

# HOMECOMING

# 1999 MEET THE CANDIDATES

The 1999 list of Homecoming Royal Court candidates from diverse university backgrounds led to a diverse list of answers reflecting campus life through the eyes of students who live off campus, in residence halls and, of course, in greek houses.

One common theme was the ongoing lack of parking, although none of the students mentioned what they thought Jesus would do about it. Another represented a call for more student/faculty interaction and what it will take to make that happen. And another answered with the part of the "student body" they represented, showing a sense of humor and giving the Daily Nebraskan a laugh.

Using the seven questions, we learned about each of the candidates - what they want to change, what they want to keep the same and what they've learned throughout their time spent roaming around the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus.

Here we present those answers to you.

The following questions were asked of the candidates, with selected responses printed below.

1. What do you see as the most pressing issue at UNL and why?
2. What has been your greatest contribution to UNL?
3. What can student leaders do to be more involved with UNL students and faculty?
4. What aspect of the student body do you feel you represent? Why?
5. What is the most important lesson you've learned from being an involved student?
6. What song would you pick as UNL's alma mater? Why?
7. Moeser vs. Solich in a fight. Who wins and why?

THE BIGGEST ■ THE BEST ■ THE LAST OF THE CENTURY



**Philip Erdman**  
Agricultural leadership, education and communication major, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, College of

**Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources advisory board**  
Bayard

1. Ensuring that students are the top priority from athletics, including tickets, to academic opportunities. Oh yeah, we need a place to park, too.
2. Coordinating the second annual Burr Hall Bull Fry, where we united the campus to raise \$2,100 for Adrian Regier. This event brought together many different groups for a single cause:

**Mark Rentschler**  
Mechanical engineering major  
Neihardt Residence Hall Council treasurer, Habitat for Humanity  
Atkinson



5. A leader isn't always the one out in front. Sometimes it's better to simply lead by example and push the group from behind.
7. Solich by K.O. in the first round. Anybody that can play college fullback at 165 pounds gets my vote!



**Gina Todero**  
Biological sciences major  
Student Alumni Association, New Student Enrollment orientation leader  
Omaha

4. I feel I represent the recovering high school nerds just trying to be a normal college student and balance 10 million things at once.

5. I've learned if something doesn't go your way, get over it. Look at failures and obstacles as stepping stones and open windows for the next big opportunity. Life is too short to hold on to bitterness or resentment - instead of placing blame, let it go.

**Molly Egley**  
Communications studies major  
Nebraska Human Resource Institute, Phi Mu Sorority  
Norfolk



2. It's a toss up between the tuition I've paid and the financial contributions I've made to Parking and Transit Services over the years.
4. I'm a pretty good representation of the average student at UNL. I've lived in Nebraska my entire life. I've enjoyed both the residence halls and the greek system. I work, I study, and I get way too stressed out - pretty typical of most students, I'd say.



**Timothy Hodges**  
Agribusiness major  
Chancellor's Leadership Class, Teammates Mentoring Program  
Julian

2. The time and energy spent one-on-one with people out of the spotlight who just need someone to listen.  
7. Who cares? The DN will just make some degrading cartoon anyway!

**Jaime Krondak**  
Fashion merchandising  
NU volleyball team member, "School is Cool" Jam speaker  
Lincoln



1. The separation of various groups of students and organizations. We all can learn so much from each other; barriers need to be broken down.  
6. The theme song from "Cheers." It is a great song that almost everyone knows, and it always seems to bring everyone together at social gatherings.



**Angie Klein**  
Advertising and marketing major, Alpha Phi Sorority, Student Alumni Association  
Battle Creek

1. I think the biggest problem at UNL pertains to many other universities around the country as well. Students don't come to college with a desire to become experts in their fields anymore but just as the next step in their job search. The unfortunate thing is professors are falling into this and not challenging their students.  
3. Date them.

**Matt Meyer**  
Community health education major, Delta Tau Delta Fraternity president, Heartland Big Brothers/Big Sisters  
Lexington



2. I would have to say about \$259 in parking fines.  
4. I represent the hard-working, fun-loving student who strives to find a balance between academics, involvement, work and a social life. I say that because I have to work hard to make the grade, pay for school and be involved.



**Jeff Whitney**  
Environmental studies major  
Innocents Society, Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity  
North Platte

1. The struggle to increase the academic excellence and reputation at UNL while at the same time keeping tuition low is the most pressing issue. This is something that affects everyone.  
2. When I saw that the (Nebraska) Union construction was behind schedule, I just decided to roll up my sleeves one night and go ahead and finish it for them.



**Logan Veath**  
Accounting major  
Student Assistant - Schramm Residence Hall, Army ROTC  
Chadron

3. The first thing student leaders need to do is become part of the advisory board of their respective college, that is what the advisory boards are for. Secondly, they need to listen to the students and use that information to inform faculty. Thus faculty can tailor a plan to improve college for students.  
7. At first glance, Solich looks like he would tear Chancellor Moeser in two. However, Moeser is a technician and slick. Solich would stomp Moeser in the first rounds. Moeser would keep away from Solich then whoop up on him in the later rounds. The fight would go 12 rounds, Moeser wins on a split decision.

**Sarah Scheerger**  
Exercise science major  
Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority, Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Student Association  
Lincoln



2. The money I have donated to UNL, through my fees and tuition bills; and I have set up a separate contribution fund to parking services.  
4. Any student who has worked to help pay for their education, any student who has lived both on- and off-campus, any student who cares about the university and making an impact and any student who can take a break and have fun!

**Stacey Duncan**  
Psychology major  
Chi Omega Sorority president, Emerging Leaders teaching assistant  
Maryville, Missouri

3. Find something that motivates you on campus and work hard at it. Include UNL students and faculty in your vision.  
7. Moeser, because his strong piano hands would make a quick punch.

**Trisha Meuret**  
Broadcasting major  
Mortar Board, Student Alumni Association  
Brunswick



5. Care about your grades, but not to the extent that it would ever interfere with your social life.  
7. I'm going with the underdog here and picking Moeser. Mr. Burns (of "The Simpsons") always wins, right? I think there are a lot of parallels between the two.

**Laura Schweer**  
Psychology major  
Phi Mu Sorority, Golden Key Honor Society  
Atlantic, Iowa

3. I think I represent the typical UNL student who gets up early to take a full load of classes, works to earn money for school, attends meetings, studies and then goes to bed late realizing I still didn't get enough done! I represent the student who needs a 26 hour day!  
6. As an ode to DeAngelo Evans... "One More Try" by Brian McKnight (wouldn't ya love one!) or anything NOT by Mannheim Steamroller.

**Kim Gradoville**  
Chemistry and mathematics secondary education major, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, NU Directions Student Advisory Council  
Rapid City, S.D.



1. Parking. Driving around from lot to lot puts people in a bad mood for the rest of the day. Battling

your (fellow) students for an open spot creates a hostile environment all around.

3. Don't use leadership positions as a line on a resume but as an opportunity to communicate with a large number of students and faculty and share ideas so we all can work together and make changes.



**Brian Opplinger**  
Mathematics and management major, Residence Hall Association treasurer, Alpha Kappa Psi Business Fraternity  
Hastings

4. I think I best represent the inner thigh. I'm extremely sensitive, exceedingly muscular, and I am generally warmer covered by a pair of jeans than a miniskirt.

6. Why would anyone possibly want to get rid of the one we have now? (Sarcasm intended.)

**Brad Reynolds**  
Dietetics major  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, co-coordinator for Eating Disorders Awareness and Prevention Student Association  
Omaha



1. Aside from Pepsi vs. Coke and the endless parking issue, I think there is a communication gap between students and faculty that needs to be narrowed. Some students do not know where to go to inquire about curriculum issues, and some students are shut out.

7. Coach Solich. I think Solich is the shorter of the two, and I will always stick with the short guy.

**Kevin Naujokaitis**  
Mechanical engineering major  
ASUN Speaker, College of Engineering and Technology Student Advisory Board  
Omaha

4. Toes. I like my toes and think they are pretty representative. Go Big Red.  
3. Simply attend student and faculty sponsored events. The more you get to know people, the more you understand them.

**Todd Franzen**  
Agricultural education and agriculture business major, Student Alumni Association, Alpha Gamma Sigma Fraternity  
Leigh



5. I've learned that one person can make a difference. I first believed that at a large university it would be difficult to reach out to students as a leader. I've learned that anyone with desire and vision can impact others.

6. "You've Got to Fight for Your Right to Party" by the Beastie Boys. With societal pressures forcing student life to alter its traditions, no song represents student concerns to have fun better. And who wouldn't enjoy listening to the band or Scarlet and Cream perform this alma matter?

**Jill Braband**  
Business major  
Association of Students of the University of Nebraska senator, Project CARE - Creating an Alcohol Responsible Environment  
Cedar Rapids

3. Get Involved! The first step in being more involved with UNL students and faculty is to actually choose to become involved. The rest will follow.

6. OK. I'll spread the cheese thick. I think it should be "What a Wonderful World" by Louie Armstrong because UNL is a place with endless opportunities. How's that for cheesy?!