Thursday, April 13, 1978



LISA SCARDINA Troy Athens





KAREN MARZOLF



DENISE DENMAN Troy Athens

## 1978 all-area gymnastics team

Fortunately for Karyn Kokeny, Bloomfield Hills Lahser's athletic department decided to give girls' gym-nastics a full play on this winter's var-

nastics a full play on tuns wines a re-sity schedule.

Kokeny dazzled a lot of coaches with bubbly performances throughout the season, and, for her outstanding efforts, was picked as the best al-around gymnast on the 1978 Observer & Eccentric all-area girls' gymnastics team

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Others picked for the first team were Beth Raymor (vault), Denise the Control of the Cont

AT THE STATE meet, Kokeny fin-ished as the fifth best all-around gym-nast, with her top performance a sec-ond on the beam. At the regionals, the former Steve Whitlock school gymnast was second to Johnson as she gained a second place in the floor exercises and third on the beam. In the MSAA meet, she was first on the bars, and second on the beam.

In the MSAA meet, she was first on the bars, and second on the bearn, vault and floor exercises. Kokeny said her favorite event is the bearn because it's challenging."

Of the three Athens gymnass who made the team, Denman is the only senior. A four-year performer for ocach Pam Henderson, Denman has always been a strong athlete on the bars.

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Her highest point total on the bars his year was an 8.35, and she averaged in the low eights. Denman was first on bars in the Metro 8º League meet, and second in the regionals.

"She's (Denman) always had a lot of turns and tricks, but they never seemed to flow right," said Pam Henderson. "This year we took a few of the difficulty tricks out and she scored higher. Her execution was so much better with the difficulty out."

Denman hopes to attend Northern

Michigan University on a gymnastics scholarship.

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RAYMOR STARTED as a vaulter in ninth grade, and has improved to a point where she now scores are a was first in the vault at the Metro '8'. League meet, and she finished as the seventh-best vaulter at the state level. Henderson said Raymor basically goes through two vault routines, with a good pre-flight and height the key to her success. Even though her beam meeds work, Raymor will probably be an all-around performer for the Red-hawks next season.

Scardina is a sophomore who placed fith in the Metro '8' League meet, fourth at the regionals and 10th attain the floor exercises. Her main asset, according to Henderson, is under the season of the

at more to the beam, and was sixth at the regionals. Marzolf's beam routine was high-lighted this year by a pair of back landsprings. She was consistently around the seven-point mark in every meter total routine was a lot stronger his year," said Smith. "She hit the qualifying score (6.4) on the beam alomst every time. I think there was only one time—if that—when she didn't hit It.

"She improved all over on the beam this year, from staying on the beam to general composure," said Smith.

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HENDERSON, WHO WAS picked as
the Observer & Eccentric's gymnastics coach of the year, has compiled a
56 record in her four years at Athens.
In the past two years, Henderson,
In the past winter, the Redhawks
came in first in the MSAA, won the
Métro '8' League meet and took third
place in the state. Last year, Athens
was first in the Métro '8', second at the
regionals and fifth in the state.
Henderson is a graduate of Birmingann Seaholm High School and Western Michigan University.



Lahser's Karyn Kokeny was the state's fifth-best all-around gymnast this season.

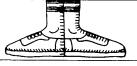
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Emeas (beam), Troy Atheas; Albyson Trevelhas (vank), Rochester
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