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Nebraska's Dan Alexander has put his critics' words behind him and emerged as the Huskers' No. 1 I-back. PAGE 9



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Diversity reigns on royal court

BY DANE STICKNEY
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With higher numbers of non-greek and off-campus students, this year's UNL homecoming royal court has a different look.

Traditionally, on-campus greek students have had a strangle-hold on the royal court at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Through the homecoming steering committee's efforts, this year's court is more representative of the university's population.

The current batch of royal court members consists of 10 greek students and 10 non-greek students. Last year's court included 20 greeks and only two non-greek students.

Last year, only one of the 22 court members lived off campus. Eight of 20 members live off-campus this year.

Matt Boyd, the ASUN royalty chairman for the homecoming steering committee, said no changes were made in the selection process. Instead, the committee focused on getting more people to apply.

"We made a big effort to advertise and urge people who are not greek and live off campus to apply for royalty," he said. "Greek houses know about it and will apply every year. But it hasn't been part of other students' thoughts, so they blow it off as a greek thing."

Boyd, a senior broadcast journalism major, said the homecoming committee

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tried to target places where non-greek students would spend time, including the Campus Recreation Center.

"We tried to get the idea out there for people," he said. "As a result, we got a good cross-section of people to apply."

Boyd also credited applicants for taking the initiative to apply.

Chris Linder, chairwoman of the homecoming steering committee, said her committee set up a booth in the union and sent out universitywide e-mail to attract a mix of applicants.

"Applications were due last spring, so we did the recruiting last year," she said. "We worked hard to make sure people knew about it early."

Students must go through a rigorous

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Degree checks may see change

■ New degree audit system may eventually replace manual checks.

BY VERONICA DAEHN
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The creation of a degree audit system designed to speed up the senior check process is now under way.

The senior check, which all seniors must go through to ensure they have the necessary credit hours completed for their degrees, is currently done by hand.

But Donna Liss, director of information systems and services, said her office is working with the university's colleges to set up an electronic Degree Audit Reporting System to supplement the human workers.

"The degree audit system tries to take what the checkers are doing manually and make it electronic," Liss said.

The new system would not entirely replace the manual checks that are

done now. Instead, Liss said, it would allow undergraduates the chance to see where they stand before the last minute.

Graduating seniors will still go through the manual check before they graduate, but students will be able to use the computers to check their standing as early as their freshman year.

Liss said seniors need to use the human checkers because computers are not as accurate and still do not "know" some things, like what classes substitute for other classes.

Earl Hawkey, director of registration and records, said his office does plan on eventually using the electronic system for the entire process.

The registrar hopes to use it for both the preliminary check a year before graduation and the final check the semester students plan to graduate - when it is advanced enough to do so.

Liss said the timeline for implementing the degree audit system depends on each individual college.

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'The most beautiful slight'



LANE HICKENBOTTOM/DN
ARMY ROTC CADET Ron Hustwit, a philosophy graduate student, salutes the flag during the POW/MIA Ceremony on Thursday at the Veterans Memorial Gardens in Antelope Park. The ceremony, held by the Arnold Air Society, an honorary Air Force ROTC group, is an annual gathering to remember military personnel who were prisoners of war or are missing in action. PLEASE SEE STORY ON PAGE 6

UNL professor dedicated to queen

BY KIMBERLY SWEET
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Carole Levin remembers her first contact with Queen Elizabeth I.

Accompanying her mother to the local library as a child, Levin remembers randomly pulling the virgin queen's biography off the shelf to read during one of their weekly trips.

Levin quickly became enraptured in the book.

"Her biography enamored me," Levin said.

But finishing the first book she read on Elizabeth didn't end the University of Nebraska-Lincoln history professor's fascination.

Instead, it sparked a career dedicated to spreading knowledge of the life of Elizabeth and other women in medieval and Renaissance history.

Her passion for teaching and researching Elizabeth - as well as other historical British figures - was

rewarded this fall when she was named a fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

The British society elects historians who specialize in British history to be fellows.

It is a prestigious honor for a UNL professor to have, said Dane Kennedy, history department chairman.

"It is noteworthy because she is a

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