

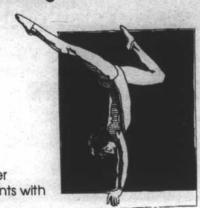
# **NEBRASKA**

**Women's Gymnastics** 

Catch the UNL Women Gymnasts in action as they take on the Missouri Tigers.

FRIDAY Jan. 28 7:30 p.m. **Bob Devaney Sports Center** 

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## Gymnasts look to continue roll

#### Conference play begins with dual against Mizzou

By Trevor Parks Staff Reporter

The Nebraska women's gymnastics team hopes to continue its early season success tonight when the Cornhuskers play host to Missouri in a dual at 7:30 p.m.

The Huskers, 2-0, with dual wins over Southeast Missouri State and Illinois, are looking to remain consistent in tonight's meet, which will take place in the Bob Devaney Sports Center track area.

"We just need to continue what we've been doing," coach Dan Kendig said.

Kendig said the emergence of freshmen Kim DeHaan and Shelly Bartlett had helped the Huskers start off well.

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— Kendig NU women's gymnastics coach

"They've done really well," Kendig said. "They have been contributing and have kept great atti-tudes. I think they'll continue to do well.

DeHaan and Bartlett recorded personal bests in the all-around against Southeast Missouri State. DeHaan finished third in the allaround with a 38.275, while Bartlett finished fourth with 36.825.

In the win over the Otahkians, sophomore Joy Taylor won the allaround with a personal-best 38.475, while teammate Nicole Duval finished second with a 38.45.

The Tigers, who are ranked 20th in the nation, are led by junior Kellie Copeland, who finished sec-ond behind Nebraska's Jennifer Hawkinson at last year's Big Eight Championships.

"Missouri's been scoring around the 187 mark," Kendig said. "We better not take them lightly."



Nebraska's Kim DeHaan performs a difficult routine on the balance beam during the Cornhuskers' win over Southeast Missouri State Saturday.

Although the team is doing well, Kendig said, he wants to see his gymnasts become more consistent in their routines on the balance

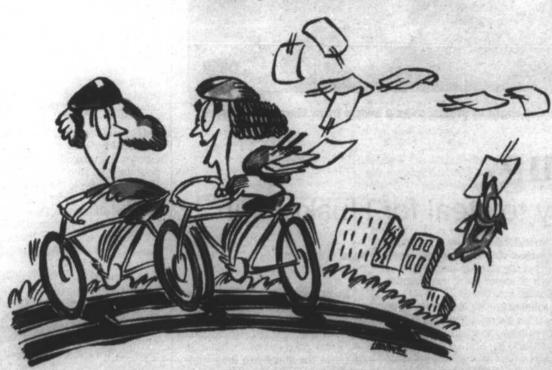
Kristi Camp may be able to help with her coach's problem. The junior finished first in both duals this year in the balance beam, including tying a personal best with

a 9.80 against Southeast Missouri State.

After this Friday's dual, the Huskers make their second road trip of the season when they face 1993 Big Eight champion Oklahoma Feb. 6 in Norman, Okla.

'In the next three weeks we'll get an idea of what kind of team we have," Kendig said.

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ers from shooting the long shots.

"Absolutely not," he said. "That'd be like a lawyer that stops going to the courtroom because he lost a case. We are going to shoot. If that's creeping into your minds, forget it. That'd be

ers will be trying to avoid losing back-to-back home games for the first time since the 1989-90 sea-son, when they lost by 19 to Oklahoma State and by 22 to Oklahoma. Nebraska's 16-point loss at the hands of Missouri on Monday was the

worst home loss since the 22-point loss to the Sooners four years ago.

Nee said the Huskers needed a win to get back in contention for the NCAA tournament. He said he was not discouraged by the recent play of the Huskers, as long as they snapped our of their slump soon.

"We are not a top 25 team," Nee said. "I didn't say we don't want to be a top 25 team, but I know realistically how good my basketball team is.

"I think to be 12-4, we're on target to navigate ourselves to be successful at the end of the year. We are trying to navigate ourselves to get in a position to make the tournament."

### Strickland

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Strickland leads the team and is second in the Big Eight with 43 steals. Strickland also leads the team with 63

Strickland said his priorities on the court had not changed, but with Nebraska's lack of size, he had adjusted certain aspects of his game.

"Defense is still the pride," he said. "It's pretty much the same as last year, only I've had to up my produc-tion in certain areas like rebounds."

Strickland said Nebraska needed to turn on the afterburners heading toward the final stretch of the season.

"We're only two games back, and that means nothing right now," he said. "We just have to make up for a couple of games somewhere along the way. Missouri was in the same position at this time last year, and they went on the skids. It just matters who plays the best at the end."

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get back into it," Allen said. "We use the first part of the season to give us an indication of where we are at. The rest has been good for us."

Allen said junior Richard Grace, who severely sprained his ankle Nov. 27 in the Rocky Mountain Open, was about 90 percent healthy and would

perform this weekend.

Allen said Nebraska would use the meet as a testing ground to prepare for future competition.

"With as much seniority as we have, we should be in good shape this weekend," Allen said. "We'll use this to see where we are and get ready for

some of our tougher meets.
"We have Ohio State coming into Lincoln (on March 13). When the first rankings come out, I would expect us and them to be No. 1 and No. 2.