

# Husker gymnasts nationally ranked despite poor high school programs

By Rob Barney

UNL's gymnastics team continues to face one drawback as they prepare for their Oct. 23 season opener against Iowa State University, perennial Big 8 Conference and national power.

But the drawback—a lack of a good high school gymnastics program in the state, according to head coach Francis Allen—has not stopped Nebraska from becoming a national power itself.

The team, composed primarily of Nebraska natives, finished fifth and fourth in the last two national meets. There was only one non-Nebraskan on the squad last year.

"We've been lucky that the Nebraska boys that we've gotten have developed into good gymnasts," Allen said.

However, this season the Huskers recruited only one in-state gymnast, Kevin Dunkley from Omaha Westside.

"There was no one in Nebraska that graduated last year who showed he had college potential except for Dunkley," Allen said. "We're working him hard on the rings right now."

With UNL's recent success, out-of-state recruiting has increased. Three of the squad's gymnasts this year are from other states.

However, Allen said he will not shun a Nebraska high schooler who shows promise.

"If an out-of-state prospect and an in-state product show similar potential, we'll take the in-stater," Allen

said. "If the out-of-state prospect is better than the in-state one, but the in-state product has a chance to be just as good or better than the other guy in a year, we'll take the in-stater."

New UNL gymnastics assistant coach John Blocker left Lincoln Southeast to work with Allen this year.

"John was upset with the gymnastics situation in the high schools, so he's working with me and the Nebraska School of Gymnastics," Allen said. "He's been a type of assistant for me ever since he was graduated from college."

Blocker has been reunited with one of his star pupils, Larry Gerard.

Gerard, a junior, is a graduate of Lincoln Southeast and has been instrumental in leading Nebraska gymnastics to national prominence.

"I knew if I came to Nebraska I could help them become a national power," Gerard said. "The team lacked depth and I helped fill a spot when I came here."

Gerard also almost filled a spot on the 1976 U.S. Olympic team. He failed to make the team when he missed on a high bar routine in the semi-finals of the Olympic trials.

"I was disappointed in not making the team," Gerard said. "I was third in the nation in high bar last year."

"I have hopes that we can win the national title, and I also hope that I can win a title myself."

## Duffy's

Open Daily Fine food  
8 am - 1 am and Drinks

1406-12 "O" Street  
435-9619

*An invitation  
to young graduate  
engineers to join  
the young professionals  
of the U.S. Navy . . . . .*

### CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS


Construction and maintenance of the Navy's shore and support installations is just one of the responsibilities of the engineer managers of the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps. And qualification is not limited to the civil engineering discipline, as the Corps requires graduate engineers of mechanical, chemical, electrical, industrial and construction disciplines and architecture too! As a commissioned officer of the U.S. Navy the young engineer is offered greater opportunity to develop quickly a professional career with the added potentialities of an exciting overseas assignment, professional registration and graduate studies! The young officer may be assigned to construction contract administration, public works management or with a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion, the historic Seabees, plus many individual and unique positions.

Explore the multi-faceted world of the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps. Sign up for interviews at the placement office. I will be interviewing at the Student Placement Office (Student Union) 12, 13, and 14 October.

-OR-  
Call now for instant information:  
LT Dave Frank  
Omaha 221-9386

Join the  
**700 Club**  
If you're interested, contact:  
Mark Sullivan  
Harper 827  
472-9986

QUALITY + PRICE = VALUE



**JUAREZ  
TEQUILA**

IMPORTED FROM MEXICO  
GOLD SILVER

MADE IN MEXICO  
BOTTLED BY J. & W. HEALY

**There IS a difference!!!**

PREPARE FOR:  
**MCAT • DAT • LSAT • SAT  
GRE • GMAT • OCAT • CPAT • VAT**

Over 38 years of experience and success. Small classes. Voluminous home study materials. Courses that are constantly updated. Centers open days & weekends all year. Complete tape facilities for review of class lessons and for use of supplementary materials. Make-ups for missed lessons at our centers.

**ECFMG • FLEX  
NAT'L MEDICAL & DENTAL BOARDS**  
Flexible Programs & Hours

Our broad range of programs provides an umbrella of testing knowledge that enables us to offer the best preparation available, further improving the individual course you've selected.

(402) 493-6511  
11646 Cassens Dr.  
Omaha, Neb.

Spring & Summer compact  
Most classes - 8 weeks before exam

Outside NY State Only  
CALL  
Toll Free **800-221-9040**

Center - Major US Cities



TEST PREPARATION  
SPECIALISTS SINCE 1938

**HOW TO KEEP  
THE LIFE OF THE  
PARTY ALIVE.**

For free information, write to:  
DRUNK DRIVER, Box 2345  
Rockville, Maryland 20852



**Super Chef + Fries =  
Super Meal.**

A quarter pound of beef, pickles, ketchup, onions, fresh tomato, crisp lettuce, special sauce and a tangy slice of cheese, all on a golden grilled sesame seed bun. . . it's the Super Chef. Add an order of crisp golden fries, and you've got a satisfying, super meal from Burger Chef.

**Burger Chef**  
13th & P (downtown)  
841 No. 48th  
27th & Hwy. 2 (next to Treasure City)



BURGER CHEF IS A TRADEMARK OF BURGER CHEF SYSTEMS, INC. COPYRIGHT © 1974 BURGER CHEF SYSTEMS, INC.

# PLANTASIA



Buy a plant and help a worthy cause.  
October 5 through 7, 10 am till 5 pm in the  
Nebraska Union Ballroom. Sponsored by  
All University Fund and Green Fingers.