



Betsy Bass stops at the bookstore on her lunch break to buy her favorite flavor Lifesavers from bookstore worker Noel Busald.



**AQUETTES:** Front Row: Leslie Pang, Ilene Besso Middle Row: Stacy Harig, Misty Zapf, Jennifer Price, Angel Theuring Back Row: Amy Ennis, Bola Akanbi, Angel Sexton

## Aquettes Support the

## Swimmers

**W**ith all of the organizations, it's inevitable a few go unnoticed. The aquettes, made up of only eight girls, was one. Few people realize how important these girls were.

Although the aquettes were small in number, they were vital to the swimming and water polo programs. The aquettes performed various jobs such as timing the swimmers, working the timing computer, running the scores to the officials - basically almost completely operated the swim meets. Other aspects of being an aquette included; making signs for the commons to promote the games and meets, making treats for the swimmers, and going to away meets to help operate them.

There were several qualifications in becoming an aquette. All applicants had to know the rules of water polo and be able to carry-out the duties that were required during the swim meets and water polo games. The girls had to make a commitment to the squad from September to March, covering all of the water polo and swim season. Finally, applicants had to pass a test and participate in an interview with the sponsor.

Mrs. Lyons, sponsor of the aquettes said, "Our girls are known throughout the district as efficient and

reliable. We get requests every year for them to help at some of the biggest meets. It's nice to know that they're so well thought of."

The 1990 squad was smaller than it has been in past years. "Most of them spent as much time at the pool as the swimmers. Since there were only eight members, there was more for each girl to do" said Lyons.

Co-captain Misty Zapf, a sophomore said that although the work load was heavy at times it was also an opportunity to meet new people. She felt that her experience was fun and will definitely try to gain a position on next year's squad.

Lyons said, "The swimmers don't recognize all the things that the girls do for them. It's seldom that they stop to

thank them, or show appreciation."

Despite the fact that they did not always get the appreciation they felt they sometimes deserved, Aquettes still served as a vital part to the swimming and water polo organizations. Lyons attributed this to the personalities and responsibility on the part of the girls. Lyons said, "We had a great squad this year. Not only did the girls do their required jobs, but became extremely close, and had a good time running the meets. That was the biggest part in our success."

by Kristie Bowman

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The Aquettes stop for a group shot for our camera as they prepare to discuss the order of events at a meet.

