

# UNL senior gets spot on All-USA Academic Team

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Last month, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student found out she was among the nation's academic elite.

Laura Schweer, a senior psychology major, was selected to be one of 60 members of USA TODAY's All-USA College Academic Team in February.

More than 800 students applied for one of 20 spots on the Academic first team. Forty students were also named to the second and third teams.

Schweer, named to the third team, said she thought her work with eating disorder programs and her high GPA earned her the honor.

"It's cool," she said.

Schweer's main project this year has been SHINE, an eating disorders education program.

Students Helping Individuals Nurture Esteem is a program Schweer started last summer that trains peer educators how to teach others about eating disorders.

Rebecca Faber, a pre-law and honors adviser, nominated Schweer for the award.

"(Schweer) is an outstanding student," Faber said. "Her campus programs about body image have been exceptional. She's made a major contribution to the university, and she should be recognized for it."

Faber said she was ecstatic when she heard Schweer had made the third team.

"I am delighted she is being recognized nationally for the work she has done on our campus," Faber said. "It was gratifying."

Schweer will graduate in May and said she will enter graduate school in the fall to pursue a doctorate degree in clinical psychology.

She will specialize in eating disorder therapy.

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Schweer said USA TODAY sent her a leather-bound certificate that looked like a diploma to commemorate her selection.

"It was a neat honor to be in a national paper," she said. "It's good recognition for Nebraska, too."

Schweer was the only Nebraska resident to be selected for the Academic Team; most of the students chosen were from the East Coast, she said.

Faber doesn't think the lack of Midwestern students is because of geography, she said.

"It's not that we don't have the caliber of students (in the Midwest)," Faber said. "People are busy in academic positions, and you have to have the time to do the nomination process."

Schweer said she was involved in other things on campus besides SHINE.

She was president of Phi Mu Sorority last year and membership director for a year before that.

In 1999, she was president of the Eating Disorder Prevention and Education group.

Because Schweer has a 4.0 GPA and a strong record of campus involvement, Faber said she was an excellent student and deserved the recognition from USA TODAY.

"She's someone we should keep our eye on," Faber said. "She's going to be one of our successful alums."

## Ordinance called vague

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In the eventual trial, Babydolls and Ways will try to get the ordinance thrown out permanently.

No verdict on the preliminary injunction has been issued, though one is expected within the next day or two.

The plaintiffs called three witnesses Wednesday, including Ways and Monya DeBoer, a current dance major at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

DeBoer testified that ballet lifts sometimes involve touching of a sexual nature.

"I have had numerous male dancers slip with their hands on purpose," she said, thus making the contact sexual.

The plaintiffs' argument was that the ordinance was so vague it could cover activities such as ballet dancing.

When Ways took the witness stand, he reiterated his view that the ordinance was too vague to go into effect.

"After reading the statute several times, I don't think the statute has a clear meaning," he said.

The city's defense said the possibility of taking an ordinance beyond its intended purpose does not necessarily make it nonviable.

The injunction would unnecessarily thwart the democratic process, and Babydolls had not proved any harm had been done because of the ordinance, it was argued.

The ordinance is in effect now, but Ways is not changing operations at Babydolls, 5600 Cornhusker Highway.

"It is business as usual for the staff and crew of Mataya's Babydolls," Ways said Wednesday night.

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— ELECTION 2000 —

# Grogan touts passion for state

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U.S. Senate candidate George Grogan said Wednesday night he wants to join the Senate to help Nebraskans live the American dream.

Grogan spoke to a group of University of Nebraska-Lincoln students at a College Republicans meeting.

The former owner of a life insurance agency said his family has lived the American dream.

"I sold my company to run for the Senate," Grogan said. "If I lose this race, I'm out of business. But I have a passion to serve the people of Nebraska."

If elected, Grogan said he would push for a tax cut across the board.

With more money in circulation, the economy would do better, he said.

The extra money from the tax cuts would be used to reduce property taxes on farmers and small businesses, Grogan said.

Teacher pay would also be increased.

Grogan said he earned more money working in an iron factory 38 years ago than entry-level teachers do now.

"We cannot afford to have bad teachers in our schools," he said.

Principals should have the right to financially reward good teachers and automatically fire bad teachers, Grogan said.

After attending high school in California, Grogan served in the U.S. Navy for four years.

He was not drafted and then went

to work at an iron factory, he said.

After breaking his back and both legs in a factory accident, Grogan enrolled at the University of Nebraska at Kearney where he joined a fraternity but never graduated from college.

Still, Grogan said he was confident he would not only win the Republican nomination but also beat out Democrat Ben Nelson for the Senate seat.

"I can win this race," he said. "I'm not a farmer. I'm a businessman. I'm the only one in this race who can beat Ben Nelson."

Grogan said he would work to improve national defense and trade relations with China.

He said he was Catholic, anti-abortion and against research on tissue from aborted fetuses.

Jessica Meier, a sophomore business administration major, came to the meeting to learn more about Grogan's views, she said.

"I saw the Grogan commercials on TV and wanted to see what he was all about," Meier said. "I was impressed with some things, but he could have researched some things more."

Meier said she wished Grogan would have spent more time on the property tax issue because it is a hard thing to deal with.

Grogan seemed rushed, Meier said. The registered Republican said she plans on researching and following the other Republican candidates as well.

Because Grogan sold his life insurance agency to run for the Senate, he will not have a job to fall back on should he lose the election.

But he said he's not worried.

"I want people to know the difference between a career politician and myself," Grogan said. "I can win this race. I don't want to sound arrogant."

"I want to sound confident because I am."

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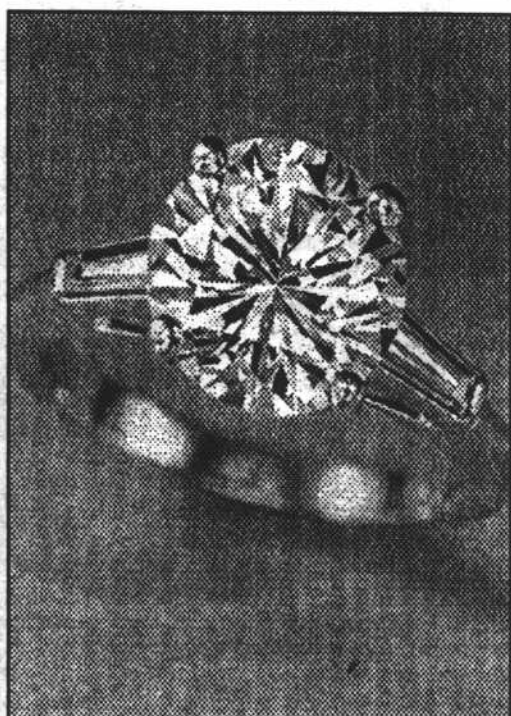
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