

SYCAMORE SPIRIT



"Come on everybody, do the Aviator Beat!!!" The football cheerleaders shouted this over and over throughout the season. At the Friday night games, their cheers brought crowds to their feet.

This was not the only thing the cheerleaders did. They practiced routines for competition and performed cheers and sideline chants at games. Even during the summer, the squad attended a summer camp at the University of Cincinnati. They competed against many other cheerleading squads during this camp.

By earning first place at the summer camp, Sycamore's varsity cheerleaders qualified for the International Open Cheerleading Championship (IOCC) and earned sixth place. Ms. Dottie Wasem, their advisor, believes it was their vivacity, skill, and especially creativeness which enabled them to do so well.

This competition was held December 27-30 at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee. There, they competed against 85 other squads in the

small varsity division. These squads came from all over the United States and Canada. There were five Ohio schools that competed in the small varsity division, and two of the five placed among the top ten. Wasem also said, "I think what caught the judges' eyes were the 'tricky' moves they added to their routines. They did an excellent job, and I am very proud of them."

The cheerleaders worked hard to improve their talents. Varsity cheerleaders, Kim Ballard and Lynne Jacob said, "Cheerleading requires a variety of talents including: determination, dedication, leadership, flexibility, endurance, and especially spirit. The squad seemed to have an abundance of all of these qualities."

Overall, the cheerleaders upheld the prestigious reputation that has preceded them. Whether it was cheering at games or performing for the student body at pep rallies, the Aviator cheerleaders represented the High School to their utmost.

By Jennifer Weeks



Above: Kim Ballard and Lynne Jacob agree that cheerleading requires a variety of talents.



FRESHMEN FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS; Row 1: K. Creel, L. McClausland; Row 2: M. McVey, J. Hignite, A. Lucke; Row 3: A. Burrell, V. Proctor; not pictured: L. Richter