

A Language And Beauty Of Their Own

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Twenty-seven girls at North Farmington High speak a language all their own.

The girls are gymnasts and their vocabulary includes expressions like round-off, layout, back walkover, tuck, sommie and back walkover.

Gymnastics became popular four years ago at NFH when the girls who participated were members of a gymnastic club.

Now they participate in the sport as a team, taking part in state meets and inter-school competition.

AND THEY'RE GOOD. Last year they placed sixth in the Hillsdale Invitational meet.

Coached by Mrs. Mary Ellgood, the group has done demonstrations at Farmington elementary schools, gave impetus to formation of girls' gymnastic teams at the Junior Highs and developed the team at Oak Park High School.

Unlike other athletics, gymnastic routines are something of a ballet. Those trained in the routines develop grace, confidence of movement and muscular flexibility.

SOPHOMORE members of the NFH team are Vicki Bergman, Nancy Glanton, Dawn Kourjian,

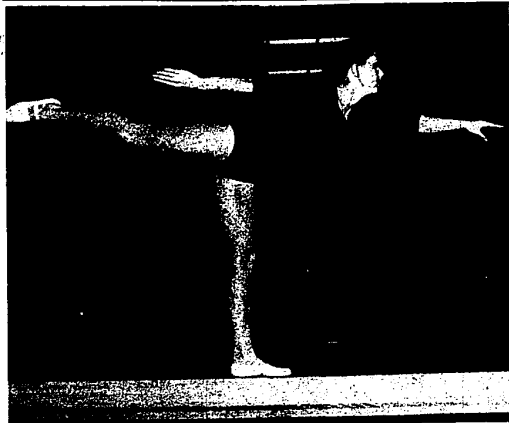
Pauly Heuer, Linda Barringer, Pam Love, Heidi Rudner, Pat MacLean, Mary Johnesee, Shelby Kramer, Vicki Kuhn, Sue Kornfield, Su Lichtman and Sally Martilla.

Junior members are Denise Milne, Cindy Davis, Jan Elliot, Linda Olderslaw, Chris Rooker, Dee Anderson and Marty Martin.

Seniors include Angie Garcia (captain), Kathleen MacArthur, Jan Davis, Pam Heuer, Chris Ansell and Karen Kukkonen.

Managers are Marty Sloner, senior; Kathy Clark, junior; Candy MacGulliver, junior; Sue Roach, junior; and Linda Wayne, sophomore.

The girls' accompanist is Junior Linda Combes.



ARROW STRAIGHT — Angie Garcia, captain of North Farmington High's girls' gymnastic team, is a graceful picture as she performs on the balance beam.

POEM PICTURE — Jan Davis makes a lovely picture as she goes through a gymnastic leap.



BALLET MOTION — Looking like a ballet dancer, Kathleen MacArthur does the split on the balance beam.

ON POINT — Kathleen MacArthur performs a needle point on the balance bar.



UP AND OVER — Denise Milne got the power for this back flip from a bounce on North Farmington High's trampoline.



UPSIDE DOWN — Matching back handspring routines pair Nancy Giannantoni and Pauly Heuer

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