

She Dives Into Multiple Roles

By Matt Aug

There's little, if anything, Christine Pfeifer doesn't enjoy about swimming.

"I love the people, the environment and the coaches," said Pfeifer, a senior at The Mary Louis Academy. "I also like the competition because it pushes me to do my best."

There's little doubt Pfeifer is a motivated student-athlete, as she's also posted an impressive 3.8 grade point average in school. Pfeifer does well in all of her classes and she even serves as editor of the school's newspaper. Her favorite subject, though, is math.

"I enjoy figuring out problems like in my pre-calculus class," Pfeifer said.

Pfeifer boasts a strong ability to juggle several different tasks at once and credits her teachers for their support. "I manage

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The Mary Louis Academy

my time well with swimming," Pfeifer said. "And my teachers are always there for me."

Mary Louis coach Stephanie Cascio said it is easy to root for Pfeifer, whom she considers a terrific young person.

"I selected Christine as team captain because she is a dedicated athlete who truly puts her heart into the team," Cascio said. "She's an extremely versatile swimmer who gives it her all in anything you ask of her. It is a pleasure to coach an athlete of her stature."

Pfeifer's resume is certainly eye-popping, as she's specialized in the 100-yard backstroke (personal best time of 1 minute, 5.09 seconds in 2002), 100 breaststroke (1:13.89) and 50 freestyle events (26.15) and is also part of a 200 medley relay team that advanced to states last season.

Pfeifer knows her "stats" in the classroom, earning National Honor Society plaudits four years running while taking AP honors classes, is more important than anything she'll accomplish in the water.