the judges because they are former cheerleaders and they are close with the present cheerleaders and (the judges') decisions are biased," Redo said.

She said judges are present at the practices and have close contact with the squad.

However, officials in the Athletic Department tell a different story.

OSU Athletic Director Richard M. Bay said the original appeal Redo submitted to the Athletic Department was based on racial discrimination.

Bill Myles, associate director of athletics, said the day after the tryouts, Redo told him there should be a black woman on the squad because there are so many black athletes on campus and because she was better than the other women trying out.

Also, Sherri Moore, cheerleading coordinator, said the Human Relations Department reported Redo had based her grievance on racial discrimination.

Officials from the Human Relations Department refused to comment.

In response to Redo's accusation that the other cheerleaders had problems in their performances, Moore said if a cheerleader did not score high in one area, they could excel in another to make up the points.

Monique Peyton, last year's cheerleading captain and a senior from Pataksa, said because the cheerleaders have more experience, the judges expected them to do better than the others trying out. "They don't go easy on them."

Moore said, "The judges all have the same outcome in mind - to pick the best squad to represent the university and to keep it at the same high quality and caliber it was when they were cheerleaders."

Redo's criticism that the scores should have been posted sooner than two weeks after the tryouts were unfounded, Moore said, because it has always been policy to allow a "cool-off period" before posting the final scores.

Redo said the Human Relations Department did not give her an answer for six months because the Athletic
not the issue

Department refused to respond to Human Relations' investigation of the grievances. She said the Athletic Department would not meet with Human Relations to discuss the case.

But Bay denied Redo's allegations.

"There is no truth to that. (The two departments) met on several occasions and the Athletic Department cooperated in every way," Bay said.

Bay said the meetings took place in the spring and the Human Relations Department did not contact the Athletic Department until the fall, when Human Relations recommended Redo be added to the squad.

Bay said he did not agree with the recommendation and therefore did not add her to the squad. He was then informed Redo was going to take the grievance to Jennings.

Two days after submitting the grievance to Jennings, she was added to the squad.

Redo said during April's tryouts, the black male cheerleaders supported her and when she did not make the squad they encouraged her to appeal the decision.

But now she said they are against her because the Athletic Department and the other cheerleaders are intimidating them and they feel their chances to make the squad next year will be threatened if they support her now.

Antwan Jones, a sophomore from Massillon and a black cheerleader, said Redo was only average in tryouts and was not as good as those who made the squad.

"I supported anyone who had a good chance," Jones said. "It would be good for more blacks to make the squad.

"I don't agree with what she is doing and no one will intimidate me. She is not good enough to be on the squad."

John Jackson, a sophomore from Columbus and a black cheerleader, said Redo did not deserve to be on the squad from the beginning. "She got 13th and it's not the fact that she is black. She must be just as good as any other member on the squad."

Bay said Redo will not have a partner when she begins cheering at events because all the male cheerleaders have partners and the first four alternates declined to join the squad. Bay said if they offered the position below the 11th alternate "it would make a bad situation worse."

Nick Kellis, a junior from Lima, was the 10th alternate and said he declined because of previous commitments, but said other factors contributed to the decision. "I want to make it on my own. I don't want to come on to the squad with these feelings that have been generated."
THE 1987 CHEERLEADERS

Back Row (L-R): Derek Mann, Antwan Jones, Damon Hicks, Matt Hower, Todd Norcross, Steve Vehrs, Kyle McQuaid (Brutus)
Front Row (L-R): Vikki Early, Mayme Harrigan, Olivia Chu, Kris Singer, Stephanie Byers, Stephanie Fenik

Tryout workshop to provide advice

By JOHN MCELFRUSH
Lantern staff writer

The OSU cheerleading squad will hold its first tryout workshop at 7:30 tonight in St. John Arena.

The workshop will provide information about preparing for the 1988-89 squad tryouts, which will be held in the spring, said Matt Hower, co-captain of the OSU cheerleaders.

An introduction to current squad members, routines, and a question-and-answer period will be on the agenda.

Because gymnastics are vital to cheerleading routines, the workshop will also cover proper tumbling and stunt techniques, Hower said.

"We're hoping to attract, among others, freshman students who are interested in cheerleading so that they can be better prepared for spring tryouts," he said.

Freshmen must have two quarters of school completed before the date of tryouts to be eligible to be on the squad.

Tryouts are scheduled for April 9 and 10. Six events will make up the program: tumbling, male-female routines, male-male routines, female dance and pom-pom routines, and the traditional fight song routine.

The varsity squad is made up of six men and six women. Hower said the team hopes to form a junior varsity squad this year, so that more OSU team sports can be represented by cheerleaders.

"Cheerleading on a college squad like Ohio State's involves a lot of physical work," said OSU cheerleading coach Judy Bunting.

"There are a lot of running and gymnastics involved, and the squad members have to be in shape."

Bunting said OSU cheerleaders face a very demanding schedule.

"But then again, any sport usually has a schedule like that," she said.

The workshop is free and open to the public.
Turmoil at Ohio State in Shunning of Cheerleader

By ISABEL WILKERSON
Special to The New York Times

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 28 — It was a familiar sight at Ohio State University basketball games last season: The cheerleading squad back-flipping into formation as a lone black cheerleader, shunned by the others, did cartwheels near the bench.

People began coming to the games just to see the black cheerleader, Jill Redo, performing alone. Some jeered and chanted, "Redo, go home."

Now Miss Redo, still a student but no longer on the squad, has filed a lawsuit against the university: its president, Edward Jennings; its former athletic director, Rick Bay; and the former cheerleading squad in a case that some say illustrates a growing racial intolerance on the nation's campuses. Other contend it merely reflects student cliquishness.

Lawsuit Charges Humiliation

Her lawsuit charges that university officials and students defamed her, publicly humiliated her and violated her right to be treated as an equal member of the squad. The suit seeks $1 million in damages for her pain and suffering.

Miss Redo said the public humiliation began after she was added to the squad in midseason by Dr. Jennings. She had previously tried out for the squad and made it to the finals before being eliminated.

She immediately filed an appeal at the university's office of human relations, contending that she had been kept off the squad because of a selection process that favored incumbent cheerleaders. She requested another tryout.

Six months later, after no action had been taken, Miss Redo took her case to Dr. Jennings, who, appalled by the delay in the resolution of her complaint, put her on the squad.

The university has since restructured the selection process for cheerleaders in response to Miss Redo's complaint.

But her addition to the cheerleading squad immediately caused a furor on campus. Critics denounced it as affirmative action gone awry. They said she was unfit to be on the squad, that the squad was going downhill with her on it and that Dr. Jennings had unwisely acquiesced to a student who "screamed racism."

The insults and abuses worsened once she reported for practice, Miss Redo said. The other cheerleaders refused to train her and excluded her from practice sessions, she said. And long after she had joined the squad, she was omitted from everything from game programs to yearbook photographs and barred from accompanying the squad to the Cotton Bowl.

What was most apparent to Buckeye fans, however, was Miss Redo's performance without a partner. The athletic department said at the time that four males who were alternates on the squad were offered a permanent position opposite Miss Redo and all of them declined.

"It's rather feeble that you couldn't find someone to be her partner out of 80,000 students," said Martha Dean, one of her lawyers.

'She Was Always the Outcast'

Jacqueline McNamara, another of Miss Redo's lawyers, said: "She was made conspicuous at every game. She was always the outcast."

In addition, Miss Redo's fellow cheerleaders appeared openly hostile. Her appointment "set us back about 10 years," Bill Henry, a co-captain of the squad, told the student newspaper before Miss Redo's first appearance with the squad. "It's destroying the level of perfection of the cheerleaders."

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The case was big news on campus and in Columbus, where social and intellectual life pivots around the university and the Buckeyes are the only game in town.

It moved Dorothy Reynolds, a Columbus resident and Buckeye fan who had never paid much attention to the cheerleaders, to write a column in a local newspaper about Miss Redo.

"I would never offer myself as a connoisseur of cheerleading, but she was jumping up and down on par with the other cheerleaders," Mrs. Reynolds said. "The fact that she wanted it so badly to go through all that has a poignancy all its own."

'I Deserved to Be There'

Miss Redo, 23 years old, said she stayed on the squad because "I knew I deserved to be there," adding, "They thought I wasn't good enough, so it would have looked worse if I'd quit."

In previous years, other people have been added to the squad without incident, though never by the president of the university.

While there were no black women on the squad until Miss Redo joined it, three of the 14 other cheerleaders were black men. Apparently fearing ostracism themselves, Miss Redo said, the three joined the white cheerleaders in excluding her. The three were also named in the lawsuit.

Some say the case is not unlike those involving other close-knit groups, such as police departments where outsiders, particularly women and minority people, often meet resistance. "In cases such as this, race becomes an excuse for insensitive and ill-considered behavior," said Dr. Nathan Huggins, chairman of the Afro-American Studies Department at Harvard University. "The group behavior feeds into what comes across as racism."

'I knew I deserved to be there.'

However, Miss Redo's complaint did not cite racial discrimination but instead criticized the procedures that favored incumbent cheerleaders. Still, her grievance was widely viewed as a racial one, an assumption that some say was in itself discriminatory.

"The implication is that anything a black person does is, by definition, racial," said Dr. Linda James Myers, an associate professor in black studies, psychiatry and psychology at Ohio State. "It suggests that if you're black, race supersedes everything else about you, and that is a form of racism."
Redo’s suit increases to $1 million

MINORITIES ON CAMPUS

Editor’s note: These stories are the fourth and fifth in a series of articles about minorities on campus.

By BETH GRIESE
Latern staff writer

Jill Redo’s lawsuit against Ohio State charging defamation and denial of her rights to perform as a cheerleader now asks for $1 million, but is still a long way from trial.

Redo, who was put on the cheerleading squad by President Edward H. Jennings after the football season had already begun, filed suit Oct. 30 based on her treatment after she was added to the squad.

The suit charges that Redo was not taught needed routines, was denied a partner, was not allowed to go to the Cotton Bowl, was excluded from the cheerleading pictures and was not seated or acknowledged at the 1987 baseball banquet.

The defendants in the suit are Jennings, the Board of Trustees, former athletic director Rick Bay, assistant athletic director Dan Meiner, 1986-87 cheerleading coordinator Sherri Moore and 14 members of the 1986-87 cheerleading squad.

Most of the defendants are also quoted from newspapers and television news speaking against the decision to add Redo to the squad.

Jacqueline McNamarra, co-counselor for Redo, said the original claim for $501,000 did not include compensation for Redo’s emotional stress.

The suit asked for compensation for severe mental and physical distress requiring medical treatment and for breach of her cheerleading contract.

Redo sued Ohio State in the Ohio Court of Claims and sued the individual defendants in the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas.

Mark D’Alessandro, co-counselor for Ohio State and assistant attorney general, said the common pleas court will determine if the individuals named were acting within their responsibility as employees of Ohio State.

If they were acting as employees, the common pleas case should be dismissed, he said. If not, the individuals will be sued instead.

It’s normal practice in cases like Redo’s to name everyone who has any control over the organization as defendants, McNamarra said.

Each lawsuit will go through a number of stages before going to trial. The first step was pleading, which was the time when Redo filed her complaint and the defense filed a reply on Jan. 15.

Ohio State denied all charges.

The next step gives an opportunity to make motions on the pleading. These motions may include changes in the charges or dismissal of the suit.

Discovery steps follow, giving the attorneys time to subpoena records and do investigations.

The final step is the actual trial. No trial date has been set.

Both sides said they have not discussed settling out of court.

Dick Finn, special director of athletics, and Judy Bunting, the cheerleading coach, said no significant changes in the selection system or cheerleading policy have resulted from the charges by Redo.

Blacks aspire to squad despite suit

BY THERESA TELLINGS
Latern staff writer

Repercussions from Jill Redo’s lawsuit against Ohio State have caused few changes for university cheerleaders. However, it appears that more blacks will attempt to make the team at tryouts April 9 and 10.

Second-year squad member Antwan Jones, a sophomore from Massillon majoring in hotel/restaurant management, said he knows of about 12 black women who have been practicing and working out at Larks Hall in preparation for the tryouts.

Last year, Jones said, four blacks tried out and all but Redo made the squad.

"There have never been that many," he said. "It’s nobody’s fault. It has just been a lack of interest."

Jones said he believes this year will be different.

"A lot of black females are getting ready for these tryouts and they’re really afraid they’re going to be associated with the next Jill Redo," he said. "They want to make it for themselves."

Jones said he has had no problems with the fairness of the judging process used to select cheerleaders, although he does not think it is necessary to have a panel of judges since the team’s coach would be qualified to make those decisions.

"Gary Williams goes through a tryout procedure, but he doesn’t have outside people coming in and telling him who he is going to want on his squad — the squad he has to work with all year," Jones said.

He said the cheerleading coach should have the same decision-making power as does the basketball coach.

"If she’s the coach, she’s capable of deciding who she wants on her squad, who is going to be the best," he said.

The squad’s new coach, Judy Bunting, a three-time cheerleader who graduated from Ohio State in 1974, is wrapping up her first year of coaching at OSU.

Bunting is the first coach the team has had. Before Bunting, the team had only an adviser who played no role in organizing the team or overseeing practices.

"The athletics department thought we were better off doing it this way; that there would be better control," said cheerleading adviser Dick Finn.

Bunting said the judges for this year’s tryouts will be comprised of former cheerleaders and individuals with music and gymnastics backgrounds.

Practice sessions for the tryouts will be held at 6 p.m. on April 3, 4 and 5 at the French Field House where each candidate will learn the requirements for tryouts.
Cheerleaders' job more than just fun and games

By Nicole Daniels
Lantern staff writer

Knowing how to lead a cheer is only part of an OSU cheerleader's job.
Coach Judy Bunting said that the cheerleaders not only have to perform gymnastics, stunts and dances, but they also make about 50 local appearances a year.

"We do a lot of alumni functions and charity functions," Bunting said. "We also are asked to appear at company kick-off campaigns."
She said the group has practiced twice a week and cheers at all of the men's and women's home basketball games, women's home volleyball games and at all the football games.

The 1988-89 cheerleading squad jumped from 12 members to 16 members after the spring try-outs.

"We want to have people in case some one gets sick or injured," Bunting said. "This will have a trained person to fill in."
Bunting said she will decide later who will be the alternative cheerleaders.
She said the try-outs consisted of gymnastics, a cheer, a dance routine and partner stunts.

Cheerleaders also have to meet the student eligibility requirements set by the athletic department.
Assistant Athletic Director Richard Finn said student-athletes have to maintain a minimum grade point of 1.7 if the student is a sophomore and a 2.0 if the student is a junior or senior.

"They also have to make progress toward a degree," he said. "The hours they take have to be quality hours-they can’t be just any old thing."

Sondra Antinone, a junior majoring in elementary education, tried-out last year and said she had to work harder this year because the gymnastic and stunt requirements were increased.
Antinone, one of the seven new members of the squad, likes the excitement at the football and basketball games.

"You feel more like a part of things on the field that you do in the stands," she said.

Kyle McQuaid, who was dared by a friend to try-out for the position last year, will return as Brutus Buckeye.

"I had no gymnastic background at all," he said. "I played football and basketball in high school."
McQuaid, a junior majoring in advertising, said the squad teases him about his eating habits.
"I lose about 10 pounds every football game," he said. "I eat constantly to make up the weight."
Bunting, an alumni cheerleader, said she wants to get the spectators more involved next year by being more creative with the squad.

"We are going to work with the band to find a way to get the stadium to react every time the band plays a certain tune," she said.

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Sixteen cheerleaders will grace the sidelines of Ohio Stadium this fall, including nine from the 1987–88 cheerleading squad. The cheerleaders are all from Ohio, except one student from Illinois. Returning to the cheerleading squad are Stephanie Byers of Heath; Olivia Chu of Nashport; Vikki Early of Huntsville; Stephanie Fenik of Jackson; Mayme Harrigan of Urbana; Damon Hicks of Dayton; Antwan Jones of Massillon; Todd Norcross of Republic; and Steve Vehrs of Addison, Illinois. New members are Sandra Antinone of Mingo Junction; Barry Gluntz of North Canton; Wendy Hinton of Columbus; Mike McGlynn of Cleveland; Derek Plant of Strongsville; Mitch Price of Lancaster, and Marna Shepler of Englewood.

Cathy Cramer, a senior in marketing from Cincinnati, is one of 20 athletes who competed with the U.S. national synchronized swim team in Switzerland and Canada this summer. Cramer is a member of Ohio State’s award-winning synchronized swim team.

An electrical engineering major from St. Henry is one of 50 college juniors in the country spending this summer in Leadership America sessions. Ron Dull was selected from among 1,000 applicants to attend the 10-week program. Leadership America is a national program that specializes in developing leaders for government, business and community service positions.
1989 Cheerleaders

Seated (from left):
Vikki Early (co-captain),
Kelley Liming, Mike
McGlynn, Sondra
Antinone, Wendy Hinton
(captain), Marna
Shepler, Mitch Price

Standing:
Eoin O'Brien, Amanda
Mentzer, Damon Hicks
(co-captain), Pat
Milligan, John Garnes
(Bluto), Tracy
Kingham, Eddie Hollins,
Kim Serio, Missy
Wicker, Chris Valentine

OSU cheerleaders headed for Texas

By Eric Hagely
Lantern sports writer

The Ohio State cheerleading squad will compete in a national competition this weekend at Sea World in San Antonio, Texas. The squad will be competing in the Division I category against seven other schools. The other competing schools are Texas, Kentucky, North Carolina State, Florida State, Louisiana State, Penn State and Illinois.

The team thinks its greatest competition will come from two-time defending champion, Kentucky, as well as North Carolina State and Big Ten rival Illinois.

"I would really like to beat Kentucky," said Mike McGlynn, a senior from Lakewood majoring in civil engineering. "I think that if we go down and perform to the best of our ability, we can win."

Sondra Antinone, a senior from Mingo Junction majoring in child development said, "We're really looking forward to going down there and competing. We feel we have a good chance of winning."

This will be the team's first national competition in three years. Because cheerleaders have only three years of eligibility, no one on the squad has ever been to the nationals.

Ohio State won the competition in 1961.

In order to qualify for the competition, a video tape was sent to a committee showing the squad's versatility, showmanship, athletic ability and crowd participation. They received word they had qualified for the competition in the second week of February, but had been practicing for the past three months before.

Squad captain Mayne Harrigan, a senior from Urbana majoring in medical communication, has been looking forward to this chance for three years and would like to see the team perform well.

"This is it. This is my last chance since we are only allowed three years of eligibility," Harrigan said. "I'm excited about our talent... everyone has been working really hard."

Harrigan said she leads by example and hopes that her calm, cool leadership will help the team's nerves down. She has gotten the squad mentally prepared by having them visually conceptualize their routine in front of a huge crowd, she said.

Antinone said Harrigan has done a great job with the squad and that she will try to put her nerves into good energy - anxiety.

The two minute and twenty second routine that Ohio State will perform will contain mostly stunts and maneuvers put to music.
OSU cheers in bowl game

By Kristi Maines
Lantern staff writer

Four days after returning from the Hall of Fame Bowl in Tampa, Fla., the OSU cheerleaders set off for Yokohama, Japan to cheer in the 15th Annual Japan Bowl, which was played on Jan. 14.

The Japan Bowl consists of football teams made up of players from universities in the United States. Select players from colleges east of the Mississippi River make up the East team, while players west of the river make up the West team.

This bowl game is played only by seniors and is the only football game such as this recognized by the NCAA. It was initiated to introduce American culture to the Japanese.

OSU and Notre Dame cheerleaders were chosen to represent the East team in the game, while the University of California dance team and the Washington University cheerleaders represented the West team.

"The cheerleaders were called last May by the representatives of the Japan Bowl and asked to cheer," said Judy Bunting, OSU cheerdance coach. "This is the first time the cheerleading team has been asked to represent the United States in the game, and we were very excited about it."

However, because of the difference in cultures the male cheerleaders were not invited to participate in the game, she said.

"Although the cheerleaders' first priority was to cheer for the teams, the experience of such a different culture was a tremendous benefit," Bunting said.

The cheerleaders made several appearances while in Japan. These included photo sessions, a welcome ceremony, cheerleading performances and a victory march and reception, said cheerleader Marna Sheplar, a junior finance major from Dayton.

The cheerleaders had to make up three additional routines to prepare for the game and used several other dance routines as well.

Wendy Hinton, a junior in child development from Upper Arlington and captain of the cheerleading team, said the crowd was very receptive and loved the Americans.

"When the game had ended, the cheerleaders and players made a victory march around the field and the spectators crowded to the edge of the stadium to talk to us," Hinton said.

Music for the cheerleaders was provided by the Japanese army band for the East team and a high school marching band for the West team.

The Army band had to learn the OSU fight song as well as other songs so the cheerleaders could dance to them, Hinton said.

The cheerleaders are currently ranked 6th in the nation and are looking forward to a cheerleading competition in April, Hinton said.
Spring Cheer

OSU cheerleaders perform a 'diamond head' on the Oval Wednesday afternoon. Team members, clockwise from top, are co-captain Eddid Hulse, 20; Annemarie Gerrero, 21; and Mindy Fisk, 19. The spotter is former cheerleader Todd Taylor, 22.
OSU hosts high school cheer

High school cheerleading and pom-pom squads recently attended Universal Cheerleading Academy at French Field House, July 5 & 6, to learn cheer and dance routines.

"Wildcats, Wildcats," chanted a group of 40 high school cheerleaders as directed by their cheer instructors above them on the bleachers of the French Field House.

At the opposite end of the field house, another group of youths were doing a dance routine to the beat of the popular dance music.

Bob Polly, camp manager from Lexington, Ky., said Universal Cheerleading Academy held instructional cheer and dance camps in every continental state.

Cheerleading has adapted to the 1980s. Traditionally, one thinks of loud cheers, tumbling, and crowd involvement when thinking about cheering. The squads at this camp have incorporated the music and dance moves of Debbie Brown and M.C. Hammer into their cheer routines.

The cheer and dance instructors attend a training camp themselves, where they learn cheer and dance routines to teach the squads at the camps. Polly said, "The cheer and dance instructors travel from camp to camp depending on the number of squads at each camp."

Mary Walker, a member of the OSU cheerleading squad, and instructor at the camp, said she loves working with the youths.

"We work on partner stunts, pyramid building, dance, and pom-pom routines with the squads," Walker said. "The kids have a lot of fun and learn a lot.

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Photos by Donna Bruening
Story by Mary Kay O'Brien

Erin Gregory, 14, of Bourbon County High School's cheerleading squad, Bourbon, Ky., tries out a new dance move.

Junior Varsity cheerleaders practice sideline cheers in unison.

Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleaders join together to attempt a kick line.

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Carrie Aro, 12, of Jones Middle School's sixth-grade squad shows her school spirit.

Two cheerleaders strut their stuff during 1990 UCA Dance Queen competition.
Ohio State forms second cheerleading squad

By Erin Habersack
Lantern staff writer

The OSU cheerleading team has recently added 10 new members, forming a new and separate squad.

The new members of the Gray squad will help ease the hectic schedule the cheerleaders already have, said Judy Bunting, the OSU cheerleading adviser.

The Scarlet squad consists of eight women and eight men who cheer for football and men's basketball. The new Gray squad, however, has only five women and five men. They will cheer for women's volleyball and possibly women's basketball.

Bunting said the Gray squad is merely here on a trial basis. But, she said, "If we decide to keep it, we can buy them some new uniforms."

Bunting said it was her idea to add another squad, and many of the other Big Ten schools already had two squads. She said she had to go through the OSU Athletic Department for approval.

Athletic Director James Jones said he thinks it is an idea worth pursuing.

Marna Schepler, a senior on the OSU cheerleading team, said she also thinks having two squads is a good idea.

"Individually, it (the new squad) pushes you," she said. Schepler thinks tryouts for the two squads should be separate, so those joining in the fall will not be loafing for nine months. They will be practicing, which will put them ahead for spring tryouts.

Schepler said she thinks the OSU team will have a national title in three years.

Brian Gluntz, a junior cheerleader, said the new squad will be especially helpful for the guys, because most of them have not had previous cheerleading experience.

Melissa Murphy, a sophomore on the squad, said the styles of cheering are so different from high school to college that the new unit will definitely be ahead of the others who try out for the Scarlet squad.

The idea emerged because, Bunting said, "The cheerleaders have too many activities, sports events, and other obligations for one group to do and to do well. These people are students too."

The cheerleaders make at least 50 public appearances each year, including games, pep rallies, alumni events and charities, Bunting said. Now, the two squads will divide these responsibilities, she said.
1991 CHEERLEADERS

Row 1 (from left): Kara Basnett, Mindy Fisk, Shadonne Baldwin, Missy Wicker and Stephanie Bantrum.

Row 2: Mandi Williams, Shannon Scott, Kelley Liming and Michael Hagens.

Row 3: Pat Milligan, Judd Seals, Eddie Hollins and Mitch Price.

Row 4: Ed Kritz, Jay Eller, Chuck Smith and Tayo Switzer.

Brutus Buckeyes
Doug Congrove (left) and Bart Suver.
Squad Members Put In More Time Than Teams They Back

More To Cheerleaders Than Just Cheers

By Julia Grubb

You've heard of word association. Someone says a word and you say the word that immediately comes to mind. When words such as "practice," "conditioning," "games," "the Horseshoe," "two-a-days," "injuries" and "athletes" are spoken, what word do you think of? If you're thinking football, you've lost this game.

Perhaps the words "pyramid" or "flip" might help. Still stumped? How about the word "cheer"?

All of the aforementioned words fit the Ohio State cheerleading squad because members of that team are associated with all of them, plus a whole lot more.

"It takes a lot of work," said OSU cheerleader adviser Judy Bunting. "So much work, in fact, that most people out there (in Ohio Stadium) have no idea what goes on."

The squad that cheers before a crowd of more than 94,000 fans for each home football game doesn't just wake up on Saturday mornings, don uniforms and cheer, cheer, cheer. In fact, one could argue it works as hard or harder than the Buckeye football team members it roots for.

The same could be said for men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball. The cheerleaders make sure the home crowd remains vocal for all of those sports.

It all starts every spring when tryouts are held for prospective cheerleaders.

Bunting, a former OSU cheerleader, said coordination and gymnastic ability are two of the most important requirements in cheerleading. The females must also be able to dance well.

She also explained that most of the female members of the squad have high school cheerleading backgrounds, but the backgrounds of the males vary quite a bit.

"Some of the guys are former high school gymnasts who maybe weren't good enough to make a Big Ten school, or they might like the excitement of the athletic programs here at Ohio State," Bunting said.

"I'd say they don't come to Ohio State for cheerleading. They get interested once they get here. Ohio State's such a big school that this is a neat way to be a part of it and not be a football or basketball player."

Tryouts are also held for Brutus Buckeye, the team's mascot, and that position is held by two different people.

After each year's cheerleading squad has been chosen, the hard work begins.

Mitch Price, a senior from Lancaster, Ohio, and squad captain for the second straight year, said the practices that start in August are the most grueling of the year-long work required.

"We practice from about nine in the morning until about four in the afternoon for five weeks," he said.

"That's before school starts in September and before football season. We probably put in six hours a week in practice once school starts, but that's only in formal meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

"We also do what we call filming. We have to film our routines to qualify for national competition (in April) and that goes another two to four hours a week.

Then, on your own, you need to come in and do what we can't really concentrate on in practice."

Price said that extra time is spent in weight training for the male cheerleaders and aerobics for the females.

In addition to the amount of time spent in preparation for all of the football, basketball and volleyball games, Price also included the many special appearances the cheerleaders have to make throughout the year, bringing the time involved in cheerleading to an immeasurable number of hours.

"For Michigan weekend alone, we'll do upwards of five appearances a week," he said.

To take some of the load off the squad, Bunting created a junior varsity cheerleading team.

"I did that after three years as their coach because it's just too much for one group of people," she said. "They help us cover all the events."

It also allows cheerleaders to be eligible for four years. Before the jayvee squad was installed, freshmen could not cheer at Ohio State. If they wanted to become a member of the squad, they were required to wait to try out until the spring of their freshman year.

In fact, Price is the first four-year cheerleader on the squad.

With all the work involved, which includes balancing class work with cheerleading, you have to really love what you're doing.

"I do love it," Price said. "The rewards are so great and the opportunity to cheer in front of so many people...it's unbelievable."

Practices and appearances aside, Bunting said the number one goal of cheerleading is to get the crowd involved, and while at a football game the crowd outnumber the cheerleaders about 6,000 to 1, she said there are ways to get around that.

"We've gone to a lot of signs in the stadium," she said. "We try to keep the cheers really basic, and we move. We
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put some people in the south stands and the rest of the squad starts out at "Block O" and follows the ball.

"I think we've had a little bit more participation this year. "Block O" is always good, that's a given. But I've seen a little more involvement (from the fans) this year."

As captain, Price is in charge of what cheers are performed and when they are performed, which he claims is one of the easier tasks of being captain.

"Any time you hear a cheer start or anything that looks planned, that came from the captain," he said. "We prepare for different possibilities in game action — defensive plays, offensive plays — and if I call out just the first word, everyone knows what I'm doing."

A harder task for Price is the attitude and exemplary leadership he said he must maintain.

"I've got to be on my toes all the time. I can't afford to have a bad day," he said. "I've got to be the one to keep up with people and make sure they're working up to their potential, but I feel honored to be captain."

With faces glued in the smiling position, voices in unison enthusiastically shouting for the team, and legs jumping so high you'd think there were springs attached somewhere, is there a downside to cheering?

"Well, we don't get to see much of the football game," Price said. "I know where the ball is because we travel beside it. I know when we score and what is happening, but I don't get to know who did what, who scored, or who's having a good day."

That's one drawback. Another is injury. Price is currently nursing a badly sprained wrist, and there are others who are "playing hurt."

"We've got a guy who pulled his hamstring because we do flips all the time, and we've got another girl who hurt her wrist from tumbling so much," Price said. "Wrist is a popular injury, and for the guys, it's backs, but we wear back braces."

"And there are days when you had two tests and you're really exhausted and you have to go cheer a three-hour game, so it is hard. But it's great. It really is."
Cheerleaders rank ninth at competition

By Dawn Marinacci
Lantern sportswriter

The OSU varsity cheerleading squad is ranked ninth in the nation after competing in the National Cheerleading Championships in San Antonio, Texas last weekend.

Fourteen squad members traveled to Sea World in San Antonio, where they performed a two-minute and twenty-second routine that consisted of at least one cheer and one sideline. The remaining time was used to perform pyramids and tumbling and a dance that only the women performed.

The competition began on Friday with rehearsal. This allowed them to get used to the lighting, the atmosphere and the crowd. There was no formal judging involved in the rehearsals. The main purpose was to get the squad to feel comfortable and relaxed. The actual competition began at noon on Saturday.

There were a total of three divisions competing in the Nationals: Division I, II and I-A. Ohio State is categorized as the Mid-Atlantic region in Division I-A. The Kentucky Wildcats took the championship title for that division.

The squad made a videotape in February that consisted of a cheer, a sideline, the traditional fight song and a two-minute crowd participation segment. The segment included two minutes of their best performances. It could be composed from football or basketball games or an outside event.

Allowed by the judges, Ohio State was selected as the first-place winner for the Mid-Atlantic region and the overall leader for the remaining three regions, which are the South, East and West regions. This qualified them for finals.

Kelley Liming, a senior cheerleader majoring in fashion merchandising, said performing in the National Cheerleading Championships is an experience of a lifetime.

"Win or lose, you leave that platform with such a good feeling because you made it so far," Liming said.

This was Liming's last year on the squad, and she said she feels very confident about achieving the goals she had set.

"The Nationals are the ultimate goal for a cheerleader," she said. "I know I did the very best that I could, and I'm pleased with that."

Liming competed in Nationals for two consecutive years, and she said this year she was much more relaxed during the competition. She thinks the squad did better this year than last year. Although she said this time she was able to have more fun and enjoy the trip, she admits that the more she went, the more she wanted to win it all.

"It's addicting," she said. "It's like the football team's desire to go to the Rose Bowl."

OSU Cheerleading Adviser Judy Bunting said she feels somewhat disappointed they didn't place within the top five, however, she thinks this squad is by far one of the most talented Ohio State has ever had. She said she has no regrets about competition and knows they did their absolute best in preparing for it.

"I think the squad was very focused during their performance," she said. "I knew how hard they worked; therefore, I have no regrets."

Bunting, who's been the adviser at Ohio State for five years, thinks that since the squad had only a few returning members from last year's competition, the experience and the time taken to rebuild confidence takes a toll on the performance. She said that in 1989 and 1990, Ohio State did not enter the competition and that makes it difficult to jump back into something that is unfamiliar to the squad.

Eddie Hollins, a co-captain and a senior communications major, also thinks the experience is great and in his opinion, the competition is a major accomplishment for them. He said it's a cheerleader's goal to be there.

"For the cheerleaders it's like our NCAA tournament," he said. "It's our Final Four of cheerleading."

Mitch Price, the only graduating senior on the squad, is also a co-captain. He admits he had high expectations for his individual performance going into the competition but overall, he's just happy they qualified. He said that the squad had somewhat of an off day and that they are better than what they've been ranked.

"I've competed in Nationals for three years so I did get to see the many friends that I made from all over the country," Price said.

Price, an advertising major, is the first four-year letterman on the Buckeyes squad. He said he can't help but be somewhat disappointed considering they were expected to rank very high in the competition. He said that this year their confidence was consistent throughout their entire preparation and that's probably why everyone was a little disappointed.

The National Championships will be televised on ESPN beginning in mid-May and will be shown many times throughout May, June and July.

Annual tryouts for the varsity squad are being held today and Thursday from 8-6 p.m. at the French Fieldhouse. For several of the squad members who just made the trip to Texas, it will be time to compete once again.

The OSU varsity cheerleading squad, shown here in Cincinnati during an NCAA Tournament game, placed ninth in the nation at the National Cheerleading Championships in San Antonio, Texas, last weekend.
Ohio State Cheerleaders

Row 1 (from left): Brutus Buckeyes Tim Daly and Ben Rader.

Row 2: Christi Binstadt, Laurie Ursich, Mandi Williams, Shannon Scott, Mindy Fisk, Amy Distelhorst and Tonya Farmer.

Row 3: Michael Hagens, Pat Milligan, Dale Ramsey, Chuck Smith, Benny Cunningham, Tayo Switzer, Brian Gluntz, Judd Seals, Mike Walsh, Eddie Hollins and Dana Bumbrey.
Ohio State Cheerleaders

1992-93 Ohio State Cheerleaders (row 1 from left): Laurie Ursich, Dale Ramsey, Ben Rader (Brutus Buckeye), Mandi Reynolds, Brian Gluntz, Tim Daly (Brutus Buckeye), Allison Butler and Judd Seals. Row 2: Tayo Switzer, Tonya Farmer, Chuck Smith, Eddie Hollins, Amy Distelhorst, Michael Hagens, Pat Milligan, Mike Walsh and Dana Bumbrey. Row 3: Mindy Fisk, Christi Binstadt and Shannon Scott.
Psyching 'em up

The OSU cheerleaders wave gigantic flags at the OSU men's basketball game Saturday at St. John Arena.
OSU Cheerleaders invited to compete in nationals at San Diego's Sea World

They need love too...

They also need money... to the tune of $10,000 to be exact. They're raising the money to attend the 1993 College National Championship Competition to be held April 17 at Sea World in San Diego.

The OSU Varsity Cheerleaders are one of eight teams invited to compete at the national competition. Because they were invited instead of winning their region, the squad has to pay $10,000 to go to the national competition. There are only eight teams that were chosen to be paid in full.

There are 17 cheerleaders and two Brutus mascots on the varsity squad.

The cheerleaders videotaped three cheers to compete for the Mid-Atlantic region. The cheers included a sideline cheer, fight song cheer and a crowd-participation cheer. Ohio State received the second-highest crowd score in the competition category.

The University of Cincinnati won the Mid-Atlantic region.

Outside of cheering, all of the cheerleaders work part-time jobs, attend aerobics classes and practice twice a week. They perform at football games, men's and women's basketball and volleyball games, plus 75 outside appearances.

Their schedules can get hectic. For example, Mindy Fisk, a senior in communications, takes an average of 16 to 18 credit hours, plus teaches cheerleading and dancing about 20 hours a week.

With no university scholarship available, the cheerleaders receive about $700 a quarter through endowment funds and donations from performing at private functions.

Head Cheerleading Coach Judy Bunting said the squad tries to perform as many charity functions as possible to build up the endowment fund.

For example, the cheerleaders will perform at the upcomingChocolate Fantasy Fair on Valentine's Day. They also recently performed at the Ohio State School for the Deaf and during football season they perform at many company tailgate parties.

There is also a lot of training that goes into cheerleading. Of the 17 cheerleaders, about two-thirds have gymnastics experience. The training to become a cheerleader begins slowly as they progress to greater stunts and cheers.

"There is lots of trial and error," Captain Eddie Hollins said.
"Most cheerleaders have taken an acro sport class," Hollins said. This class is aimed at teaching gymnastics, yet leans towards teaching various cheerleading stunts. Some of the present cheerleaders are teaching associates for the class.
"After all the hard work, it is fun," Hollins said.
"We trust everyone," Sophomore Laurie Uraich said.
Coach Bunting strives to set good habits for the cheerleaders. She requires all of the cheerleaders to attend aerobics twice a week or run two miles. She also encourages healthy eating habits.

Bunting believes that by setting good habits now, the members will maintain them throughout their life.

The cheerleaders are required to maintain a minimum of a 2.0 grade point average. The team is encouraged, however, to maintain a group average of a 2.6 grade point average.

She often ends practices saying, "Study!"

Photos & Story by Tracey Ward

Senior Mindy Fisk revs up the crowd during the Ohio State-Illinois men's basketball game.
OSU Varsity Cheerleaders pose during the taping of their video for the nationals competition.
The OSU Cheerleaders flip during a taping for the nationals' audition tape.

Sophomore Shawn Miller tapes his wrists during practice.

Laurie Ursich, a sophomore, takes a break during practice.
OSU cheerleaders take national title

The OSU cheerleading squad took first place at the 1993 College Cheerleading National Championships in San Diego Saturday, April 18.

The OSU squad triumphed over second-place University of Kentucky, and third-place North Carolina State.

The spirit givers were judged on crowd participation, communication and projection, fundamental cheerleading skills, group technique, synchronization, crowd appeal and overall affect, Coach Judy Bunting said.

"Kentucky and N.C. State were favorites but we ended up hitting our routines and surprising everyone," co-captain Pat Milligan said.

The cheerleaders won a trophy for their efforts and will be featured on ESPN on June 5 at 4:30 p.m., June 9 at 1:30 p.m., and June 27 at 12:30 a.m.

—Kristen H. Hubly
ESP 'N YOUR FACE

ESPN didn't give the Ohio State cheerleaders much of a chance in the National Cheerleading Championships. But they won anyway.

The sports network paid expenses for eight of the 16 teams invited to San Diego last weekend. Ohio State raised $10,000 from private interests to pay the squad's expenses.

ESPN will produce a show on the championships at a later date. The OSU yellers ought to charge 'em for the rights.
Balancing act

The OSU cheerleading squad takes advantage of a nice day to practice on the Oval.
These days, cheering much more than pompons and personality

By Mary Bridgman
Dispatch Accent Reporter

They held their breath and stretched one another’s hands. For the cheerleaders from Chillicothe’s Unioto High School, the tension in the husked convention center in Jacksonville, Fla., seemed unbearable.

No one had expected the squad to make it to the top 16. Within seconds, though, it would be named No. 1 or 2 in the country.

The teen-agers waited, their expectations until the announcer made it official: Unioto High had won. Then they screamed, hugged and screamed again.

It was March 1991. “That’s been the best memory of my high-school career,” said Carey Snyder, a junior who began cheerleading in seventh grade. “It was the best feeling in the whole world.”

The squad returned to the national competition in March 1992, silencing skeptics by winning again. The chance for a third No. 1 finish this year tepped during the competition’s final round, when the squad’s three human pyramids collapsed. Unioto placed 14th.

The team was devastated, said captain Jackie Thress.

Win or lose, though, the Unioto squad represents a new era in cheerleading. The activity has become a sport, and the best cheerleaders are bona fide athletes.

At the most competitive high schools, cheerleaders are judged on their gymnastic and dance abilities—not their popularity or looks. Those who earn a spot on a squad commit to a season that may last 15 months and require four to five practices a week in addition to other sports, raising money and recruiting players for athletic teams.

“It’s all you think about, all you do,” Snyder said. “You have to be really dedicated to spend so much time with it.”

Game-day cheering is the priority, but many schools, including Unioto, enter competitions to make a name for themselves.

During her seven years as Unioto’s cheerleading coach, Jerri Holsaw saw the cheerleaders’ competitive spirit increase.

“Just a few weeks ago, they didn’t compete,” said Holsaw, who last year resigned to coach at Chillicothe High School.

“Now I can’t pull them from them.”

Snyder, Thress and the other squad members learned to build pyramids, and to fly through the air.

“We were in junior high, we would look at different squads and say, ‘Look at them, look at what they can do,’” said Thress, a junior. “We wanted people to look at us and say the same thing.”

The cheering, competition, travel, leadership responsibilities and new friendships gave Thress experience. She wouldn’t otherwise have had, but she also needed a break.

Thress, a cheerleader since junior high, will not cheer during her senior year. She wants to get in shape and to fly through the air.

Cheerleading can be a consuming— and as rewarding— as in high school.

Ohio State University’s cheerleaders practice three times a week and frequently travel out of town for football and basketball games.

The practices tend to be brutal. In front of thousands in Ohio Stadium and the Ohio State University’s 1992-93 squad.

“We’re really close,” he said. “There are no conflicts. It’s like a fraternity—sorority mix. When we do things, we try to do them as a group.”

Hollins credited cheerleading and OSU coach Judy Dunning for motivating him to stay at OSU.

“School was really hard for me,” he said. “I think, if it wasn’t for cheerleading and the coach, I wouldn’t be here.”

OSU’s cheerleading season ended in triumph: The team won the national collegiate cheerleading crown in April in San Diego, beating traditional powers University of Kentucky (second place) and North Carolina State University (third).

Bunting attributed OSU’s win in part to the squad’s rigorous workouts. Aerobic and muscle training routines are part of exercise programs for college cheerleaders, many of whom were gymnasts and athletes in high school.

Hollins, a senior for OSU’s last time in April.

“I’m done,” he said. “It’s really different. Eight years. After nationals, I was on this big high and the next day I had to get back to reality, and I knew I didn’t have cheerleading anymore. It’s going to be hard.”

For cheerleaders, the lessons extend beyond the football field, the husked court and the classroom.

“If they [students] aren’t involved in something, they don’t get out in the world,” said Pia Puckett, former cheerleader at Toyo High School.

For the seniors, the lessons extend beyond the football field, the husked court and the classroom.

“They get to go to other states,” Puckett said. “It develops them. It makes them more outgoing and helps them socially.”

Amy Seymor has seen the changes that cheerleading made in her life and in the lives of those she coaches at Westerville South High School. Some of the students will try out for college squads next school year.

Seymour, who coached for Westerville South and Ohio State, said the rigorous schedule forced her to become more disciplined. “It made me more responsible,” she said. “You have to be organized and make sure you keep your grades up.”

Cheerleading presents a different challenge.

“When you get 16, 18-year-old girls together, they aren’t always going to get along,” she said. “I want them to be able to work things out. That’s life.”

While cheerleading, she has shed some
of its superficial image in recent years, the training and time commitment it asks of coaches and students haven't been acknowledged, said Steven Wedge, president of Cheerleaders of America, a nonprofit organization in Grove City.

"Athletic administrators are not giving the cheerleading programs credit," said Wedge, a cheerleader for OSU from 1982 to '85.

Schools, he said, should pay cheerleading coaches more.

"It has to start from the top. Athletic administrators have to recognize cheerleading as more than just an activity and cheerleaders as athletes and student leaders."

In Ohio high schools, cheerleading coaches earn an average of $1,500 a year.

In a perfect world, coaches would be supported by their schools, and the best cheerleaders would be recruited by colleges and awarded scholarships, said Wedge, who is helping to form a state cheerleading coaches association.

College cheerleaders rarely receive financial help, unlike the players for whom they cheer.

Those at Kentucky and George Mason University receive partial scholarships; at OSU, cheerleaders receive a stipend — $700 this year. But those are the exceptions.

Two organizations have narrowed the gap a bit: Cheerleaders of America awards $25,000 annually in scholarships at its national competition, the one that Unioto High has won. Individual cheerleaders can win a total of $15,000 in the Hula Bowl contest.

Tracey DeDominick, an OSU freshman who cheered at Dublin High School, placed third, and won $2,000 at the Hawaiian competition in January 1992.

Although cheerleading has made strides, Wedge said, it has miles to go.

"There's a lot of potential to develop (cheerleaders') athletic prowess, but it depends on the training they get and having good facilities where they can train," he said.

"The (coaches') motivation is there. They need the support and the resources."
Rice fans come from far and near to cheer

By Matthew Marx

Denny Dicke probably isn’t the only Rice fan who is eating crow today.

But Dicke, 42, of Upper Arlington, will get more than his share after Ohio State defeated the Owls of Rice University 34-7 yesterday at Ohio Stadium.

“I won’t live this down for a while,” he said.

Sitting in the northeast stands, a section of A deck reserved for the visiting team’s fans, Dicke made his son Dana give Rice’s traditional “Hoot” cheer.

Dana, a Buckeyes fan who turns 13 Tuesday, was forced to wear Rice’s colors of blue and gray. And he had to wear three temporary Owls tattoos on his face.

Also joining Dicke at the season opener were his wife, Cinda, his parents, Woody and Elin, and his 7-year-old nephew Kyle. They came to see Dicke’s brother Dave, a 1968 Ohio State graduate, play the best team in the OSU Alumni Band.

Dicke, an investment counselor for Berwanger-Ottenmeyer Associates, said he took some ribbing at work last week after he predicted an upset over the Buckeyes.

Dicke, a 1973 Rice graduate and former member of the Owls track team, said he couldn’t believe it when he learned his alma mater had been scheduled as the Buckeyes’ first opponent. Rice, located in Houston, is the smallest school in Division I football with an enrollment of 2,000.

“Why in the world would a school of 2,000 want to play OSU?” he said.

For the Dicke family, it was a happy coincidence the game was scheduled on the same day as the Ohio State Marching Band’s 2013 Annual Alumni Reunion. That way they could watch Dave, 52, perform.

About 600 alumni joined 225 undergraduate band members before the game and at halftime. The performance included a four-way rendition of Script Ohio, with formations at each end of the field.

Bob and Myrna Mercer of Irving, Texas, were astonished to see a standing ovation for the band’s traditional pregame performance of Buckeye Battle Cry, Convos Ohio and Hang on Sloopy.

“I’ve never seen such enthusiasm for a band,” said Mrs. Mercer, whose son Jeff started at inside linebacker for the Owls. “They are wonderful, though.”

Mr. Mercer said it was the biggest game of his son’s life because he had never played in front of a crowd that size.

About 200 Rice fans, mostly alumni and the football team’s families, attended the game.
ROW 1 (from left): Tim Daly and Ben Rader.

ROW 2: Mindy Shobe, Laurie Ursich, Jennifer Weisenberger, Allison Butler, Tonya Farmer, Jennifer Ellsworth and Beth Frye.

ROW 3: Shawn Miller, Dana Bumbrey, Chad Mathews, Duane Adams, Tayo Switzer, Jaime Schmidt, Dale Ramsey and Michael Hagens.

Leapfrog

OSU cheerleaders leapfrog across the end zone at Pitt Stadium Saturday after the Buckeyes scored a touchdown.
Ohio State cheerleaders try to get the tailgaters fired up outside Jack Murphy Stadium.
Cheerleader injured at game

An OSU cheerleader was seriously injured Tuesday during the women's basketball game against Penn State.

Jason McKnight, a JV cheerleader and fifth-year industrial design major, fractured his right kneecap while doing a back flip.

"I have no idea what happened," McKnight said. "I don't know what I did to come up short like that."

McKnight was treated by team trainers and paramedics at the game, then taken by ambulance to OSU Hospitals, where he thinks he will remain until the end of the week.

McKnight said they usually spend a lot of time doing gymnastics in practice and thinks he just lost his concentration.

"It was embarrassing for me," McKnight said.

On Wednesday, Dave Crawford, a spokesman for OSU Hospitals, said McKnight was in good condition.

However, McKnight said his injury would require surgery. He said he expected to have surgery sometime on Wednesday.

Paul Krebs, Senior Associate Athletic Director, said injuries are a part of athletics and injuries to athletes are nothing new.

"We expect him to make a full recovery," he said.

Krebs said the team physicians and trainers will decide when McKnight can return to practice.

"It's probably going to be a while, McKnight said. "But as soon as I get well I'll get right back into it."

— Amy Scott
Practice makes tall.
Pride of Buckeyes stays in step at 87

By Darrel Rowland
Dispatch Staff Reporter

The first time Carl Fritche wanted to march for Ohio State's Alumni Band Day, he was told he was too old.

However, when a couple of young band graduates got "the old geezer" to "get his chance once more to be part of the pride of the Buckeyes," Fritche added, "That was 28 years ago."

Today, the 87-year-old Fritche will be among about 500 members of OSU's alumni marching band who will drive down the field one more time as the Buckeyes host the Pittsburg Panthers. In fact, the guy who was too old in 1966 has marched in all 26 alumni band days (the group started a couple of years early on), as well as in several other alumni band appearances across Ohio.

Although not all will march, more than 600 alumni band members -- about a fifth of those alive today -- have registered this year. One is traveling from Hawaii; in past years they have come from as far as Japan and New Zealand.

In addition, about 100 members of the OSU marching band are expected back today for their 11th reunion. Among the group will be some of the 1954 squad which cheered the Buckeyes to an undefeated season and national championship -- said John Crawford, 83, of Trumbull, one of the 10 surviving members.

Fritche, who is the oldest performing member of the alumni band, whose average age is 40, said David Carville, who does publicity for the group.

A retired farmer and school teacher from St. Mary's, Ohio, Fritche predated many hallowed Ohio State football traditions, such as the Ohio State cheer, Script Ohio, "Fly, Ohio State, Fly!" and even Paul Brown. About the only constants, he said, are the drum and other Ohio Stadium itself -- although the stadium was virtually brand-new when Fritche arrived.

He said he was Script Ohio for the first time 28 years ago -- before practice -- when he was the last-minute substitute in 1966. Two years ago, he became one of the rare non-basketball players to do the "S."

The opening-game ritual of drudgery Script Ohio will continue this year at halftime with 112 members of the OSU marching band in each of the end zones, and 182 alumni band members in each of the playing fields.

Because the plot of alumni, there is a mystery on who goes to Script Ohio, Carville said. However, everyone wants to get in on the pugnacious show.

This year, the undergrads will play some Elvis Presley songs in a routine of last year's Holiday Bowl show; the alumni will sing with some Glenn Miller tunes.

Each year, the logistics of putting together the Alumni Band Day performance are impossible to pull off, Carville said.

About 100 central Ohio members of the alumni band practiced for an hour earlier this week. But the only other rehearsals were a one-hour session last night in French Field House, and today from 7 to 9:30 a.m., using carillons installed on the parking lot just west of Ohio Stadium.

The cheerleaders will practice on the Oval at 10 a.m. today and will gather with the marching band at 11 a.m. in front of St. John Arena.

The band's pre-game signal session is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. in St. John. They will enter the stadium between noon and 12:30 p.m., followed by the alumni cheerleaders. Kickoff is at 12:35 p.m.

"The great thing is the response you get in the stadium," Carville said. "Noisy guys just to fill the gaps of the game. There's a lot of pride and a little bit of arrogance here and there."

Fritche said he had doubts about marching this year after an arthritis attack this summer.

"As long as I'm able, I'm going to try to be back," he promised.
1994 Ohio State Cheerleaders

ROW 1 (from left): Chad Mathews, Beth Fry, Brutus Buckeye Tim Daly, Mindy Shobe and Scott Daly. ROW 2: Laurie Ursich, Jamie Schmidt, Shannon Scott, Erin Beekman, Amy Power, Allison Butler, Dana Bumbrey and Jennifer Ellsworth. ROW 3: Alex Morgan, Jeff Schlageter, Nate Kirian, Shawn Miller and Cory Sobas. Missing are Brutus Buckeye Mario Nedelkoski and student trainer Tracy Ingils.

In 1902 Fred Cornell wrote the words to Carmen Ohio on the back of an envelope as the team returned from Ann Arbor following an 86-0 loss. It was officially recognized as the alma mater in 1916.

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Up in Arms

Members of the OSU cheerleading squad entertain on the West Lawn of the Ohio Union on Tuesday as part of the Welcome Week festivities.

Lisa Marie Miller / the Lantern
Cheerleaders warming up for hot national competition

By Tracy Gallina
Lantern sports writer

The OSU Varsity Cheerleading Squad is busy making final preparations for the Division I National Cheerleading Competition this weekend at MGM Studios Theme Park in Orlando, Fla.

The Buckeyes won their bid by placing second in the regional competition that is judged based on a video-taped performance. The video score is carried over to the final competition and added in the total score to determine a champion.

The Buckeyes captured the national title two years ago, and placed fourth last year. This year they head into the finals regionally second behind the University of Cincinnati.

The squad has been practicing their national routine for a month and a half, working to perfect it. The routine was choreographed by former OSU cheerleader Eddie Hollins and is packed with difficult stunts and tumbling as well as cheers.

Co-captain Jennifer Ellsworth said while winning is always exciting, the squad is just excited to be heading to the competition.

“We just want to go down there and hit the routine and have fun,” she said.
Champions?

OSU cheerleaders practice Wednesday night in the French Field House before their national competition at Walt Disney World this Saturday.
CHEER!

Photos by Brett Gearhart
Story by Angela Rudd

The Ohio State cheerleaders will practice through winter break to prepare for the annual national cheerleading competition Jan. 5-7 at Disney World's MGM Studios in Orlando, Fla., said the squad's captain, Shawn Miller.

The cheerleaders sent a videotape that showed their best cheer, sideline cheer, and tumbling skills to qualify for the College and Dance Team National Championship sponsored by the Universal Cheerleading Association, said Miller, a senior student from Miller, who plans to major in journalism.

The cheerleaders have been practicing about nine hours a week throughout the fall, he said.

The cheerleaders are also walking through their routine five to six times a practice in order to get the counts down to the music, Beekman said.

Our goal is to focus on hitting the routine (making no mistakes) as best as possible," Miller said.

Beekman said six women and eight men out of 18 cheerleaders on the squad will compete in January.

Judy Bunting, the coach, chooses the 14 based on their skills and talent, she said.

The team will perform a 2 1/2 minute routine that includes dancing, pyramids and cheer stunts, said Nate Kirian, a third-year cheerleader from Tiffin, Ohio, majoring in business.

It seems like a long time but so much needs to be done in so little time, Kirian said.

The national champions receive rings, a trophy and new uniforms, he said.

OSU's biggest rival has always been the University of Kentucky, Kirian said.

"OSU and Kentucky are the biggest two in the country," Kirian said.

Other than practicing for the competition and performing at football games, the cheerleaders also attend OSU functions, make special community appearances and cheer for men's and women's basketball and women's volleyball teams.

Beekman said some functions are mandatory for all the cheerleaders and Brutus Bucceye, and others are voluntary.

They make appearances at the President's Club, Buckeye Boosters, high schools, United Way and clothing stores, she said.

The Department of Athletics does not give scholarships to the cheerleaders, but pays for travel to games and cheerleading camp, Beekman said.
Laurie Ursich fires up the crowd during a time out at a Buckeye basketball game.

Three high — Trust and balance is important among OSU cheerleaders.
Buckeye Cheerleaders unite to sing Carmen Ohio before an OSU football game.
Ohio St. cheerleaders take a tumble in national competition

By Angela Rudd
Lantern sports writer

The Ohio State cheerleaders were determined to take first in the annual National Cheerleading competition last weekend, but instead they took a fall that swiped their chances of placing.

Twenty minutes before the competition at Disney World's MGM Studios in Orlando, Fla., the cheerleaders warmed up and practiced their routine perfectly, but when they performed for the judges, things just fell apart, according to Coach Judy Bunting.

"In a pyramid sequence there was one part of it that didn't go up, and when that happened, it fell apart," she said.

Because the pyramid was known to be the most solid part of the two-and-a-half-minute routine, the cheerleaders felt numb after their performance, Bunting said.

Last year OSU placed fourth, beating 16 other squads, and two years ago they were national champions, but this year their rival took the lead. Kentucky placed first, while North Carolina placed second and Alabama third.

Because of all the dedication and hard work put into the competition, the cheerleaders have taken this week off from practice.

"My body can't take the abuse anymore," said Shawn Miller, a senior co-captain of the squad from Middle Point, Ohio, who is majoring in technology education.

Miller said he is disappointed to finish his cheerleading career at Ohio State with a loss, but is glad that he had the chance to compete in Florida each of the five years that he has cheered.

"The squad bonds closer together because of nationals," he said.

Because the hoopla of the competition is over, Miller will be concentrating on his future after college.

Miller said he hopes to teach middle school or high school students next year, and hopefully he will be able to be a cheerleading advisor for whatever school he teaches at.

Until then, he and the other Ohio State cheerleaders will be cheering for the women's and men's basketball games and a few of the hockey games.

On February 4, the cheerleaders will be hosting a competition at the French Field House for middle school and high school cheerleading squads of Ohio.
Rising above

Heather Benedict and Erin Beekman practice a stunt for the Big 10 women's cheerleading tournament starting Friday.
Three cheers for the Buckeyes

Cheerleaders selected Sunday

By Amy Power

Before dozens of judges, parents, friends and fans, 82 prospective Ohio State cheerleaders and six Brutus candidates strutted their stuff in hopes of being placed on the 1997-98 cheerleading team. In the end, seven women and nine men were chosen to represent OSU on the varsity team, and six women and seven men were chosen for the junior varsity team. Two men will share the honor of being Brutus Buckeye.

Cheerleading coaches Judy Bunting and Eddie Hollins decided to change the traditional format of cheerleading tryouts this year. The format changes included decreasing the amount of time spent teaching the material that will be judged at tryouts. They also decided to allow high school seniors and transfer students planning to attend OSU in the fall to participate and permitted those who could not attend tryouts to make the team on a probationary basis by submitting a video tape.

"About half of the girls trying out this year are high school seniors, and two girls who submitted video tapes will be placed on one squad or the other," Bunting said.

In the past, candidates were required to be enrolled at OSU during spring quarter in order to try out for cheerleading or Brutus in the spring. Junior varsity tryouts were held in October so that students not enrolled in the spring quarter could have a chance to participate during their first year, but Bunting felt that this method no longer benefited the program.

"The old J.V. tryouts were just too late," Bunting said. "We need to have the J.V. team ready to cheer earlier than we have in recent years."

Bunting said most Big Ten schools have only one tryout.

"We try to be consistent with the other Big Ten schools," Bunting said. "Many people won't go to a school unless they know that they will be able to cheer there. We don't want to lose good cheerleaders to other schools."

The tryouts began Saturday morning by introducing the candidates to the material that they would be judged on Saturday afternoon. They learned the traditional dance to "Fight the Team" and two sideline cheers.

After candidates were judged based on their performance of the material and their tumbling Saturday afternoon, semi-finalists were chosen and taught a cheer to perform with a partner for Sunday morning's semi-final round.

In the semi-final round, candidates were judged on the cheer they learned and a basic partner stunt. Based on these scores, candidates were chosen for the final round.

The finalists learned a short dance early Sunday afternoon and performed a more difficult partner stunt for the final round.

"I think the new format is a good idea, but it's a little tough," said Erin Beekman, a senior beginning her fourth year on the varsity team. "We had a lot to learn and perfect in two days."

Tryouts for Brutus were held at the same time as cheerleading tryouts. The six candidates were required to learn the same traditional dance to "Fight the Team" as the cheerleaders and performed original skits to "Hang on Sloopy" in full Brutus attire.

In addition to the performances, the Brutus candidates were interviewed by judges to see how they would handle situations that come up during games.

The two-day trials came to a close with the new 1997-98 OSU cheerleaders taking the floor to perform the traditional fight song dance together for the first time.

Ohio State cheerleading coach Eddie Hollins teaches a routine to prospective cheerleaders.
Jamie Cleverly, a sophomore majoring in business, performs a slit to "Hang on Snoopy" while trying out for a second year as Brutus Buckeye.

Chris Johnston, a senior majoring in technological education, tosses Trisha Hart, a sophomore majoring in broadcast journalism, during a fight song routine.
Thanks, Bertha, I will begin sending a few. Your interest is much appreciated.

Only a few deaf male cheerleaders made it at Ohio State. Jody was the first hearing impaired female cheerleader at OSU, 1998-99. She tried out at French Field House five times, every year from 1996-2000, making it once. Longtime coach Judy Bunting recently told Jody she's never heard of any other deaf female cheerleaders at any division one school.

She last cheered with OSU CL alumni in Santa Monica, before the Rose Bowl.

The enclosed picture from 2008 YSU needs to be rotated. Dr. Norm Burns, DDS '57 took the picture.

Please tell me when you've seen enough pictures -- I've got plenty. 8^)

Dr. S

Dr. Stevenson,

Just read your e-mail and yes I would like to see your daughter's picture. Send it whenever you get a chance.

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CHEERLEADERS FINISH 2ND IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

-- Ohio State's cheerleading team finished second last weekend in the National Collegiate Cheerleading Competition in Orlando. The runner-up placing was the team's highest finish since it won the competition in 1993. The OSU cheerleaders also finished as the top squad in the Big Ten, repeating their conference standing from last year. The national championships will be televised on ESPN sometime during February. On Feb. 11, the cheerleaders, along with the OSU Cheerleader Alumni Society, will host the 11th annual cheerleading competition at St. John Arena for high school and junior high school squads.

-- > SEE: http://www.osu.edu/osutoday/0101/cheerleaders.html
2007 OHIO STATE CHEERLEADERS

FRONT ROW (left to right): Emily Seagraves (West Chester); Anne Williams (Westerville); Christina Hartley (Circleville); Jenna Rain (Hawthorn Woods, IL); Sara Jones (Green); Sarah Baker (Austintown); Erica Johnson (Lake Zurich, IL); Ashley Miller (Franklin). SECOND ROW: Emily Johnson (Essexville-Garber, MI); Kim Conley (Antioch, IL); Ashton Alfman (Zanesville); Sarah Santarolli (Steubenville); Tara Warrens (Powell); Cassie Bernard (Hinckley); Bailey Wills (New Carlisle); Ally Taulbee (Gahanna); Megan Couling (Upper Arlington); Megan Dunlap (Bluffton). THIRD ROW: Malory Treleaven (Glen Ellyn, IL); Zac Nixon (Lancaster); David Brentlinger (Lancaster); Kyle Vasiloff (Avon); Kaitlin Daniels (New Albany); Allison Humbert (Green); James Wenke (Lawrenceburg, IN); Nathan Weaver (Kenton); Ian Henschel (Akron); Cassie Benfield (Elida). FOURTH ROW: Joel McClendon ( Warner Robins, GA); Jason Bush (Hilliard); Luke Montgomery (Sunbury); Joey Orlczak (Rayland); Josh Springer (Clayton); Tim Boeder (Seguin, TX); Kyle Scarbrough (Fredericktown); Billy Ashley (Millersport). FIFTH ROW: Allan Mortimer (Westlake); Josh Leaming (Spring Valley); David Bise (Centerville); Trent Mangillo (Horsham, PA); Matt Wilson (Hilliard); Jamal Niles (Brooklyn, NY); Anthony Perez (Hillsboro); Terry Rhea (Jackson). TOP ROW (Brutus): Brian Bunting (Columbus); Craig V'id (Olmsted Falls); Andrew Aten (Centerville); Nick Donadio (Copley). Missing from photo: Matt Casto (Greenfield, Ind.); Ronald Mitchell (Newark); Brad Obuchowski (Canton, Mich.).
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**Session 1 Award Presentations**

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2009-10 OHIO STATE CHEERLEADERS

(Front Row) Jane Geyer, Kathleen Niu, Caitlin Deordoff, Cassie Bernard, Tara Warrens, Cassie Benfield, Aly Taibbee, Alison Humbert, Lyndsay Austin, Megan Medeiros

(Middle Row) Mike Jameson, Ali Stephens, Lanae Colleros, Lauren Rock, Brooke Shearer, Samantha Axelrod, Kenna Mason, Morgan Kelley, Bre Boecher, Nina Piargallini, Brittany Maynard, Melissa Sullivan, Samantha Lehman, Courtney Keller, Annie Uempley, Kaitlyn Kemmner, Brock Burgstaller

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WELCOME

WELCOME TO THE 20TH ANNUAL OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY CHEERLEADING COMPETITION! This competition is co-hosted by The Ohio State University Cheerleaders and The Ohio State University Cheerleader Alumni Society.

The purpose of this event is to showcase the cheerleading talent throughout the State of Ohio. All proceeds from the competition will benefit The Ohio State University Cheerleaders AND The Ohio State University Scholarship Endowment Fund.

The Ohio State University Cheerleading Squad cheers for all Football, Men's & Women's Basketball, and some Women's home Volleyball and home Ice Hockey games, in addition to a number of other various Department of Athletics and University events. The cheerleading season kicks off in August, with Cheerleading Camp, and ends with spring practice. The Cheerleading Squad attends more than 100 public appearances each season. In addition to this vigorous athletic commitment, the cheerleading program is well represented each spring at the Annual Ohio State University Scholar-Athlete Banquet.

We hope you enjoy watching, and perhaps participating in, today's competition. We look forward to seeing some of the same faces on the Ohio State sidelines in the future, cheering on the Buckeyes. Thanks very much for your support!!

LENEE' BUCHMAN
Head Coach
Ohio State Spirit Squad

AMY STONEKING
President
OSU Cheerleader Alumni Society
OSU fired two coaches for harassing cheerleaders

By  Encarnacion Pyle
The Columbus Dispatch  Saturday November 16, 2013 5:59 AM

Ohio State University fired two assistant cheerleading coaches in May for sexually harassing cheerleaders. One of the accusers now says the head coach kicked him off the squad in retaliation just before football season started.

After two anonymous tips to OSU’s ethics hot line, a university investigation determined that assistant cheerleading coaches Eddie Hollins and Dana Bumbrey had both violated the university’s policies, according to records.

Cheerleaders told investigators that Hollins made sexual jokes and sometimes slapped male students on the butt or tapped their testicles.

They also said Bumbrey made inappropriate remarks to the female cheerleaders, including using the nickname “Fornicate” for one of them. He regularly commented on the size of the women’s bottoms, they said, and made remarks such as “she always has her legs spread” when women were in compromising positions during routines.

Hollins told investigators that he took male cheerleaders to the gym at the Athletic Club in Downtown Columbus and showered in front of them on a few occasions. Investigators said Hollins had been investigated in 2006 because of similar allegations and should have known better.

The assistant coaches said they were just playing, adding that sexual joking among the coaches and team members was common.

Cody Ellis, 22, of Bucyrus, was removed from the team after he complained last school year that Hollins had sent him several sexually explicit text messages, said John Camillus, a Columbus lawyer representing Ellis. The messages started, Camillus said, after Ellis confided in Hollins that he is gay.

In one of the messages, Hollins wrote that he can’t wait to see Ellis “hot” rear end, according to records requested by The Dispatch. In another, he referred to taking over for Ellis’ boyfriend in a sex act.

“Ohio State University has no tolerance for this type of behavior,” said Gary Lewis Jr., an OSU spokesman. “The university conducted a complete and thorough investigation and found that the behaviors of Hollins and Bumbrey were inconsistent with university values and violated university policies.”

Based on those findings, Lewis said, both assistant coaches were fired on May 23.

Ohio State also ordered head cheerleading coach Lenee Buchman to attend sexual-harassment training after she failed to report Ellis’ initial complaints to OSU authorities, the records show. She has to come up with a detailed improvement plan as part of her discipline, Lewis said.

Buchman didn’t return phone calls from The Dispatch. Bumbrey and

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Camillus said Ellis approached Buchman twice about his concerns before the university launched its investigation, and she told him that she would take care of it.

Ellis was permanently suspended from the team in August. Two years ago, he won the coaches' award for attitude and effort, Camillus said. Ellis had made the team during spring tryouts.

“This retaliation by the head coach is despicable, and the university's unwillingness to protect students who come forward as victims of sexual misconduct is equally abhorrent,” Camillus said.

Lewis said Ellis' removal from the team had nothing to do with his complaints against Hollins. He added that the university takes sexual-misconduct allegations very seriously.

Citing federal student-privacy law, Lewis said he couldn't provide details explaining why Buchman kicked Ellis off the team unless Ellis gave written consent.

Camillus did not respond to requests for consent to allow the university to provide those details, and he would not allow The Dispatch to interview Ellis. He did provide an Oct. 31 letter to Ellis, in which OSU officials said they investigated his charge that Buchman had retaliated against him but found insufficient evidence.

The decision to dismiss Ellis was made in consultation with university athletic administrators, the letter said, and had no connection to his complaints against Hollins.

In July, Buchman suspended Ellis from the cheerleading squad after a sexual-misconduct complaint was made against him. Camillus said that after Ellis complained about Hollins, Hollins told OSU authorities that Ellis sexually assaulted Hollins' friend when he went out with several of the cheerleaders after practice one night last spring.

The university investigated and cleared Ellis of any wrongdoing at the end of July, Camillus said, but Buchman still refused to allow him back on the team. Camillus said Ellis complained to several OSU officials before Buchman removed Ellis from the team on Aug. 12 for having a bad attitude.

Ellis had very little contact with Buchman over the summer during which he could have exhibited a negative attitude, his attorney said.

"Are we really to believe that it is just coincidence that he gets suspended for one thing and then, when it comes time to lift his suspension, he is instead kicked off the team for something else altogether?" Camillus asked.
Fired cheerleading coach didn’t shun ousted assistants, Ohio State email says

She took squad to camp run by ex-coach fired for sexual harassment

By Encarnacion Pyle  
The Columbus Dispatch  Wednesday November 27, 2013 6:24 pm

Even after two of her assistant coaches were fired in May for sexual harassment, Ohio State University’s head cheerleading coach still exposed her students to them — showing a “pattern of poor judgment and ineffective leadership,” records released to The Dispatch show.

Ohio State officials fired Lenee Buchman, 44, on Monday, but they didn’t say why.

However, an email to Buchman from OSU athletic director Gene Smith released last night reveals that Buchman took the team to a camp run by former assistant coach Dana Bumbrey in August.

Bumbrey had lost his job in late May after cheerleaders on the team told OSU investigators that he had made inappropriate remarks to female cheerleaders, such as telling them they “always have their legs spread.”

“Though I know the camp was not run by Ohio State, you took our students and brand there with you,” Smith wrote in the email that was sent on Friday.

Buchman also failed to ask former assistant coach Eddie Hollins to leave Ohio State grounds when he showed up at a practice in September. Hollins also had lost his job in May after he sent sexually explicit text messages to one of the male cheerleaders and engaged in other questionable behavior, such as tapping the guys on the testicles.

“When an assistant that has been fired for sexual harassment shows up at team practice, it is obvious what is expected of a head coach,” Smith said in his email.

Buchman couldn’t be reached for comment last night.

Earlier this year, Ohio State had ordered Buchman to attend sexual-harassment training after she failed to report that former cheerleader Cody Ellis had told her that Hollins had sent him several sexually explicit text messages.

The university later received two anonymous tips to OSU’s ethics hot line, which touched off the investigation against Bumbrey and Hollins.

This past summer, Ohio State officials also kicked Ellis, 22, of Bucyrus, off the cheerleading squad for allegedly having a bad attitude, said his lawyer, John Camillus. Ellis filed a complaint, saying Buchman had retaliated against him for making the initial accusations against Hollins, but OSU officials determined on Oct. 31 that there was insufficient evidence to support Ellis’ claim.

In his email, Smith said he and another administrator reviewed the claims and agreed with the report’s findings.
"Based on all of the facts, we are both persuaded that the student’s past behavior — including persistent derogatory and offensive conduct toward teammates and others, the student’s negative attitude, and other misconduct — all amply support the student’s dismissal from the team,” he wrote of Ellis.

Camillus said Ellis’ behavior wasn’t any worse than any of the other members of the cheer squad, and he didn’t do anything that warranted his being kicked off the team.

“What are the chances of the one cheerleader who was kicked off the team being the driving force behind the investigation that led to the firing of the two assistant coaches?” he asked.

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SETH POITINGER
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: “Out of all the incredible memories I’ve made during my time here, there is one that stands out the most. Having the opportunity to lead the team in the break right before we took the field for our final game of the season is something I’ll never forget.”

FELICIA MOSE
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: “I have many favorites, but one memory in particular would be when we went to California for the OSU vs. Cal game this season. Being all the way across the country, we were able to fill the stadium full of scarlet and gray and doing stadium Ohio was simply amazing. No matter how far you go, there are truly buckeyes everywhere!”

CHRIS HOWARD
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: “I am unable to choose just one favorite memory. In the last 4 years I have danced on dugouts at progressive field, stood on stage with the Big 10 basketball champions, cruised for cancer, celebrated a bat mitzvah, won 7th place at mascot nationals, landed a backflip before the OSU vs. Michigan game, proposed to Tracy Stuck, and been a part of the best team I could ask for. The list goes on and on, I never dreamed I would be blessed with the amazing opportunities I have experienced as Brutus Buckeye.”

EMILY MAHNKE
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: “I will never forget the first time I did full break and ran down the ramp into the stadium as a freshman. I still get the chills every time! However, nothing beats singing Carmen Ohio as a team after every game. Except for maybe diving recklessly through the oval to get to functions on game day!”
DANIELLE LANCE

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: "My favorite memory is being called out of the tunnel at St. John arena on final day, Sunday, of try outs every year. Being named an OSU cheerleader is the greatest feeling every year. There is nothing more exciting than a game day in The Shoe."

PHIL STOKEY

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: "Words cannot describe what the last four years have meant to me. The friends I have made have truly become family to me and they will be with me forever. I am humbled and grateful to everyone that had a part in my journey. Every moment was special in its own way; there is no way for me to pick just one. Brutus is awesome! Go Bucks!"

BROOKE MENSAH

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: "My favorite memory will forever be the Wisconsin game 2011 when Braxton Miller threw a Hail Mary to Devin Smith in the last minute of the game for a win. The shoe was electric and everyone stormed the field. I got to sing Carmen alongside my boyfriend who played football at the time and Buckeye fans shoulder to shoulder on the 50 yard line. I'll never forget it."

CHRISTIN BRYANT

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: "My favorite memory would have to be leading the band into the stadium before kick off! Doing full break as a team before we run into The Shoe leaves me speechless. Taking in all the screaming fans in their Scarlet and Gray with your teammates is something I will never forget!"

ABBY DISABATO

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: "Thanks to all of my wonderful teammates for making these past four years unforgettable. My fondest memories are grassy knoll, marching in the band, singing Carmen Ohio, and putting on my uniform. I have now traveled across the country and touched every ocean surrounding the United States. This all would not have happened if it weren't for this great university that I was so lucky to be apart of. Good luck next year, and keep the tradition alive!"

PETE PAPAS

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: "One of my favorite memories about being a part of the spirit program has been the opportunity to travel all around the country with my best friends cheering on the Buckeyes in their most exciting games. From Aaron Craft and LaQuinton Ross's back to back tournament buzzer beaters last year to beating that team up north cap off a second consecutive undefeated regular season. I'll always have these experiences to take with me and share with the people I have spent the last three incredible years with."

MIKE MOSER

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: "At the beginning of my freshman year I sat in on a few practices and the next thing I knew I was on the team. A week or two later I was running to the rotundas and down the ramp for my first OSU game as a cheerleader. It was a crazy experience and a dream come true to be on the field during a football game in the 'Shoe'!"

MARISSA HOUDRICK

MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: "My favorite memory from this year is standing on the national stage waiting for them to announce our placeings. I have never been more nervous or excited as I was standing there holding hands with my teammates. Hearing other teams getting called and realizing we were nearing the top 3 was the craziest feeling. Placing 2nd and 3rd and achieving our goals this year makes me full of so much pride and joy! Ending my last year on such a high note and being able to relive that moment is something I am very grateful for."
SENIOR FAREWELL

CAITLIN RILEY
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: “Because nearly every memory that has been made throughout the course of four years seems to be significant in one way or another, pinpointing one that trumps all others is borderline impossible. So to prevent a lengthy novel, I will remark on more of a “collective memory” that has developed through time and I will pocket forever. This memory has to do with the progression that this team has made from freshmen to senior year. Since day one, I have always told myself that I wanted to leave this team knowing I, along with countless others, contributed to its growth. After walking, or shall I say dancing, away from ESPN Wide World of Sports with our “clanking” medals, I knew that I had done exactly that. The changes and additions that have been made are remarkable, and I am so very fortunate to have been a part of many of them.”

TESSIE KERNELL
MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT: “As seniors, we experienced many firsts throughout our four years on the team. My favorite of these firsts occurred during our sophomore year. We worked really hard throughout the fall to prepare a filming routine as our nationals entry tape. The final result did not come without several injuries and other unexpected challenges. In the end, we felt confident in the tape that we submitted, and our hope was to earn a full paid bid to nationals by placing in the top five. We gathered as a team the morning that the placements were announced, and I will never forget the feeling of joy that we experienced together as we were told that, for the first time ever, our team had earned a full paid bid to nationals! The journey to that point, had been full of challenges, but knowing that we had overcome those obstacles to make history for our program is a moment that I will never forget!”
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