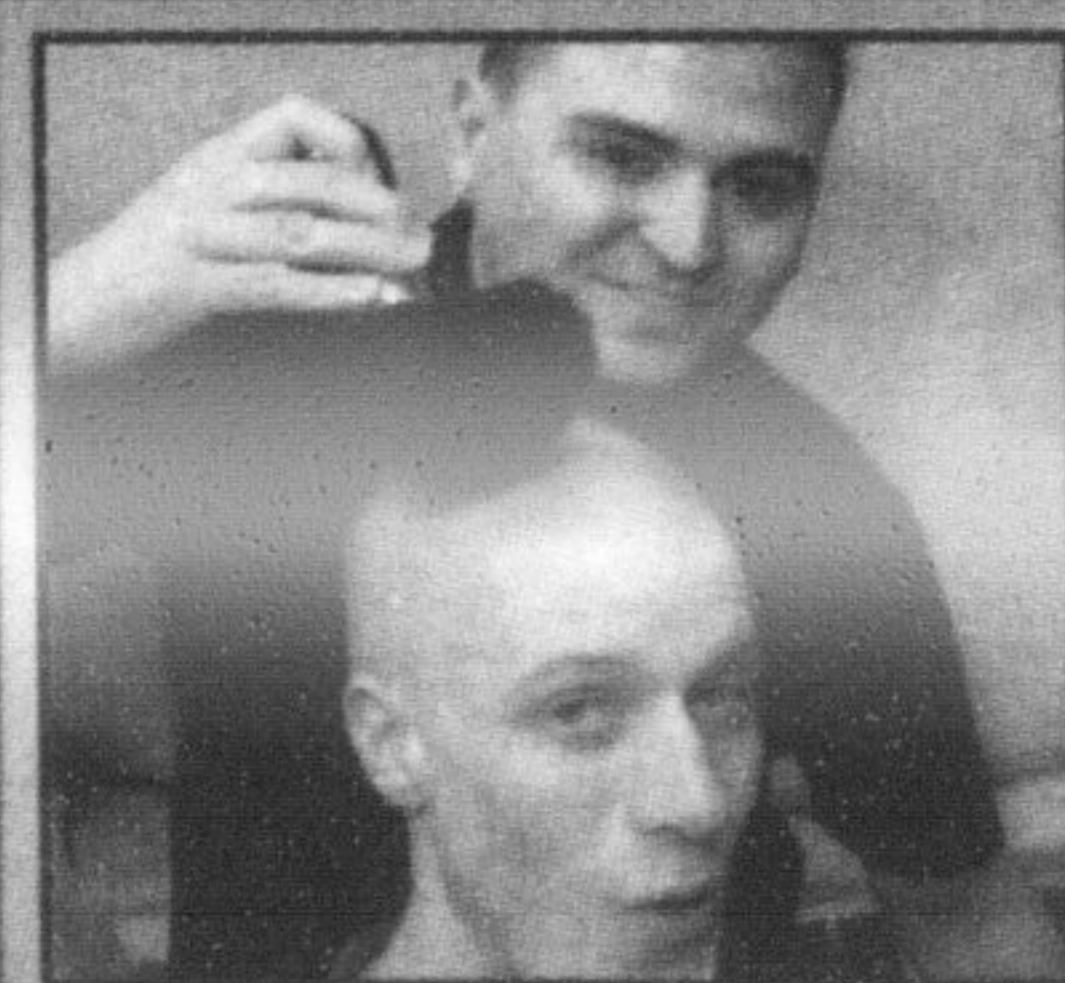


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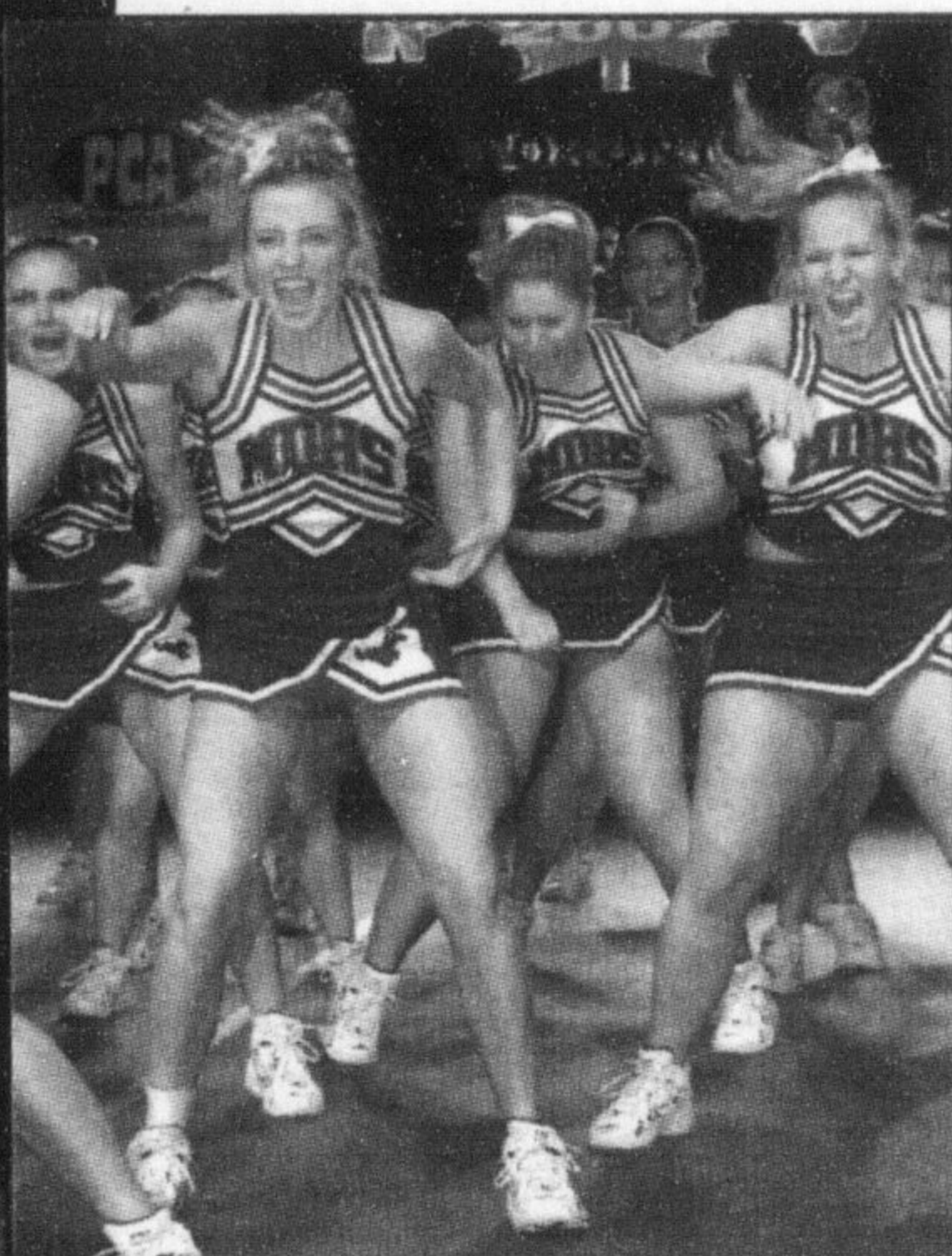
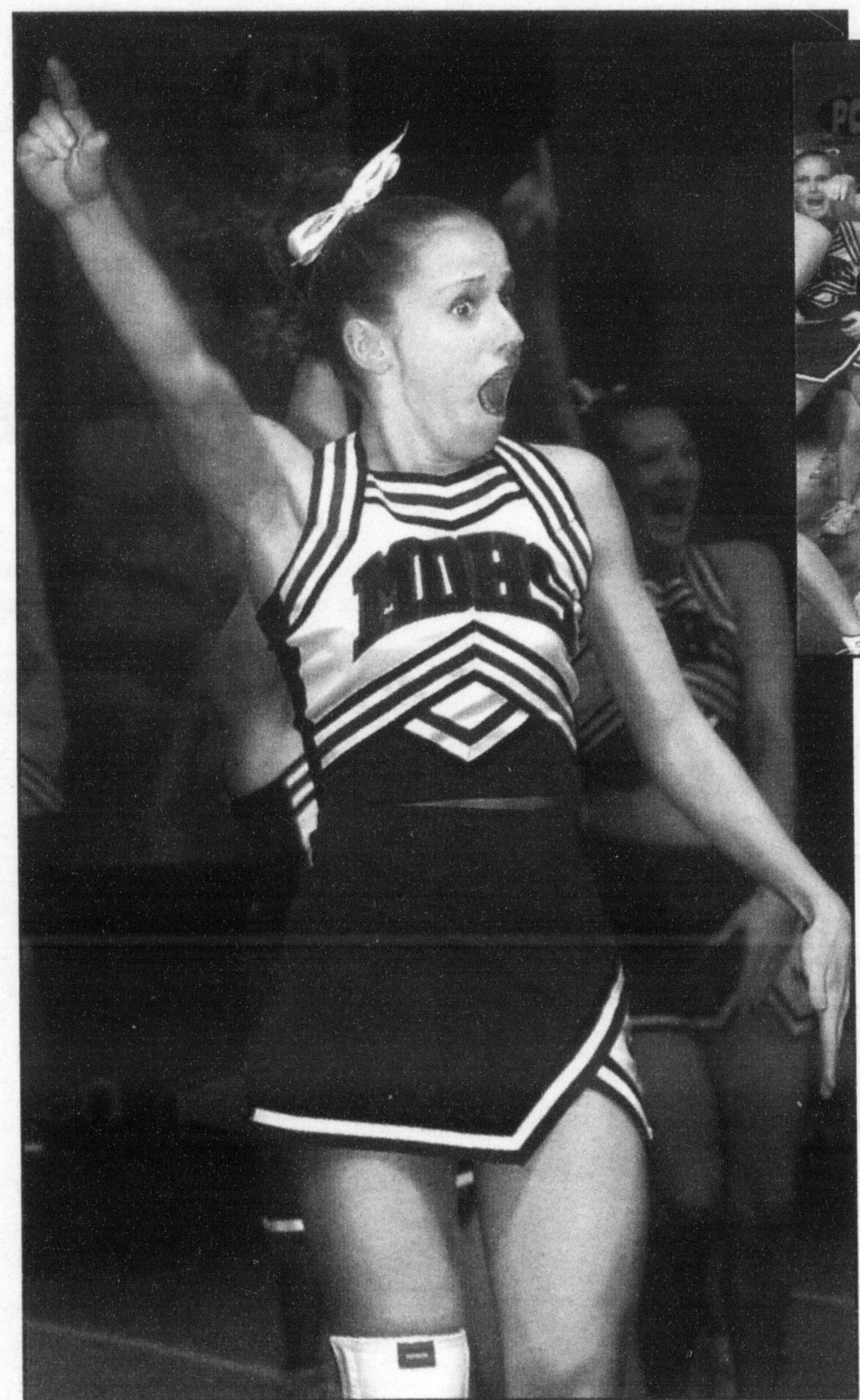
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Kristen Deumer (left) helps take the Milton District High School cheerleaders to their fourth-place finish in the high school varsity division at the 2002 Power Cheer Nationals over the weekend. Inset, the team performs the finale. See full results on page 23 in Sports.

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## OMB decision on Milton strip club is expected soon

By RICHARD VIVIAN

The Champion

A decision is expected to arrive soon that may permit the establishment of a strip club at the Rock 'N Bull tavern on Steeles Avenue.

The owner of the tavern has appealed a 2000 decision by town council nixing plans to open the club to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). A board verdict is expected to arrive in the coming weeks.

"The only issue before the court is whether this is an appropriate site," David Starr, solicitor for the club owner, told The Champion.

"We argue this is an appropriate site because it allows us to have a minimal impact on the community. The site is separate from sensitive uses like churches, parks and schools, it is not downtown, it is not in a residential area. The site is in effect an industrial area."

The Town defended council's decision during the March 25 and April 3 OMB hearings with two major arguments — both countering the appellant's belief the location won't have an impact on the community.

"We really couldn't argue morality, because obviously that's a federal jurisdiction and it's not something to be considered under the Planning Act," explained Mel Iovio, Milton's director of planning and development.

While the site is currently zoned as an industrial business park, the Town's official plan calls for the area to become a high-pedestrian location. A planned trails network and Chris Hadfield Park are

expected to make the area a tourist destination.

Residential development is also planned within the surrounding area.

"It's not anything the official plan would put a time frame to, but it's in there," said Mr. Iovio.

The club also sits along a secondary gateway into town, which has raised some concern.

"It's going to have high visibility is the issue," Mr. Iovio continued. "Those areas (gateways) get a little bit more attention in terms of streetscape to create an image of the community for people coming into the community."

Limited parking also restricts the club from opening, argued the Town.

But items in the site plan would prevent

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## Teacher charged with sex assault

By FANNIE SUNSHINE

The Champion

A Milton District High School teacher has been charged with sexually assaulting a 12-year-old Mississauga girl he reportedly met over the Internet.

Manuel Zarate, 33, of

Scarborough, was arrested by the Peel Regional Police Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Bureau Thursday at his residence and charged with sexual assault and sexual interference of a minor.

Police said the two met January 18 after talking on an on-line chat

room for a month. It's alleged a sexual encounter took place.

The grade 8 student, now 13, recently confided in a school counsellor about the alleged assault.

JoAnne Shepherd, manager of human resources for the Halton • see TEACHER on page 18

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