

UNL hockey team 'a chilling thought'

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 countries. Who knows — maybe some of Nebraska's foreign athletes have a few hockey-puck-chasing friends. "Puckers," if you will.

The best part is that hockey would raise even more money for Nebraska's athletic department, which never seems to have enough.

A 15,000-seat hockey arena could be built somewhere on campus, like maybe where Hamilton, Avery, Oldfather and Burnett halls are. All the athletic department would need to do is hire some demolition company to tear down those athletically useless buildings, and voila! A brand-new vacant lot, just waiting to serve the Nebraska athletic department . . . er, university community.

Maybe the athletic department could just commandeer one of UNL's parking lots, like the one across the street from the Harper-Schramm-Smith residence complex. After all, everybody knows UNL has way too much parking as it is. Who would even miss 1,000 parking stalls?

And, without a doubt, the friendly folks at the athletic department could find a way to pay for the arena without the students contributing anything, or the parents of the students paying extra taxes. It would be just like the

construction of the indoor practice field and the student rec . . . oops, I guess that hasn't been built yet. Silly me, my mistake!

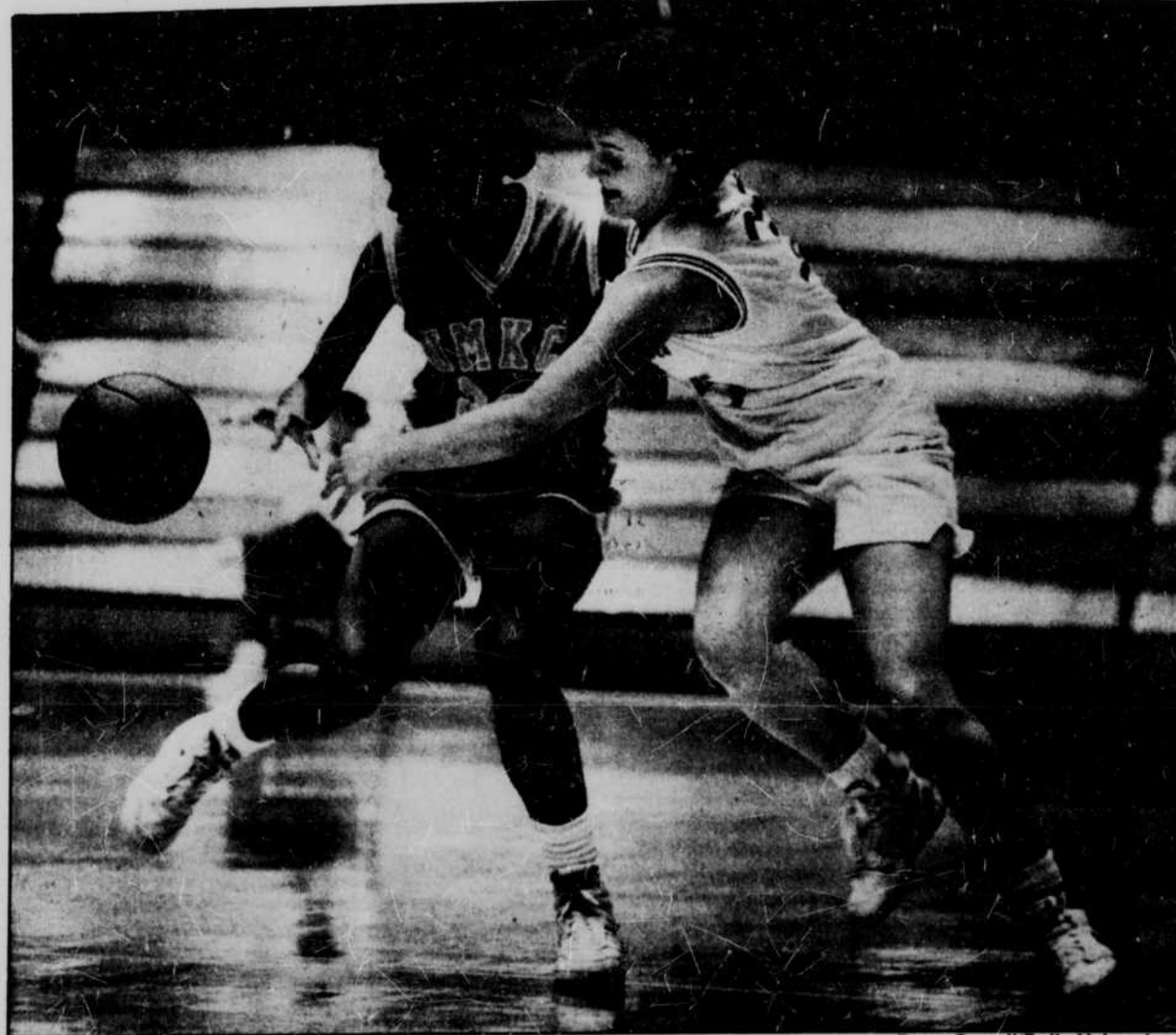
Sure, our student fees would be raised only \$250 per semester, but what the hell. It's only money — just like the green stuff you gave away to the Cook Indoor Practice Barn.

The "Cornpuckers" could hire a coach from some now-defunct semi-pro team north of the border, and he could have his own hockey television show. "The Guy MacKenzie Show" or "The Skatin' and Hatin' Hour" could replace "The Tom Osborne Show" as a Sunday-night favorite. Next, ol' Coach MacKenzie could sign some contract with a Norwegian skate company and make \$30,000 a year in profit. Boy, can't you see the DN editorials now? I can just hear the irate phone calls to the office:

"MacKenzie doesn't make as much money as the Minnesota or Notre Dame coaches do," Cornpucker supporters would scream. "Losing only two or three games a season is a great effort, and this state's lucky to have him! Could you do any better, Green?"

What a chilling thought.

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Nebraska's Amy Stephens attempts a steal against the University of Missouri-Kansas City's Tiffany Lockhart.

NU women take on OSU

Probable Starters:
Nebraska (15-3, 5-1)
 Amy Stephens
 Pam Fiene
 Kim Harris
 Maurice Ivy
 Heather Smith

Oklahoma State (14-5, 4-2)
 Alisa Duncan
 Liz Brown
 Sheila Hughes
 Clinetta Jordan
 Jamie Siess

By Tim Hartmann
 Senior Editor

Nebraska women's basketball coach Angela Beck will unveil a "patched-up" lineup when the Cornhuskers face Oklahoma State Wednesday night at the Bob Devaney Sports Center.

Beck said Nebraska will have to test its depth because starting center Stephanie Bolli has been lost for the season. Bolli tore a ligament in her right knee during Nebraska's 84-69 loss to Colorado Saturday night in Boulder, Colo.

Beck said she isn't sure who will replace Bolli in the Nebraska lineup even though Heather Smith is listed as a tentative starter at forward and Kim Harris will move to center. She said the Huskers will have to play with more emotion and be more aggressive to replace Bolli.

"We will have to find someone with the qualities (Bolli) had," Beck said. "I think we have the depth, but we will miss her because of the great defensive abilities she gave our team."

Nebraska enters Wednesday's game in first place in the Big Eight with a record of 15-3 overall and 5-1

in the conference. Oklahoma State, 14-5 overall and 4-2 in the Big Eight, is tied for second place with Missouri.

"I think it's a big game because we're No. 1 and they're No. 2," Beck said. "We're coming off a three-game road trip, so we are thrilled to be home."

Beck said that despite the injury to Bolli and the loss to Colorado, the Huskers are "not all down in the dumps." She was encouraged by the fact that Nebraska won two of its last three road games.

Beck said Oklahoma State's inside players are the key to the Cowgirls' team. Forwards Jamie Siess and Clinetta Jordan lead the team in scoring, averaging 18 and 17.9 points per game. Both players were all-Big Eight selections last season.

"Jamie Siess on the outside is just a great shooter and Jordan is an extremely good player," Beck said.

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Husker gymnast aims for Olympics

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 said.

Like Hartung, Dimas started his

gymnastics career when he was 7. Dimas said his coach, Ed Birch, was demanding.

"My coach demanded that I work

hard every day," Dimas said. "I couldn't just stand around and kick back. We were always doing something. But the work paid off, and now I'm at the right program for me."

Dimas said he is excited about the upcoming season because it's an Olympic year. Although his chances of making the Olympic team are slim, Dimas hopes that someday he will reach the games.

"I would like to make the Olympic team this year, but I think I have a better shot for 1992," Dimas said. "I think the '92 team has the potential to be better than the 1984 team."

Dimas participated in the last three U.S. Olympic Festivals and competed on the Junior National Team against Japan and Canada.

For now, Dimas said, he's going to keep working on his routines and try to improve. He said a family atmosphere among the Nebraska gymnasts has helped him endure the long hours in the gym.

"Everybody is so close in gym," Dimas said. "It's like one big family. Everybody helps you. It's great."

Dimas said he hopes he can help the Huskers at the NCAA Championships this year.

"I thrive on pressure," he said. "If the opportunity for me comes up, I will perform. I know Francis doesn't want to lose another NCAA, so I hope I can win it for him."

"If not this year, then maybe next year."

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