

## Dance team gains a new coach, look, and attitude

by Cheyenne Carmack

A new attitude, as well as a new sponsor, will command the Rocket dance team next season.

Mrs. Christa Rose, an RCHS English teacher, has assumed the role as dance coach for the 2000-2001 school year.

This opportunity became available when former head coach, Mrs. Cindy Ham, resigned due to the birth of her baby. This was just the kind of thing Mrs. Rose had been looking for.

"As a second-year teacher at RCHS, I feel that this would be a wonderful opportunity to become more involved with the school, the students, and the staff. I have been anxiously awaiting such an opportunity," Mrs. Rose commented about her new responsibility.

Though Mrs. Rose has never worked directly with a dance team, she was a cheerleader for eight years. She also co-sponsored the cheerleading squad at her old high school, Elkhorn High in Pike County, Kentucky for two years.

Under this new leadership, the dance team is not expected to undergo any major changes. Team rules will basically be the same; however, Mrs. Rose did mention that she would like to have more practices.

Several of the dancers are enthusiastic about their next season, and their new sponsor.

New dance team member and sophomore, Terri Isaacs said, "I'm really looking forward to the dance team's season because Mrs. Rose is always involved with us..."

The team will be competing in several competitions next year, including a performance at the Kentucky State Fair. They are attending camp in June at the University of Kentucky. Currently, they are fundraising for new uniforms.

Along with assistant coach, Ms. Dana Singleton, Mrs. Rose has high hopes for her dancers next season.

"The dance team is a fairly new



Dance team tryouts were held Friday, May 5. The dance team has increased from 12 to 16 with 10 returning members. Above the group practices their dance camp routine.

program at RCHS. I hope to continue their growth, help them achieve new accomplishments, and gain recognition that many of our other athletic groups already have," said Mrs. Rose.

Tara Abney, a junior, who was a member of last year's squad summed up the team's new atti-

tude by saying, "I think our team's going to work a lot harder this year, and Mrs. Rose is really motivating everybody to practice hard and just blow everyone away when we get out there."

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