



# RODEO!

A little country comes to Lincoln.



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For some it was a way to relax. For others it offered athletic competition. However you looked at it, the first UNL rodeo offered something for every cowboy and girl involved.

"It was kind of like bringing the country into Lincoln," said Mary Olmer, a sophomore who participated in the rodeo's goat tying event. "It was just a nice break from school."

For four hours last Sunday, students and barnyard animals wrestled in the mud of an East campus arena, braving the wind, rain and an occasional wild cow. Most rodeo events were there, although many were "tamed down" so that both the novice and experienced rodeo

fan could participate. In the barrel racing contest, for example, students rode stick horses around instead of the real thing. Also cows and steers were ridden instead of the usual Brahma bulls.

One event that seemed right down the alley of many students was the "calf dressing" contest in which students put underwear on live calves.

Needless to say, the rodeo was something many said they would not soon forget.

"People talked about it all night," Olmer said. "Most of these people had never done these things before. I had never tied a goat before in my life... Next time I want to ride a steer."



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Clockwise from top: Linda Hirschman takes a fall during the steer riding contest. Rodeo clown Von Svoboda after a hard day's work. Monte Quick puts longjohns on a calf. Chris Finney "chute dogs" a steer. Ed Balder-son of Cortland photographs the activities.