

Homecoming festivities start

UNL's 1978 homecoming celebration begins tonight with a pops concert and continues throughout Saturday with many events, including the crowning of the homecoming royalty at halftime of the Kansas State game.

Tonight's "October Pops" concert, in cooperation with the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, begins a weekend of homecoming activities. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in Pershing Auditorium and will feature music of today and yesteryear along with a medley of Cornhusker favorites.

Tickets still are available for the concert.

KFOR radio's Bill Wood will be master of ceremonies for the event, which will also feature appearances by other celebrities, including UNL Athletic Director Bob Devaney.

This year a special homecoming steering committee has been formed to bring student organizations and alumni groups together to coordinate a variety of homecoming events.

According to Don Cain, homecoming coordinator, the special committee was formed because past committees were loosely organized and homecoming didn't have input from the students, faculty, and community.

Group effort

"This is the first time homecoming has been such a unified effort," Cain said. "We've united a lot of loose strings which were a problem in the past."

The All-University Steering Committee includes representatives from the Student Alumni Board, ASUN, the Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Society, and the Union Program Council.

"We wanted a more festive-type atmosphere for the students, faculty and community this year," Cain said.

The theme for this year's homecoming is "Ethnic Experience." On Saturday morning, an International Fair of 15 ethnic groups will feature booths of handicrafts, sculptures, and ethnic literature. Seven ethnic groups from Nebraska will sing, dance, and play folk music north of the Nebraska Union and near Love Library.

There will also be a barbecue lunch featuring ethnic desserts from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cornhusker fans will be able to buy a lunch on their way to the game which will include a pork sandwich, cold drink, and potato chips. The International Fair will open at 9 a.m. and last until 1 p.m.

"We tried to coordinate a dance through UPC but we couldn't get the groups we wanted. We'll have a polka band to dance to north of the Nebraska Union Saturday morning," Cain said.

Things to come

One reason Cain gave for not getting a band was that the performers contacted were already booked. Cain said that getting popular performers such as Linda Ronstadt

or the Eagles would be more feasible in the future as homecoming becomes more organized.

Homecoming displays built by students are to be completed by noon today, in order to qualify for competition in which winners will be awarded traveling trophies and plaques for the best displays.

Display contest winners will be announced at a pep rally on the north side of the Nebraska Union at 6 p.m. today.

Coach Tom Osborne and players from the football team will be on hand for the rally. Finalists in the 1978 homecoming royalty contest will also be introduced. The rally will follow a parade starting at 5:30 p.m. from Memorial Stadium to the Union via Vine, 16th, and R streets.

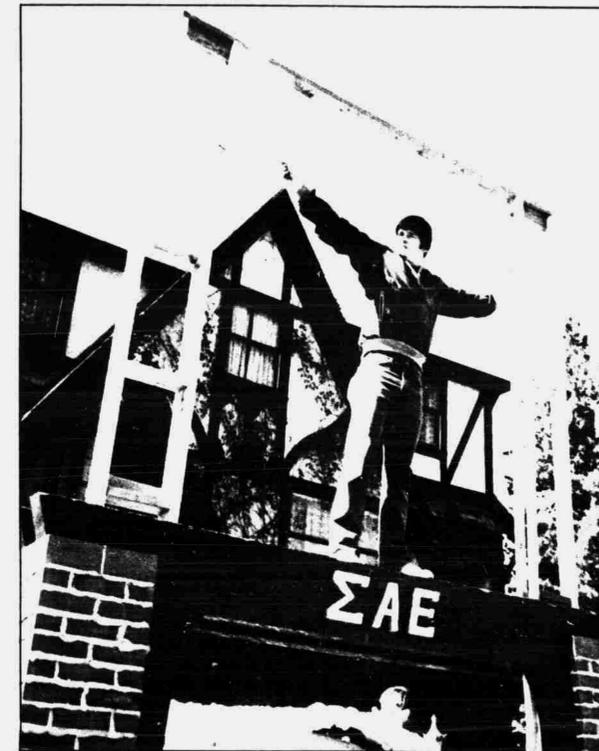
Elections for homecoming royalty took

place Tuesday on City Campus and Wednesday on East Campus. Winners will be announced at halftime of Saturday's game.

Alumni honored

Members from the 1925 through '29 football squads will also be recognized during the halftime activities. A luncheon in their honor will be at noon today in the Nebraska Union and there will be a dinner for team members at the University Club tonight.

Other Homecoming activities slated for the weekend include an Open House at the UNL Alumni House, 1520 R St., and reunion activities in the Home Economics building and Dental College building on Saturday morning. The Dental College will also have an alumni dinner and dance at the Lincoln Country Club tonight.



Homecoming - mixed views

When asked if they thought homecoming was making a comeback, several UNL students had mixed reactions.

"In some aspects, yes, but it's not in many other ways," said Bob Dickerson, a junior, Phi Kappa Psi fraternity member. "On the whole the Greek system supports it and the other Greeks with floats and stuff."

Dickerson said he felt homecoming should be more of an all-university thing. "They need to revamp the king-queen thing - it's really the pits."

He said he feels that if the alumni could get involved, as they were in the past,

homecoming could be salvaged.

Jose Klein, an off campus sophomore, said he does not think homecoming is bigger this year than last.

"About all I have to say about homecoming is there doesn't seem to be enough student involvement."

Carl Martinez, who also lives off campus, agreed that people should get more involved in homecoming.

"I think that now it's for fraternities and sororities and sports-minded people. I don't think dorms have much say in it."

"You don't see the dorms building floats and things," he said.



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