

PROUD TO BE VARSITY

Ending senior year strong

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For the first time in a long time, the varsity cheerleading squad was made up of all seniors. Usually the team consisted of juniors and seniors.

They worked really hard to memorize everything, look prepared, get the crowd excited, and still made everything look easy. Whether the team lost or won, the squad gave their support and let the team know that they were proud of them.

"Cheering was an amazing, pivotal part of my senior year! Spending hours with some of the most beautiful, driven, and nicest girls in the school was a pleasure. Even games were memorable and special, and I have had an amazing time the past two seasons," said **Ashley Oliver, 12**.

The winter pep rally was the hardest time for the squad because they had to learn a new dance and put together a new routine, because they didn't really like the one that they already had. So they worked really hard to make sure everything they did would flow together.

Senior night was the most memorable time for the team because most of the team had been cheering together on the same squad since freshman year, and it was finally their time to say goodbye to each other.

"I really liked the senior dinners before the games. The senior night dinner was also fun because it was a good time to do end of the season bonding, not only with the team, but with the parents also," said **Ashley Chorpenning, 12**.

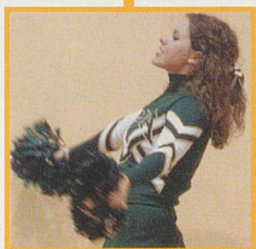
This was their last year together before they all went away to schools around the country so at the sports awards they all said their goodbyes and said they would keep in touch.

"It was hard to say bye to the girls because over the past few years they have not only become some of my closest friends, but they have also become my family," said **Amanda Seibert, 12**.

Even though the moments and feelings are gone, the memories will last forever.

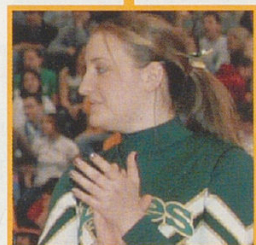
"This year has been so much fun because we were all seniors, and we have been cheering together for four years."

-**Jessica Senefeld-Naber, 12**



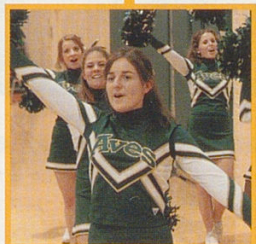
"My favorite part of the season was senior night dinner at Dewey's. I loved spending time with the team."

-**Bethany Cundiff, 12**



"Cheering with the same girls since sophomore year made practices and games a lot more fun than they should have been."

-**Julie Gardner, 12**

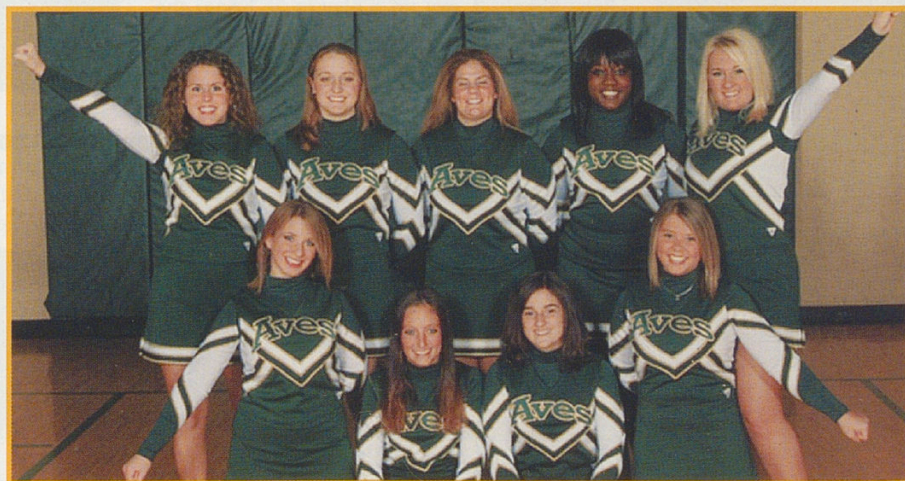


"The best thing about both seasons was that we were all seniors."

-**Elizabeth Back, 12**



The girls smile and cheer for their team. They especially loved it when they got to use their pom-poms. No matter what was going on, the girls knew what kind of cheer to yell out to the fans to get them more excited.



Row 1: Leah Drapkin, 12, Tricia Branham, 12, Julie Gardner, 12, and Elizabeth Back, 12. **Row 2:** Jessica Senefeld-Naber, 12, Bethany Cundiff, 12, Amanda Seibert, 12, Ashley Oliver, 12, and Ashley Chorpenning, 12.

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