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us incentive to try to do it again," said Penfield's Emma Shi, who'll be competing in at least three events at states for the fourth straight year. "I know after the fact (last year) it did make me proud to see that patch on my jacket."

Last year, Section V had 556 points to easily top runner-up Section VI, which had 447. It achieved that despite not having one individual or relay race champion.

"It was nice to see all of us come together to win because we're always competing against each other," said Rush-Henrietta senior Megan Burns.

Section V's strength again will be in the sprint freestyle events. Pittsford sophomore Katie Smith is ranked first in the 100- and 50-yard freestyle races. She finished fourth and second, respectively, in those last year. Pittsford's 200 freestyle relay and 400 freestyle relays also are top-ranked. Freshman Lindsay Stone is ranked fourth in the 200 freestyle.

But where Section V also gobbles up points is because of its depth. In the 100 freestyle, for example, Canandaigua senior Sarah Baxter (third) and Rush-Henri-

GIRLS STATE SWIM CHAMPIONSHIPS

What: The New York State public high school and federation state championships.

When: Friday and Saturday.

Where: Ithaca College.

Admission: \$8.

Schedule: Swim preliminaries 11:15 a.m. Friday; diving prelims/semifinals 3 p.m.; Finals, 10:15 a.m. Saturday.

etta's Burns (fourth) are contenders. In the 50 freestyle after Smith, Baxter (fourth), Burns (sixth), Pittsford's Stephanie Andrews (seventh) and Fairport's Susan Mestha (10th) are all ranked in the top 10.

Fairport's Basic will be busy. She'll compete in the 200 freestyle and medley relay races and swim in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle. Shi hopes to improve on her seventh in the 100-yard butterfly and fourth in the 200 freestyle relay, which she'll swim with Hannah Lavigne, Charlotte Jarvis and Bridgette Merriman.

"I think the week off will help and we'll do well," Shi said.

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