

Weather:

Partly cloudy and breezy today. South-west winds 10-15 mph with a high of 62. Partly cloudy tonight and not as cold with a low of 41. Partly cloudy and slightly warmer on Wednesday with a high of 65.
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Farmers say concert 'wakes up' America

By Michael Hooper
Staff Reporter

Local farmers and agriculture specialists said Monday that Sunday's FarmAid concert in Champaign, Ill., showed Americans that everyone needs to help solve the nation's farm problems.

They said the public awareness of the farmers' needs generated by the concert is more significant than the money raised.

"FarmAid was one of the best things that happened to the United States of America," said Lukene Sebade, who farms with her husband, Ervin, near Emerson.

"These celebrities (Willie Nelson, Neil Young, Johnny Cash, and dozens of others who were at FarmAid) are our way out, and they are going to wake up America as to the needs of the farmers,"

Sebade said.

Musicians such as John Fogerty, Waylon Jennings and Tanya Turner, performed in the rainy 14-hour concert to an estimated crowd of 78,000. The FarmAid concert has raised an estimated \$10 million for needy farmers.

Chuck Schroeder, director of agriculture for the state of Nebraska, said the concert should have helped Americans realize that individual farmers as well as farm related communities and industries are suffering.

"I would love to have seen 10 times that amount raised," Schroeder said, "but you can't raise enough money to alleviate the farmers' debt in one concert."

He said the debts of farmers has made a "severe gash" in rural America.

He said the concert is part of a crusade that started a few years ago to

bring the farm crisis to peoples' attention.

T. E. Hartung, dean of Agriculture at UNL, said he was pleased with FarmAid because its message on the plight of farmers will sensitize the public to the farm crisis.

"Willie Nelson, who coordinated the concert, was able to deliver a message that no other politician could have done himself," Hartung said. "He is to be commended," he said.

Although the concert has raised an estimated \$10 million to help needy farmers, it isn't going to alleviate the debt of farmers, Hartung said.

Nebraska alone has \$9.6 billion worth of farmers' debts to be alleviated, he said.

"I felt like the publicity was probably more important than the money raised," said Virginia Simonson of Hardy,

where she and her husband Hubert farm.

Hubert Simonson said he enjoyed the FarmAid concert, but he said it is not the answer to the farm crisis. "The answer lies with congress and Reagan," he said.

"I thought the idea was real good, and it probably raised some attention of the needs of farmers," he said. Hubert Simonson is president of the Nebraska Grain, Sorghum Producers Association.

Simonson, 60, said he hopes the celebrities of the concert encourage younger generations to continue farming.

"If we lose the younger people, it will make the farm crisis worse," he said.

Simonson said many Americans are not aware of the farm crisis because as

consumers they buy cheaper food than people in other countries where families spend up to 80 percent of their income on food. Since average Americans pay only about 15 to 20 percent of their income on food, they do not realize there is a farm crisis, Simonson said.

The Simonsons and their two sons, Gerald and Rodney, farm about 3,500 acres. They raise corn, milo, wheat, and raise a small herd of cattle.

Nelson said he might use the money raised from FarmAid to buy cash grants that would supply needy farmers with counseling and job training, legal aid, and a nationwide information hot line, according to the Associated Press.

Concert publicists expect money raised from FarmAid to continue coming in for months through telephone calls and the mail.

Bicyclist killed; police urge riders to obey safety tips

From Staff Reports

A 29-year-old Lincoln woman was killed early Monday morning near City Campus after the bike she was riding was struck by a car, said Lt. William Coleman of the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department.

Zhong Ding-Yin, 1950 T St., was eastbound on Vine Street near 23rd Street when she was struck from behind by a pickup driven by Sally Logan, 45, of 931 Benton St., said Lt. Alan Soukup, of the Lincoln Police Department.

Logan told police she looked down for her coffee cup. When she looked up, Zhong was in front of her and Logan couldn't avoid the accident, Soukup said.

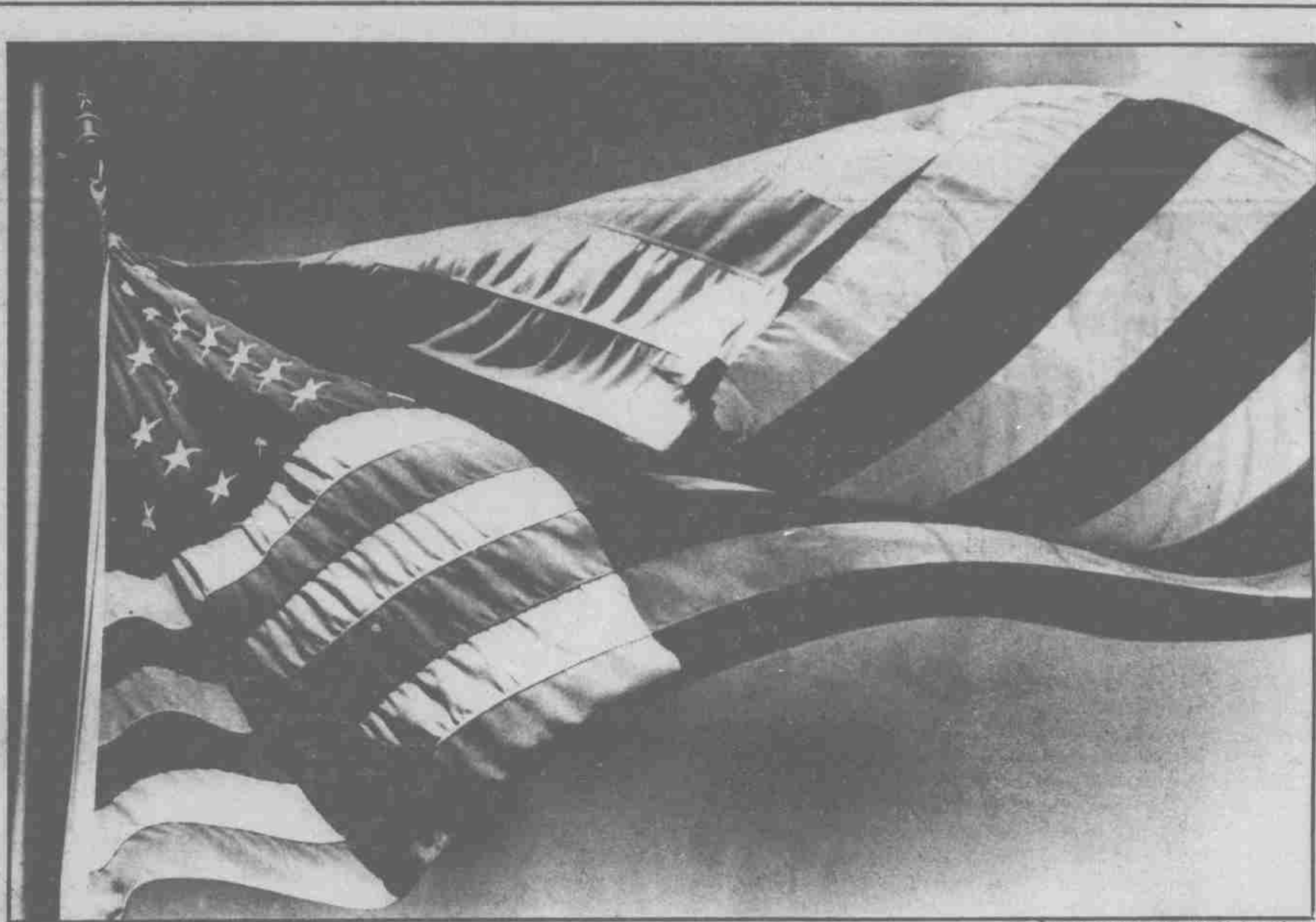
An autopsy is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. today at Lincoln General Hospital. Coleman said preliminary reports indicated Zhong died from bruises, lacerations and internal injuries.

Officer Sharon Sydik stressed the importance of awareness and urged all bicyclists to remember that drivers often do not see bicyclists.

By taking precautions and obeying rules, accidents often can be avoided, she said.

Sydik provided the following safety-tips. Bicyclists should:

- Ride on the right-hand side of the street and move with the flow of traffic.
- Use proper hand signals so motorists are aware of riders' intended actions.
- Make sure bike is in good condition and working properly.
- Always keep both hands free for steering and hand signaling. Put packages or books in a back pack or panniers.



Andrea Hoy/Daily Nebraskan

Old glory...

Our stars and stripes had a chance to show off Monday because of winds topping 30 mph, according to the Channel 10/11 Weather Service. Today's high should get up to 57 degrees.

More companies turn to glut of college grads

By Todd von Kampen
Senior Reporter

Employers are beginning to seek people with bachelor's degrees to fill jobs once left to high school graduates, the director of UNL's career planning and placement office said.

Gerry Phaneuf said a wide range of businesses are reacting to an increase in college-trained workers by making many positions more professional. College graduates with liberal arts backgrounds are more accepted for such jobs than they once were, he said.

The trend toward hiring more col-

lege graduates began about 10 years ago when "babyboomers" found tough competition for the traditional professional jobs, Phaneuf said. Employers discovered that people with bachelor's degrees understood more about how organizations worked than people with only a high school education.

Sandra Miles, area supervisor for Pizza Hut of America, said college graduates are likely to give the company extra effort to advance their careers. She said high school graduates are "just glad to have a job" and are not as career-oriented.

Pizza Hut used to get most of its

managers from people who started as waiters or cooks, Miles said. The company is growing so fast, however, that it turned to people with training in areas like business, accounting and finance, she said.

"The thing is we don't have that kind of time to bring them up through the ranks," said Miles, who joined Pizza Hut as a waitress 5½ years ago. "If you've gone through college, you know what it's like to sit through classes and you learn quickly."

Miles said Pizza Hut hired five UNL graduates in her area, which includes

six restaurants in Lincoln, Seward and Geneva. College graduates usually start as assistant managers and generally become managers after one or two years, she said.

"They can't be beat," she said.

Phaneuf said liberal arts graduates are more flexible than "specialists" for some jobs previously filled by high school graduates. But he said such graduates should have an area of expertise rather than simply a wide range of courses.

"The specific degree thing doesn't account for much in most industries,"

Phaneuf said. "What they're looking for is what you can do."

Deanne Algier, production coordinator and promotion director for Miller & Paine, said liberal arts graduates have potential for management jobs in the firm. Miller & Paine, however, does not rely upon a degree alone in its hiring process, she said.

"Sometimes a person's degree isn't indicative of their other potential or other interests," said Algier, who has a bachelor of arts degree. "We have to take a look at each person and what they want to do."