



Photo by Gail Folda

A crowd of about 60 UNL minority students marched through downtown Lincoln Friday with costumes, chants and signs to protest the celebration of Columbus Day. The protest, led by black, Indian, Chicano and white students, began at the State Historical Society museum. Protestors called the holiday "absurd" and a history book myth that should be changed. See story and photos, Page 3.

Doctors ordered to halt non-University abortion

By Steve Arvanette

Two doctors at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) in Omaha will be forced to stop performing abortions in places other than the University hospital or sever their jobs with the University as a result of a decision made Friday by the Board of Regents.

It appeared the decision to return the two UNMC physicians to full-time status and under stringent rules prohibiting outside abortion practice resulted in considerable private discussion.

Board members delayed their informal Thursday night meeting for an hour to meet privately with an attorney representing the two doctors.

The start of Friday's regular monthly meeting was 45 minutes late in starting because of another executive session at which NU President D.B. Varner and Medical Center Chancellor Robert Sparks were present.

At their July meeting, the board agreed to place Drs. Marvin Dietrich and George Orr on three-fourths time status with the medical center for a three-month trial basis.

The two doctors then opened a private clinic a short distance from the medical center to perform abortions. The clinic has come under criticism and was picketed by the organization Right to Life.

The resolution to return the two physicians to full-time status and in full compliance with University rule, came against the recommendations of Sparks.

When the issue officially came before Friday's meeting, Sparks recommended continuing the part-time status until June 30, 1974.

"They are performing their duties appropriately and complying with the

stipulations set forth by the board," he told the regents.

Regent Ed Schwartzkopf's motion to adopt Sparks' recommendation was killed on a 6-1 vote. Regent Robert Koeft then presented his motion to return the two doctors to full-time status and in compliance with University rules governing abortions. It was passed unanimously.

As full-time faculty members, the two doctors could be fired if they perform abortions outside of the University hospital.

A \$17.3 million capital construction budget request for 1974-75 was also approved during the 45-minute meeting and sent to the governor.

The capital construction request is not geared to growing enrollment, Varner said. The figure approved represented a cut from the \$20.2 million presented at last month's meeting.

The bulk of the requested money—\$8.6 million—would be for the Lincoln campuses.

First on the priority list for University construction is a partial appropriation of \$3.3 million to begin building an animal disease research center on UNL's East Campus.

The \$7 million project would be completed by a second appropriation in the following year.

By their action, the board again made known their desire to build a complete life sciences building. Gov. J.J. Exon recommended and the 1973 Legislature approved a limited life sciences structure.

The board has decided not to spend \$2.2 million appropriated for the smaller building and request an additional \$3.9 million so the full-sized life sciences building could be constructed.

Goose lays golden egg for UNL sophomore

By Vince Boucher

For UNL sophomore Steve Leth, a goose truly laid a golden egg.

Leth was awarded a \$1,000 savings bond when he became the world's goose calling champion in competition at Missouri Valley, Iowa, Sept. 29 and 30.

Leth placed first in the senior men's division, which is open to men above age 16. He captured top honors in a field of about 40 final contestants, ranging in age from 16 to 60.

"People are kind of curious—they can't comprehend what it's all about," Leth said of his hobby. He became interested in goose calling through his interest in hunting and family background.

Lyle Leth, Steve's father, was the 1963 goose calling champion. Young Leth has been practicing since about age seven, he said. He also took the junior division championship in 1965.

"I just grew up with it and picked up a lot of tips from people around home," he said. He is from St. Paul, Nebr., and hunts as often as he can take time away from the campus.

Leth said he enjoyed the uniqueness of goose calling. He also finds it funny that "you don't always know what you are 'saying' to the goose."

Goose calling is done by forcing air through a pipe-like apparatus which surrounds a reed.

"It's sort of like playing an instrument—it takes time to catch on to it," he said.

In the world competition, sponsored by the Missouri Valley jaycees, Leth called three species of geese. He said the first, the Canada goose, has "a low, base honking sound."

The second was the snow or blue goose which has "a high, screechy sound," he said. The last type was the whitefront goose, which has a more difficult trilled high sound, he said.

Calls during the competition were judged on timing, rhythm, and sound, Leth said. One hundred points are allotted to each call. Leth's winning score was 436, as some of the calls were repeated during the competition.

Leth said goose calling is very effective in attracting geese during hunting. He has been called upon by several sportsmen's groups to speak on the

skill.

Leth said part of the challenge is the variety of goose calls. He gets teased occasionally about his hobby—"people call me goose and quack and stuff like that"—but everyone is always really interested.

Next year Leth will have to compete again as the defending champion. He automatically will be placed in the finals of the competition.

