

Homecoming selection to begin

# Seniors' coup d'etat ousts juniors

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Thanks to a split decision by the 1984 Homecoming Committee, the class of 1985 will get another chance.

King and Queen candidates for the Homecoming celebration, which will end Oct. 4 at halftime of the Nebraska-Oklahoma State football game, will have to be seniors this fall.

In the past, only juniors were eligible for the candidacy, but that was changed to make a special honor available to senior students, Steve Blum said, chairman of the Homecoming royalty committee and a former Homecoming king.

"Everything good that will happen to you here usually happens in your junior year," Blum said. "Juniors get more than their share of the honors. We thought it would benefit the organizations to go to the seniors."

Seniors, Blum said, would have the rest of the junior year to reap any awards and honors or participate in more activities that could be used to influence the committee's choice for the nine royalty candidates.

The Homecoming committee, which is formed from representatives of campus organizations and former members-at-large, voted to make the change after turning down another proposal that would have made this year's junior class eligible with the seniors.

"(The committee) thought about a transition year, but decided to change it now so next year's committee wouldn't have to mess with it," Blum said.

The selection process of the 1984 royalty will begin next week, when campus organizations are expected to nominate their candidates.

An interview committee made up of Homecoming committee members and some community members will screen each ap-

plication. "Basically, we're looking for service to the university, community activities, position in organizations and academics," Blum said. Applicants will have to write essays explaining why they would like to be Homecoming royalty.  
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# Child prodigy writes book on astronomy

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"Wonders of Space" lies shelved at the Riley Elementary School library, while in the same building, its author attends the fourth grade.

Eight-year-old Michelle Stucky

classes. She said she prefers math, especially geometry. She said she dislikes reading because she doesn't like to write book reports.

According to her mother, Joyce, Michelle was reading by the time she was four.

"She's looked through encyclopedias since she was able to turn the page," said her father, Harlan.

Stucky said she thrived on the animal pictures. Michelle intends to become a veterinarian, although she hasn't decided where she is going to college.

Besides her dog, Butch, Michelle owns two rabbits, Scarlet and Princess. She happily reported the rabbits won purple, blue and red ribbons at the county fair earlier this month.

"We're proud of her in almost anything she does," Stucky said.

## Profile

of Lincoln chose astronomy as the subject for her 29-page book because "it was a suggestion from my math mentor," she said.

Jan Stallcup, Michelle's math and science tutor, has since aided Michelle in a six-week study on the effects of dairy products in rats and a three-week project resulting in a 20-minute slide presentation on embryology.

All three projects are part of Michelle's academic program for highly gifted children at Riley. Stallcup said a child must score in excess of 145 on IQ tests to be admitted to the program.

For the first of the three projects, Michelle researched "Wonders in Space" every Tuesday and Thursday for six months. She then wrote, edited and illustrated the book.

Besides participating in the program, Michelle attends regular



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Eight-year-old author Michelle with pet rabbit still enjoys "just being a kid."



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