

UNL, Alabama student leaders exchange ideas, goals

ASUN President Ken Marienau became a lieutenant colonel in the Alabama State Militia and an admiral of the Alabama Navy, Friday at the conclusion of a joint workshop between UNL and the University of Alabama student government leaders in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The Nebraska delegation proudly reciprocated the honors by presenting Jerry DeVaney, Alabama student body president, a big red toilet seat with the inscription "Flush the Tide" and three large Big Red trash cans.

The frivolity ended a day of workshops and discussions on problems common to both schools.

Twenty-six UNL students made the trip to Tuscaloosa where they were hosted by the Alabama student leaders at a lodge on Lake Tuscaloosa.

The group arrived Thursday night in time for "A Nite at the Union" at the Alabama Student Union. A live band, blackjack games and magic shows entertained the students.

Campus pre-civil war

Friday morning, the students toured the campus in a small train. The members agreed it was a beautiful campus, rich with history. The original campus was built before the Civil War and all but four buildings were burned during the war.

The afternoon was spent in sessions with Dr. Robert Miles, Vice President of Student Affairs and with students representing campus organizations.

Pam Fritz, first vice president of the Union Program Council, said she found that the Alabama Union Council and Board have more programs than UNL.

Bob Moodie, ASUN first vice president, met with the Board of Trustees and found that they were self selected and not political trustees, much different than the Board of Regents.

"There is very little student input on their Board," Moodie said, "while UNL students have some."

Share common problems

Student apathy as well as overcrowded housing and parking problems were found to be common, according to Bill Skoneki, RHA president.

Skoneki said he liked the student book exchange which is more elaborate than UNL's and would like to see if it is applicable to UNL.

"Dr. Miles was impressive," Skoneki said. Miles told the leaders they should concentrate on three or four problems during the year.

Marienau said he liked Miles' idea of making the student affairs office, student controlled. UNL is sending Alabama information on the Student Legal Services, the Credit Union and Student Fund Drive.

Bruce Kendall, ASUN treasurer and chairman of the budget and fees committee, found that Alabama's student fees are only \$10.50, but their fee system is different so that the figure is misleading. Though they have three times more money going into their student activities, UNL has more programming.

Alabama also has off-campus associations that help students pay utility deposits.

To summarize, the UNL students said they liked the different philosophy of the school because it is based on how to serve the students.

Myriad of sights and experiences offered at state fair

By Lucy Bighia

So you say you've been seeing things lately? Things like pink elephants, 20 pound-rats (giant French ones, no less), people dangling upside-down, and an occasional loaf of bread walking around—on its own two feet?

It's not an impending nervous breakdown—it's the Nebraska State Fair.

The only danger fair-goers face is possible dislocation of the eyeballs from trying to look in 149 directions at once. But, with a little practice, the head can be trained to swivel completely around, so as not to miss a single thing at this year's fair.

Budding cooks most likely will be interested in some of the rides offered; rides like the "Superloops," "Monster Machine," "Zipper," or the "Mister Twister." These rides all operate on the same principle, they separate the stomach from the body as neatly as a chef removes the yoke from an egg white.

Knocked around

The rides, of course, do this in a much more imaginative way. The passenger (after being read his rights) is lurched, plunged and plummeted, (not to mention jostled, jiggled and jounced), into a stomachless existence.

Future rodeo hopefuls can get in some practice on the ponies—shoulderpads, kneepads, mouthguard and helmet may be furnished for riders under six months old.

And of course there is your basic merry-go-round and roller coaster, two rides that never seem to go out of style.

The newest trend making the rounds in rides this year incorporates the disco beat.

The Himalaya, for example, resembles a disco roller coaster/merry-go-round complete with pulsing lights, siren, and a mirror ball in the middle.

Spinning songs

Riders can pick the ride that offers their favorite hits—from the Stones to Travolta to Radio to the Bee Gees. Disc jockeys spin the records and riders, and ticket-takers

After your ordeal on the rides, you'll undoubtedly be hungry. Fear not, there's a food booth to soothe every lost stomach. How about a caramel apple, ice cream cone, taco, frozen yogurt push-up, foot long, corn dog, super-pretzel, or 18 pound pumpkin?

There's even a booth selling insulation; it's sprayed into a cup, a straw is stuck in, and it foams up like a magic milkshake, guaranteed to keep junior happy for a while.

Feeling guilty after your calorie splurge? How about trying to fool the guesser at the weight-guessing booth?

Win Winnie

One woman, about five feet high and in her mid-forties, decides to risk it. The guesser makes her estimate—164 pounds. Will she be within three pounds of the correct weight? Certainly not, the indignant woman mutters. Before mounting the scale she carefully removes shoes, earrings, watch, purse and wig for a grand total of 170 pounds! Elated, she waddles off with her hard-earned Winnie-the-Pooh.

For the not-so-adventurous fair-goers, a multitude of "safer" booths abound.

At the Astro Turf Booth you can purchase genuine Nebraska bulk turf for a mere \$2.50 a square yard. Or take home a Nebraska cap (Alabama visors available

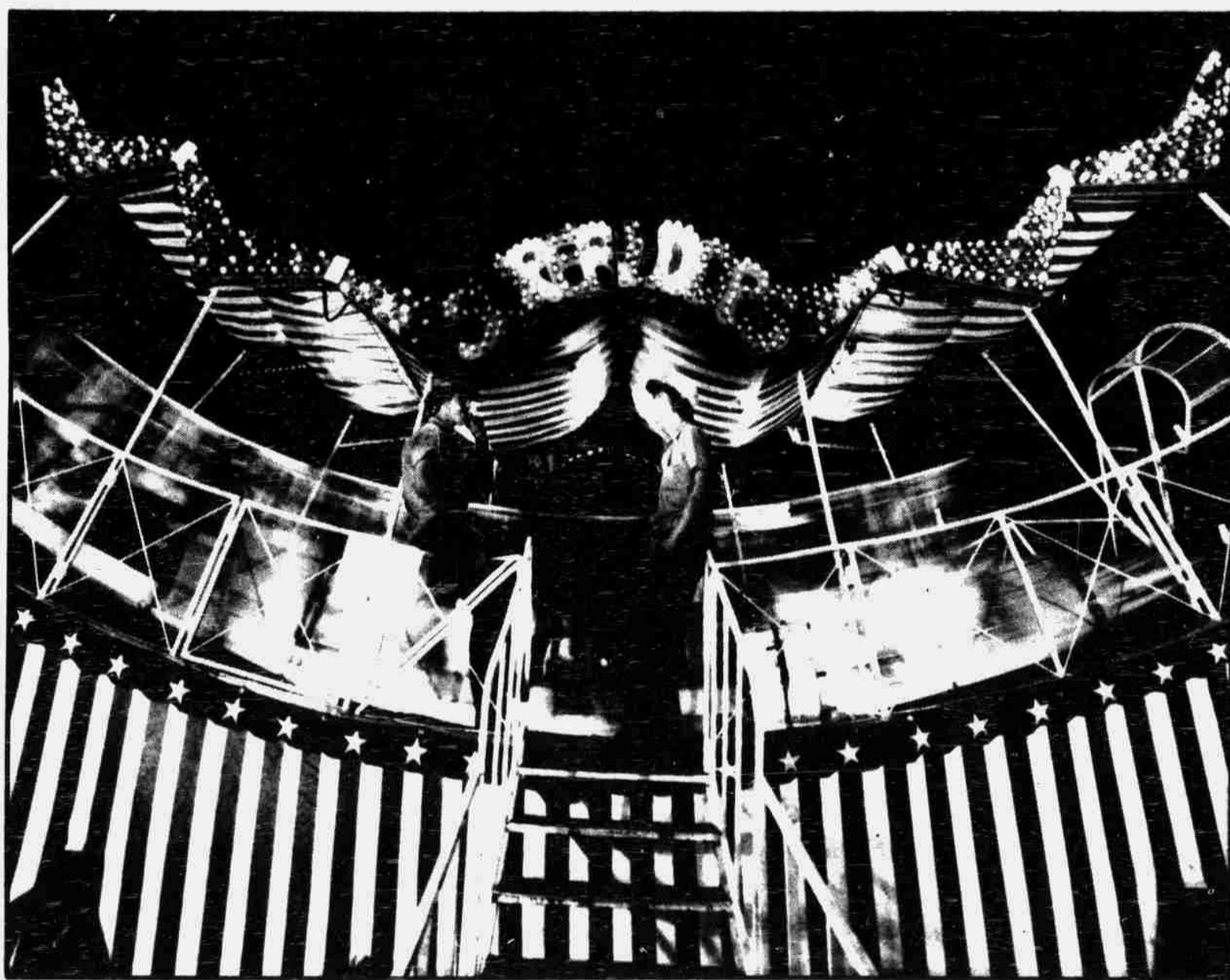


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Midway workers converse as state fair goes spin round on one of the many carnival rides offered at the fair.

upon request), T-shirt, autographed undies or an invisible dog.

Gambler's delight

Gambling enthusiasts will find plenty of ways to lose their money. Simply try to toss the coke tab around the Dr. Pepper bottle, chip the plexi-glass plate with the nerf ball, squirt-gun your way to victory in the model car race, or burst a balloon from 50 paces while blindfolded.

Hard-core gamblers can expect to be disappointed by an occasional win, but don't despair. Just collect your life-size St. Bernard or secret spy decoder ring and move on to the next booth.

Followers of the bizarre and trivia collectors are not outside of their element either. Spectators can ogle the headless girl, the pop-eyed man, the two-headed woman and the human pretzel. Water enthusiasts probably will want to visit the shark booth, which is full of valuable information, such as the fact that sharks are known to leap into fishing boats in search of prey.

4-H excitement

The midway is not the only attraction for fair-goers. 4-H'ers, in their white shirts, jeans and cowboy boots, look forward to the state fair as a chance to display their summer's labors.

A 9-year-old girl is rattin and fluffing her cow's tail into an imitation of Dolly Parton's coiffure—it's the latest style, she explains. Her cow, named "Sven Swenson" (after

a tombstone she once saw), is sure to win, she says.

On the other side of the barns are housed the sheep, looking like so many miniature KKK'ers in their white robes and hoods. After all, the exhibitors don't want all of their scrubbing, shampooing, creme-rinsing and blow-drying to be spoiled by a misplaced "pile."

Kool-Aid circus

After a day's labors, 4-H'ers and fair-goers alike can relax at the Kool-Aid circus in the Grandstand.

There is the usual assortment of clowns, jalopies and baggy underwear, as well as a high-wire act from Colombia, and Norbu, the "almost-human gorilla" from Africa. The circus culminates with a bang as Hugo Zacchini is fired out of his very own cannon.

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