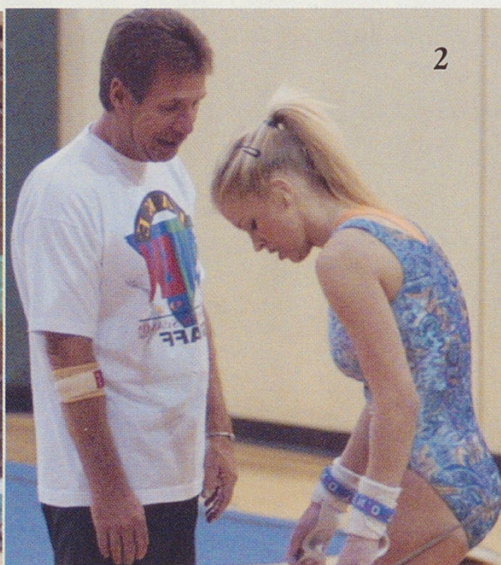
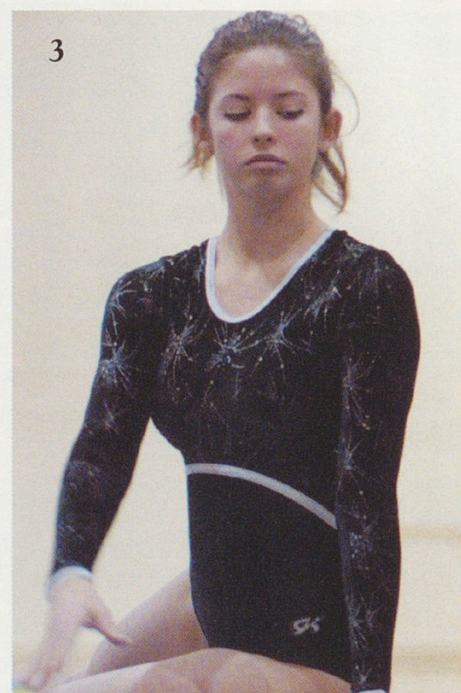


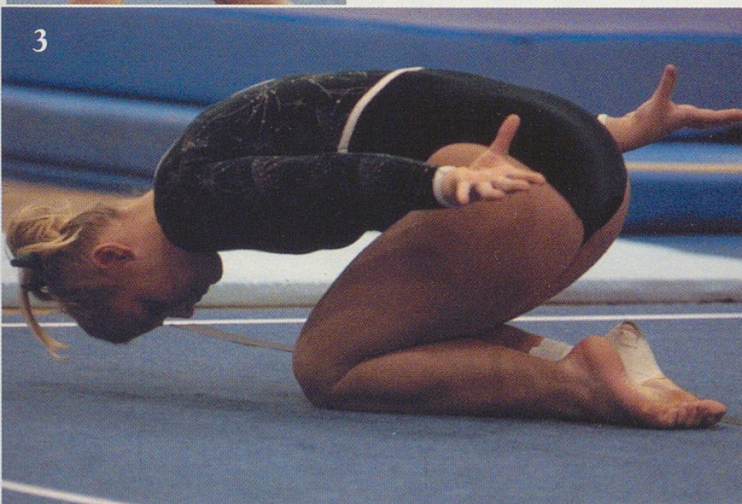
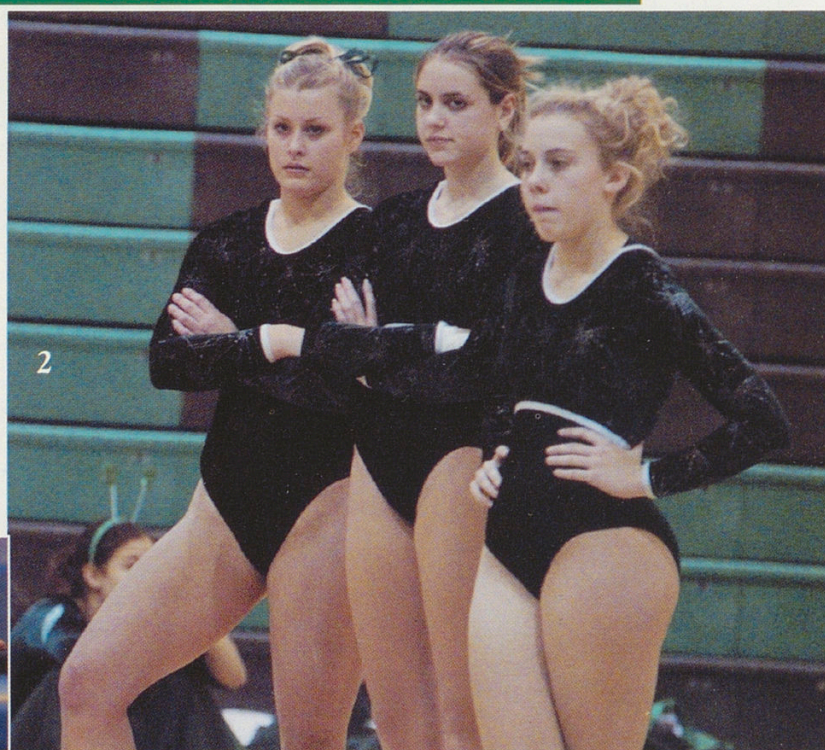
1. **Jumping on the balance beam.** Krista Wesselkamper, 10, plays a key part in the gymnastics team. Her strong performances keep the standards of the team up throughout the season.



2. **Coach Ed Schwegler gives Erika Chrapliwy, 12, a little pep talk before her bar routine.** Chrapliwy has been a gymnast for 10 years, just as most of the girls on the team have been gymnasts since they were little girls. This kind of experience from all the girls gives the team an edge that not all other teams in their league possess. 3. **Poised and collected.** Rachel Washburn, 9, looks completely natural on the four inch surface of the balance beam. Washburn fits right into the team after joining the team in January. Washburn moved to Cincinnati from her home in Wichita, Kansas halfway through her freshman year.



1. **An elegant pose.** During her floor performance, Carrie Herrell, 10, pauses for a smooth transition to her next pass. The girls use this time to recollect their thoughts and renew their composure before they go into their next combination of tumbles. 2. **Watching from the sidelines.** Teammates Christina Terilli, 11, Carrie Herrell, 10, and Krista Wesselkamper, 10, take a break from their meet to watch their peers perform. This is a time for the girls to learn from their teammates. 3. **Getting down to the mat.** Performing her floor routine is a serious matter to Christina Terilli, 11. She never leaves out an element of artistic expression.



"One of our ways to bond as a team was spending Friday night together before a big meet. We would eat a big pasta dinner and then go to the basketball game together. They were always a lot of fun," Christina Terilli, 11.

