



My Drift

Title: Cheerleaders

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History

College sports have had cheerleaders for over a century, with organized cheering beginning at Princeton University in 1884 and the first official cheerleader, Johnny Campbell, leading a chant for the University of Minnesota in 1898. While initially all-male, women began joining squads in the 1920s becoming more prominent during World War II. Once the war was over, cheerleading remained overwhelmingly a female activity. Today, females account for approximately 85% of participants.

Crowd Cheers

The first known organized cheers and chants that began what we know as cheerleading took place at Ivy League college sporting events in the 1860's. The first known "cheer" in the US was shouted from the crowd at Princeton University in 1884:

Ray, Ray, Ray!

Tiger, Tiger, Tiger!

Sis, Sis, Sis!

Boom, Boom, Boom

Aaaaah! Princeton, Princeton, Princeton!

It was when an 1882 Princeton University graduate, Thomas Peebles, took this idea to the University of Minnesota that cheerleading as we know it was about to start.

The First Cheerleader

Up until November 2, 1898, the cheers and chants broke out from the crowd spontaneously. Very likely, they weren't always done in unison and may have even had competing groups trying to start their own chants. It was that day that a University of Minnesota student, Johnny Campbell, got up from the seats and took the field to lead the student body in a chant:

**Rah, Rah, Rah!
Ski-u-mah!
Hoo-Rah! Hoo-Rah!
Varsity! Varsity! Varsity,
Minn-e-So-Tah!**



Johnny Campbell

Yes, he jumped over the fence, and cheerleading as we know it was born. The “Birthday of Cheerleading” is celebrated annually on November 2nd.



Male Cheerleader



Female Cheerleaders

(Who would you watch and cheer the loudest for?)

The reason I decided to do this article

I have a friend who I have attended several sporting events with, and he always brings his binoculars and spends most of the time watching the cheerleaders. This article is dedicated to this (unnamed) person.

I looked at the cheerleaders from major universities in all 50 states and selected one picture from each state to put in this article. Yes, I know that it sounds like a long difficult job, but I managed to complete the task. I even went back a couple of times to make sure I didn't miss anything.

There is not much writing but a lot of pictures of cheerleaders. Enjoy!



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Alabama University of Alabama Tuscaloosa



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Alaska University of Alaska Fairbanks



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Arizona University of Arizona Tucson



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Arkansas University of Arkansas Fayetteville



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California UCLA Los Angeles



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Colorado University of Colorado Boulder



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Connecticut UConn Mansfield



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Delaware University of Delaware Newark



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Florida University of Florida Gainesville



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Georgia University of Georgia Athens



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Hawaii University of Hawaii Honolulu



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Idaho Boise State University Boise



Illinois University of Illinois Champaign

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Indiana Indiana University Bloomington

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Iowa University of Iowa Iowa City

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Kansas University of Kansas Lawrence



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Kentucky University of Louisville Louisville



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Louisiana Louisiana State University Baton Rouge



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Maine

University of Maine

Orono



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Maryland

University of Maryland

College Park



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Massachusetts

University of Massachusetts

Amherst



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Michigan University of Michigan Ann Arbor



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Minnesota University of Minnesota Minneapolis



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Mississippi Mississippi State University Starkville



Missouri University of Missouri Columbia

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Montana Montana State University Bozeman

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Nebraska University of Nebraska Lincoln

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Nevada University of Nevada Reno



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New Hampshire University of New Hampshire Durham



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New Jersey Princeton University Princeton



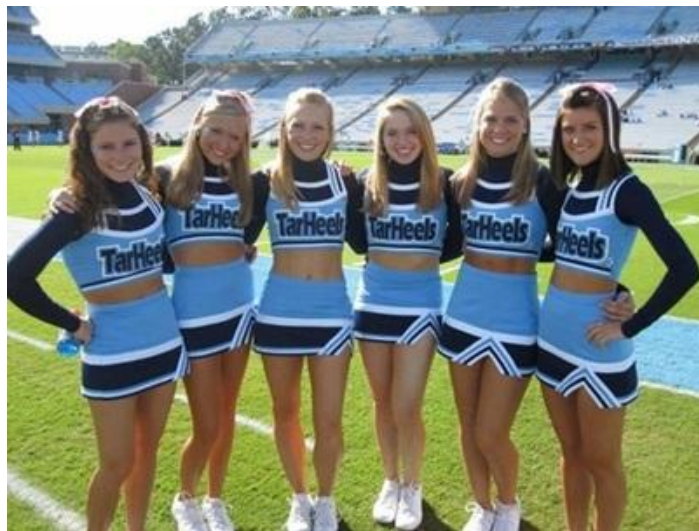
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New Mexico University of New Mexico Albuquerque



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New York New York University New York City



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North Carolina University of North Carolina Chapel Hill



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North Dakota University of North Dakota Grand Forks



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Ohio Ohio State University Columbus



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Oklahoma University of Oklahoma Norman



Oregon University of Oregon Eugene



Pennsylvania Penn State University University Park



Rhode Island University of Rhode Island Kingstown



South Carolina University of South Carolina Columbia



South Dakota South Dakota State University Brookings



Tennessee University of Tennessee Knoxville



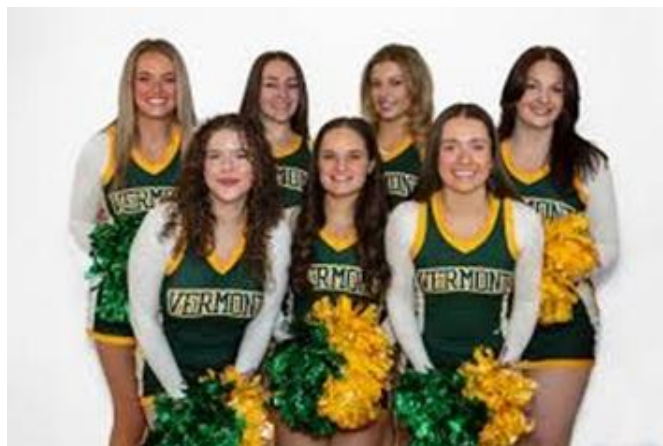
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Texas University of Texas Austin



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Utah University of Utah Salt Lake City



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Vermont University of Vermont Burlington



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Virginia University of Virginia Charlottesville



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Washington University of Washington Seattle



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West Virginia West Virginia University Morgantown



Wisconsin University of Wisconsin Madison



Wyoming University of Wyoming Laramie

Well, there you have it – cheerleaders from one university in each US state. However, I was not quite done – I went back and picked the universities with the most attractive cheerleaders in each region of the US.

<p>Northwest West Southwest Mountain West</p>	<p>U of Oregon UCLA U of Arizona U of Colorado</p>	<p>Midwest South Southeast East</p>	<p>U of Nebraska U of Texas U of North Carolina U of New Hampshire</p>
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