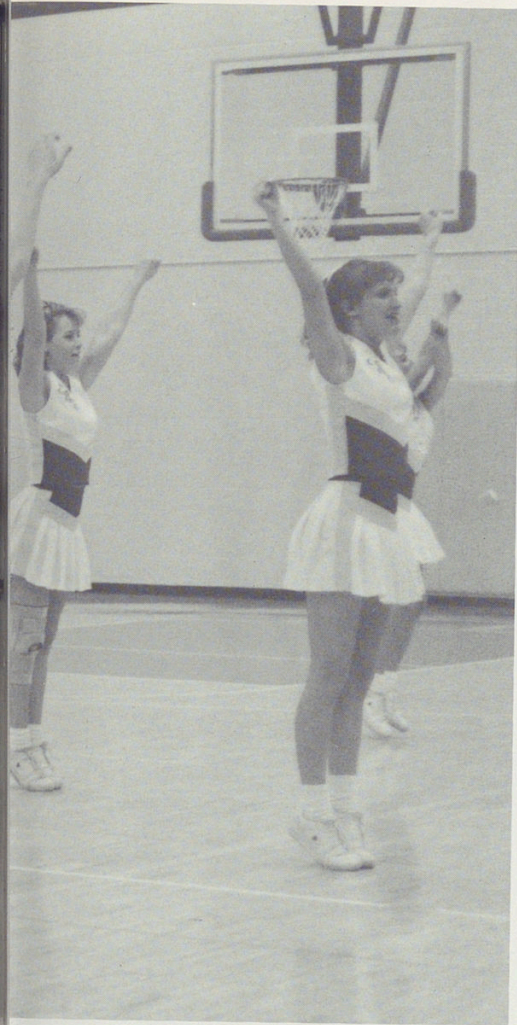


Finding Lost Spirit



It was the second half and the Aves were losing the basketball game to arch rival Lakota, yet the crowd was cheering and in good spirit. Who was responsible for this? The basketball cheerleaders. "A good cheerleader must smile encouragement to the crowd to alleviate any doubts they might have [while the Aves are losing]. The team actually responds to their fans," explained junior varsity cheerleader Leigh Crayden.

The job of the cheerleaders this year had been to bring back the school's lost spirit and it was not easy. Consisting of three squads (freshman, junior varsity, and varsity), the cheerleaders, along with the student council, revived spirit through recognizing different clubs and teams at pep rallies.

"I think this year's pep rallies are going very well," said varsity member Gina Contardi. "They are honoring different teams which is great. The class competitions are intense."

Stacy Walter, co-captain of the varsity squad agreed. "They've really improved and it's nice to see it so strong. I like the spirit stick idea and uniting the school with spirit."

"I don't think any school has enough spirit, but the enthusiasm shown by students shows the amount of

pride we have in our school - win or lose. The amount generated by our school has improved greatly during the 1990-91 season!" Contardi said.

The cheerleaders must also show their school spirit in other numerous, creative ways. "I show my spirit by decorating things in green and gold, by putting up signs in the commons, and by wearing school colors," explained Sara Gallenstein of the junior varsity squad.

Walter said, "We psych up players with little gifts before Friday night games; the teams and coaches always appreciate our spirit."

The cheerleaders' enthusiasm towards the school has affected the entire student body. "We hope that our spirit has helped the guys with their activities. I also hoped they performed better. Having spirit can get more people to come to our games and attend other school functions," said Lauren Basden and Stephanie Schwartz, freshman squad members.

"I hope the cheerleaders' spirit helped the student body get more enthusiastic and involved during pep rallies and games," Andrea Simons, freshman squad said. "I think our spirit really has helped the whole school become more spirited."

Through their effort and infectious enthusiasm, the basketball cheerleaders made it a memorable year for spirit.

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JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS: Bottom to top: Veronica Procter, Penny Matye, Sheri Beseler, Leigh Crayden, Melissa McVey, Becky Biggs, Angel Erceg, Sara Gallenstein.



VARSITY BASKETBALL

CHEERLEADERS: Front Row: Amy McNutt, Karyn Kerns, Vanessa Forrest. Middle Row: Amy Keeter, Gina Contardi. Back Row: Jenna Hasselo, Stacy Walter, Stephanie Cable.

