



1980's Miss Nebraska . . . Rebecca Staab

Photo by Mark Billingsley

Miss Nebraska cites charity as goal

By Lori Merryman

Representing Nebraska in the Miss USA pageant next month will be UNL freshman Rebecca Staab, 18.

Staab, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Staab of Omaha, won the Miss Nebraska title April 5, in Omaha.

The 27 finalists in the pageant were chosen from 200 applicants. The delegates were judged on swimsuit competition, personal interviews, impromptu questions, poise, evening gown competition and personal speech.

"I don't want to use the title just as a prestige item," Staab said, "but I want to really make something out of it by representing Nebraska well."

The Miss USA pageant will be in Biloxi, Miss. from April 30 to May 16, and will be broadcast live on CBS-TV Thursday, May 15.

Miss Nebraska will compete against 50 delegates for the Miss USA title. The winner will then advance

to Miss Universe competition.

The 51 contestants will be judged on swimsuit, state costume, evening gown and personality competitions.

By April 25, Staab said, she must finish her school work and take her finals in order to leave for the pageant. She said between the two competitions she has had about 20 days to get everything in order. This includes work on her state costume, evening gown and other clothing for the pageant.

Since Nebraska has no state director for the title, Staab said she will determine and pay for all her appearances.

She said she would like many of her performances as Miss Nebraska to be for philanthropic activities such as Easter Seals and March of Dimes. Staab is a member of Delta Gamma sorority. She was accepted as a member of Alpha Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. Recently the Mortar Board named her an honorary freshman.

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