### NU golfers 12th after first day

From Staff Reports

Led by Rachelle Tacha, who shot rounds of 40 and 35, the Nebraska women's golf team finished 12th in the first day of competition at the Pioneer Electric Bruin Classic in Menifee, Calif., Tuesday.

A senior from Manhattan, Kan., Tacha tied for 12th overall with a firstday total of 75. As a team, the Cornhuskers shot a 317.

Oregon ranks first among the 18team field with a score of 299. Stanford shot a 304 and is in second. Tulsa, New Mexico State and Arizona State round out the top five.

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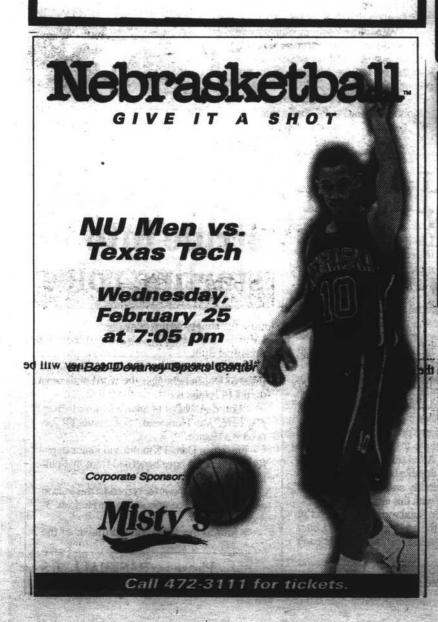
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## Walk-ons stride ahead and into Husker lineup

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year, is hitting .375 for the Huskers. In this past weekend's sweep of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee,

Kimura hit two home runs in NU's first victory Saturday.

"I'm seeing the ball pretty good right now." said Kimura, who has six hits and three RBIs in 16

Kimura started at third base last weekend for the first time this sea-

son, replacing senior Clifton Durham. 'Coach Van Horn said he was going to give me a chance, and he just wanted me to show him that I wanted to play there," Kimura said. "I was just pretty happy I got the chance to play."

Kimura played left field during the Huskers' series against Minnesota Feb. 15-16, but said he feels more comfortable at third base.

Larsen also is appreciative just to have the chance to play.

Larsen transferred to Nebraska fter playing two seasons for Oklahoma Baptist. He played in the 1996 NAIA College World Series and hit .368 for the Bison in 57 at bats.

"I wanted to come back home to lay," said Larsen, who graduated from Millard South High School. "I'm just happy to come and play for your home school and be able to play for

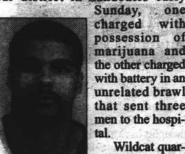
For the season Larsen has played in all six games - starting five - and is hitting .364. Larsen has hit three doubles and knocked in three runs. He also leads the team with seven walks.

"I just went out there and did my best," Larsen said. "I wanted to make contact and put myself in situations that allowed me to drive in some runs."

Both players said they haven't regretted their decisions to walk-on, even though both were offered scholarships to play at other schools.

### 2 KSU athletes are charged in separate crimes

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) - Two of Kansas State's star athletes left a bar district in handcuffs early



possession of marijuana and the other charged with battery in an unrelated brawl that sent three men to the hospi-

terback Michael Bishop, 21, was

charged with two counts of aggravated battery and one count of battery. One victim's tooth was broken, and it took 38 stitches to close the cuts on another victim's face.

A few blocks away, basketball player Manny Dies, 20, was arrested after police stopped his car and allegedly found marijuana, alcohol and related items. He was charged with one count each of possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, transporting an open container and obstruction of the legal

Police stopped Dies' car after a passenger was spotted drinking what appeared to be beer, Riley County Police Department Director Alvin Johnson said Monday. Dies' car stopped and then apparently drove off when a police officer instructed Dies to move out of traffic, Johnson said. The car traveled a few blocks and was stopped by campus police.

Riley County Police released both Sunday, Bishop on \$3,000 bond and Dies on \$1,500.

# Gymnast living out dream

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One thing that most people can understand is Leiter's desire to become

Allen, who has coached 11 Olympians, said he thinks Leiter has the potential to be an Olympian.

"He has to mature, but he has time," Allen said.

Leiter said ever since he watched the 1988 Olympics - where four of the American gymnasts were former NU gymnasts - he has wanted to be an

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"It meant something to me because I saw these guys every day," Leiter said.

The Olympics may be in Leiter's future, but he wants to worry about col-

"I will take it day by day and month by month," Leiter said. "These experiences will help make me a seasoned

Leiter's next experiences will be Friday against Minnesota and Sunday at home against New Mexico and

# Nebraska hopes '98 brings first-ever invite to NCAAs

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Newcomer of the Year last season and had a team-low 75.66 stokes per round in the fall.

The native of Oslo, Norway, has the opportunity to become the best NU golfer in history if she continues to improve her short game, Krapfl

The long hitter off the tee for Nebraska is Gretchen Doerr. The junior advanced into the lineup after improving almost six strokes on her

average score from last season. Krapfl said Doerr will occupy the fourth or fifth spot in the Huskers' starting rotation.

Sophomore Elizabeth Bahensky rounds out the lineup. She was a member of the Big 12 All-Tournament Team last season. Senior Denise Woodard and freshmen Amy and Susie Kiene also could see time in the rotation, Krapfl said.

The Big 12 Conference could be a hotbed of competition this season, Krapfl said. Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Missouri and Oklahoma State figure to be in the hunt for the league's best team, along with NU.

We're right in the mix with all of the teams," Krapfl said. "It's pretty even talent-wise; it comes down to who plays the best."

The same can be said on a national level. Krapfl said the Huskers have been on the verge of a bid for some time, and have their best chance to qualify for the NCAA Championships this season.

"We're getting better and closer all the time," she said. "If we play like we're capable, we'll get there."

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