

There's Precision, Skill, Beauty In PHS Show



EVERYONE AT the practice session gets into the act to create a large precision circle, as Faye Humphries coordinates the formation.



A BROADWAY DUET pairs Judi Utter and Sue Beyer.



BONNIE CAMP, a championship diver, flies toward the water in a jack-knife.



TWO MICE AND A PINK ELEPHANT in a huddle: (left to right) Cathi Goddard, Caryl Davis and Faye Humphries.



THIS ATTRACTIVE TRIO, which performs a Chicago street gang routine during the show, illustrates one of the synchronized formations. From left: Raina Smith, Karen Shultz and Barb Kromer.

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28 Girls Share Limelight In 'Sea The U.S.A.'

In the last few weeks, the 28 girls staging Plymouth High's annual synchronized swimming show have put a lot of time and effort turning themselves into convincing representations of hoodlums, mice, pink elephants and air pollution, among other things.

Theme of the show this year is "Sea the U.S.A." Each of the routines portrays a different part of the country. The mice, for instance, aren't just ordinary pantry pilfering rodents, they're genuine Wisconsin cheese mice.

The day we stopped in for a preview of the show, the girls were putting finishing touches on the costumes and giving them the water test.

ONE OF THE major problems was designing a set of

pink elephant ears that would stay on underwater.

The whole matter of costumes requires a lot of work and ingenuity. It's hard enough to design an air pollution costume for dry land, and costumes for the water show not only have to be seaworthy, but sleek enough for the intricate synchronized routines.

Mrs. Barbara McDonald, who directs the swim club, explained that this year's show suffered some major setbacks at the beginning.

The first problem was that the pool didn't open until late November, because a new filter was being installed. So practice sessions, which usually get underway as soon as school opens in the fall, were delayed until December.

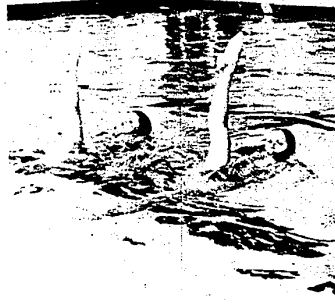
And then one of the lead swimmers, Pam Clamps, became ill and had to drop out.

IN SPITE OF major problems with the pool and minor problems with elephant ears, the show will come off on schedule: May 9, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m.

A capacity crowd (350) is expected each evening. Most of the profits from the show are put into a fund for next year's production. In addition, a \$100 scholarship is offered for one of the swim club members.

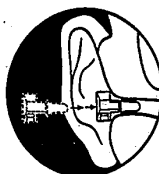
Expenses for the show, Mrs. McDonald said, have soared in recent years. Most of the money goes for purchase of costumes and materials, props and records.

But for the audience, "Sea the U.S.A." is a bargain. Where else can you get a grand tour of America, with 28 beautiful young mermaids as tour guides, for \$1?



IT'S HARDER THAN IT LOOKS — Raina and Karen perform one of the classic synchronized maneuvers.

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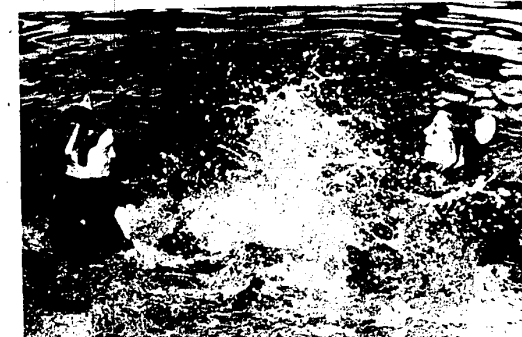
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BARB KROMER looks as if she could float in this position for hours, but just try it sometime.



PRACTICE SESSIONS aren't all hard work, and a good-natured splash fight is part of the fun for Cathi and Faye.

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