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Animal Farm

City kids got a taste of life on the farm Friday morning.

Approximately 850 elementary and preschool children from the Lincoln area attended Kid's Day Friday at the East Campus Livestock Pavilion.

"A lot of these children from the city have never been exposed to livestock," Brian Katz, co-chairman of the event, said. "Most of the kids know what the animals look like... but they have never had the opportunity to see, hear or touch them."

Study: Good health, family strength related

By Martin Koster

Two national studies relating family strengths to physical wellness patterns recently were completed by the College of Home Economic's department of human development and family.

"These are the first studies to examine the relationship between personal wellness and family strengths," Department Chairman Nick Stinnett said.

One study was conducted in the United States and the other in South America.

Stinnett said when people have good eating patterns, exercise on a regular basis and get enough sleep, they feel better physically and emotionally. Because they feel better, they are more likely to relate positively to others within their families.

According to Stinnett, the six major qualities of strong families are:

- Doing things together such as working, eating and playing. Stinnett said that this routine togetherness helps individuals develop family identification.

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NU regents approve purchase of \$3.1 million computer system

By Jim Rasmussen

The NU Board of Regents approved the purchase of a new administrative and record-keeping computer system for the university's three campuses at the board's meeting Friday at Regents Hall.

The new IBM mainframe and disk sub-system will cost the university \$3.1 million, and will be financed over a period of five years, said Don Leuenberger, interim assistant vice president and director of university-wide computing.

IBM was chosen because it offered a 40 percent discount on the new system, and a lower interest rate (8.45 percent) than any of the competing bidders, Leuenberger said.

Funds for the new system will come from the university computing services operating budget, the NU Foundation and possibly from the Nebraska Legislature, Leuenberger said.

The board voted Friday to amend its request for \$2.4 million in computer funding from the Legislature in its 1984-86 capital budget.

The new request calls for \$1.4 million to improve academic computing on the UNL campus, and \$1 million for the new IBM computer.

In other action, the board approved the purchase of 12 residential lots to expand the UNO campus at an estimated cost of \$3.3 million.

UNO Chancellor Del Weber had urged the regents to approve the proposal.

"We're not land-mongers," Weber said. "We are now existing on 72 acres of space, which is the same amount as Burke High School in Omaha."

Weber said most of the space would be used for parking lots, but some new buildings would be built to increase classroom capacity at UNO. He said one-third of UNO's classroom space is in metal buildings built shortly after World War II for temporary use.

Several members of the Omaha Citizens Action Group spoke against the proposed acquisition. Many of the group's members would have their homes taken by the project.

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At least 146 die in Lebanon blast

From the Reuter News Report

At least 146 American servicemen were killed Sunday when suicide bombers driving trucks packed with explosives struck at dawn against U.S. and French troops in Beirut, Lebanon. Two buildings housing more than 200 sleeping men were destroyed.

In Washington, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said President Reagan would take action against the terrorists responsible as soon as they are identified.

Speakes said intelligence reports indicated that Iranian extremists were responsible for the attacks.

Lebanese security sources said 27 French paratroopers had been killed and 12 wounded. Earlier, the French Defense Ministry in Paris said that nine French soldiers had been killed, 11 wounded and 53 were missing.

A U.S. State Department spokesman said at least 146 Americans were killed, many of them dying in hospitals. More than 50 other Marines had been evacuated for medical treatment, some of them to hospitals in Italy and West Germany, Pentagon officials said.

The death toll appeared likely to rise as rescue workers dug bodies from the rubble hour by hour.

A grim-faced Reagan, said in Washington that no words could express America's outrage at what he called a "despicable act." But he said the attack on Marine headquarters in Beirut made the United States more determined than ever to prevent Lebanon being taken over by such "bestial" forces.

The explosions shook Beirut within seconds of each other at about 6:25 a.m. (11:24 a.m. CDT), reducing the U.S. and French buildings to smoking heaps of debris. Rescue workers at the U.S. Marine compound came under sniper fire.

Marine spokesman Maj. Robert Jordan said the truck at the Marine building was packed with about 2,000 pounds of TNT. The blast left a crater 30 feet deep and 40 feet wide.

"These kinds of things just harden our resolve," said Col. Tim Geraghty, commander of the 1,600-strong Marine force. "We will continue to do what we came here to do, and that is to provide assistance for a free and independent Lebanon."

In Washington, Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger said Sunday that the U.S. Marine headquarters in Beirut might be moved to a U.S. Navy ship off the Lebanese coast, but that American troops would not abandon their positions at Beirut's airport.

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Royal Blush

Homecoming Queen Mary Trumble and King Steve Blum smile happily after being crowned 1983 Homecoming royalty. Halftime crowning ceremonies highlighted a weekend of homecoming activities. Story, Page 6.