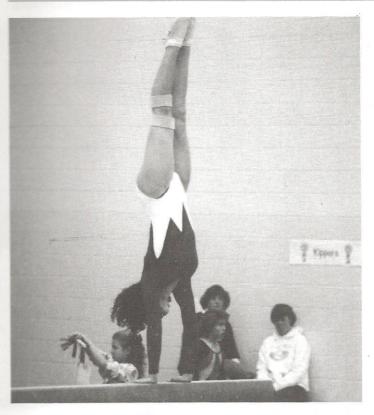
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Jennie shows her agility on the balance beam during a gymnastics competition.

Going for Gold

Making it to the Top

One of the main goals of any freshman was to fit into the high school scene. Freshman Jennifer Kaye had twice the pressure; she not only had to fit in, but she had to play the role of the rising aymnast.

Jennifer got her start in gymnastics when her father, a coach, asked her to join the class; she has been at it ever since. In the beginning, she considered gymnastics only a part-time sport. She soon began devoting two to three hours a day to gymnastics class in Charleston.

Jennifer also had to maintain a good average at school for her competitions, having to play "catch up" in her classes when she returned. "My teachers were always considerate, and my friends understood when I could not be with them on the weekends," she said.

Jennifer's hard work and determination has paid off because she has ranked first in the state for the past five years, second in the nation on the bars, and third on the vault. She has dreams of competing in the 1992 Olympics. After graduation she hopes to coach, like her father, or become a doctor. Jennifer adds, "It takes a lot of commitment and sacrifice, but if you're really into something, it doesn't seem to matter."

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