

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

M.U.N. FOLKLORE & LANGUAGE ARCHIVE Q86B

CHEERS AND CHEERLEADING

We all share a number of traditions related to our days in school. The purpose of this questionnaire is to gather information about those traditions associated with participation in school activities, specifically cheerleading. It is not necessary for you to have been a cheerleader to answer the following questions! Please answer as many of the questions as possible, in as much detail as you can. If you need more space or wish to comment further, write on the back of a page indicating the question being answered.

By completing this questionnaire the information you provide will contribute to the study and documentation of the unrecorded history of Newfoundland. All responses will be permanently filed in Memorial University Folklore and Language Archive (MUNFLA).

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Check one:  Male  Female

Name of your high school: \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:  all boys  all girls  both boys and girls

Catholic  Integrated  Other(Specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

School colors: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school mascot: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address: \_\_\_\_\_

May we contact you for further information?  yes  no

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

High school Grade/Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Or Year of University: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What were the qualities of students in your school that led to their popularity? (example: being a good student, having lots of friends, etc.)
  
2. What school activities were the more popular students involved in? (example: student senate, sports, chess club, Reach for the Top)
  
3. What sports, if any, did you play in high school? Include the number of years for each.
  
4. Did your school have cheerleaders? yes no
5. Is cheerleading considered a sport at your school? yes no. Please explain.

If not, what would make it a sport?

6. Have you ever tried out for cheerleading? yes no. If not, why not?
  
7. What are some of the reasons why someone might not be chosen as a cheerleader?
  
8. Is cheerleading a female activity only or can males be cheerleaders as well? Please explain.

Do you know any male cheerleaders? yes no. If so, what are they called?

9. Name the sports in your school for which there are cheerleaders.
  
10. Does the same group of cheerleaders cheer for every sport during the year or are new cheerleaders chosen for each individual sport? Please explain.
  
11. Do cheerleaders cheer for the boys' sports? yes no  
For girls' sports? yes no
12. Do you know the words to the cheers? all most some none
13. When and how did you learn the cheers?

14. Who makes up the cheers? Be as specific as possible.

15. Write the words to all the cheers you can remember. If you can recall only parts of a cheer, write down what you do remember. Note titles where you can and if the cheers are performed as a floor routine or while sitting in the stands.

Example: "Gotta Go" floor cheer

Gotta go, to beat that team

Gotta fight to beat that team

Gotta win, to beat that team

Gotta go, fight, win, to beat that team.

16. Are the same cheers used for each sport? If not, which cheers are said for which sports?

17. What is the purpose of cheerleading?

18. What makes a good cheerleader?

19. What qualities should a cheerleader have?

20. What, if any, would be the effect of doing away with cheerleading in your school?

ONLY FORMER OR PRESENT CHEERLEADERS NEED ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

21. How many years were you a cheerleader?
22. How old were you when you first began cheering?
23. Why did you try out for cheerleading?
24. What image did you have of cheerleaders before becoming one?
25. Has that image changed since you have been a cheerleader? If so, how?
26. Were older friends or relatives cheerleaders? What influence, if any, did they have on you becoming a cheerleader?
27. How were you selected as a cheerleader? Describe the process of trying out.
28. Who were the judges at try-outs? (other cheerleaders, coaches, teachers)
29. On what basis are the cheerleaders chosen? What are the judges looking for?
30. Do you have to try out every year?
31. What are the responsibilities of a cheerleader?
32. Do you think of yourself as a cheerleader even when you are not cheering?  
Please explain.
33. Please describe your uniform including shoes and accessories like pom poms.
34. Where did you get ideas for cheers and cheering routines? (former cheers or cheerleaders, other schools, etc.)

35. How are cheers and cheering routines made up?

36. How do you learn the routines?

37. What has being a cheerleader meant to you?

Please add any further comments: