

# Rodeo riders romp in mud

## At UNL 'calf dressing' means getting 'em in shorts

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As many mudslingers as cowboys participated in the second annual UNL Intramural Rodeo on East Campus Sunday afternoon.

Many of the cowboys and cowgirls who had never mounted a cow or steer took the roller coaster-like ride for the first time. Though most riders were thrown immediately after leaving the chute, they lifted themselves from the muddy arena, holding their rears but smiling.

"The arena was a little muddy, but we watered it down a little more to make a softer landing," said Janet Reece, rodeo chairman and member of the UNL Rodeo Club. "All events were altered a little to make the rodeo safer, but the riders still got the feeling of what it's like."

Events for men at the rodeo included cow riding, calf tying, chute dogging and dummy roping. Women competed in steer riding, goat tying and barrel racing. Teams of men and women competed in calf dressing. The UNL Rodeo Club and Campus Recreation Department sponsored the event.

In the goat-tying and barrel-racing competitions, cowgirls rode on the backs of cowboys' instead of horses. Team members had to catch a calf and dress it in shorts in the calf dressing competition. Teams consisted of three cowboys and cowgirls.

Eight teams entered this year's competition, 12 teams less than last season. Reece said she doesn't know why the number of teams dropped.

"It's hard to say, but I think we advertised better last year," Reece said. "We had more flyers out and more people knew about it. We did have more teams from City Campus this year."

Most riders stayed on for only a few seconds, but when they got up from the ground, they usually picked out a teammate



and heaved a handful of mud in the person's face. Sometimes a wrestling match or something similar broke out.

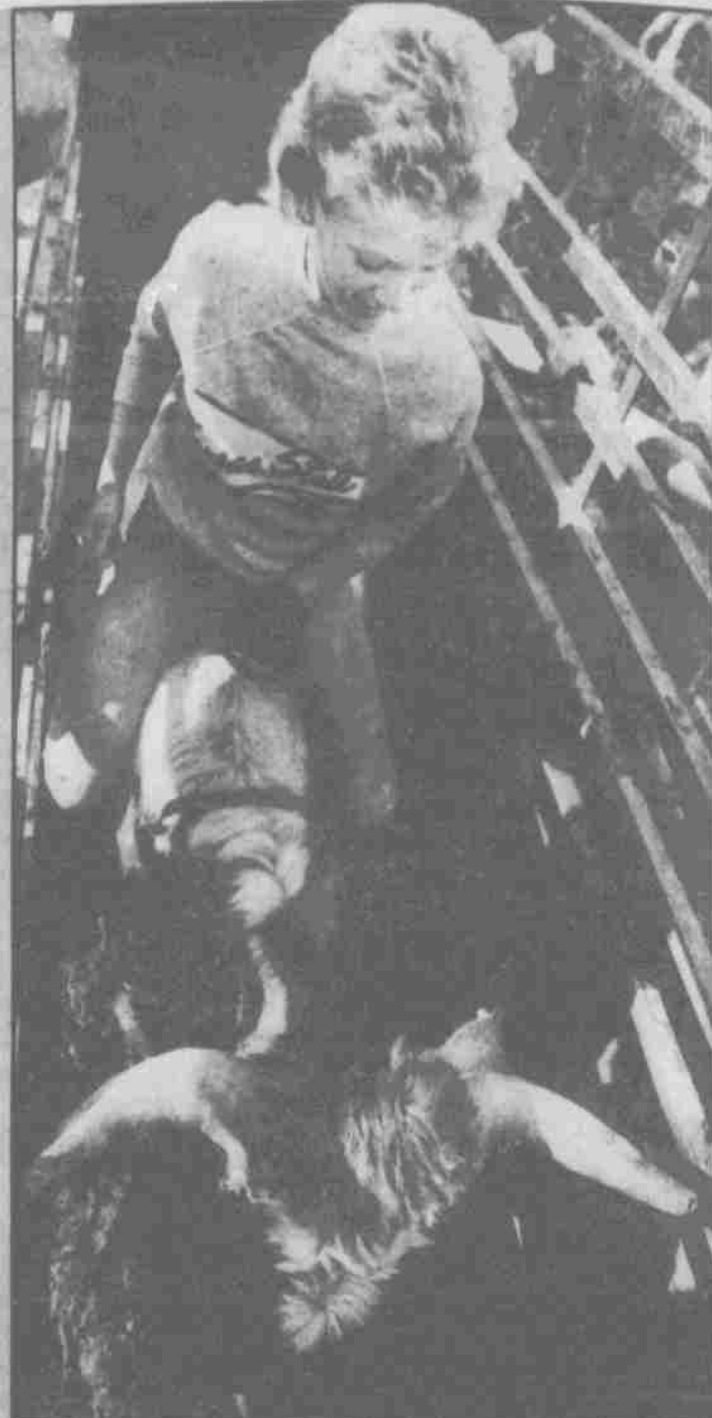
Sometimes piles of people resulted. The Army ROTC team decided the rodeo was the right time to initiate junior candidates, and mud flew.

"It was all in fun," said Robbin LaFleur, a senior candidate. "Besides, some of them didn't get muddy when they got bucked off."

"Riding a steer was a lot of fun," LaFleur said. "I would do it again if they gave me another chance."

The rodeo also produced some exciting moments for the audience. Bob Wiseman, riding for the Misfits, scored 77 points in the cow-riding competition. Lance Storer also provided some chute-dogging excitement. Storer not only dogged his steer in 11.54 seconds, but he also was the only entrant to throw a steer in the competition.

Storer won the all-around competition for men while Michelle Macfee won the women's all-around. Both were members of the Wranglers. The Roughnecks won the team title and the Wranglers finished second.



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Clockwise from top center: After being thrown into the mud by fellow competitors, LaRee Witte slowly gets up; Linda Hirschman awaits the opening of the bull pen; Michelle Macfee and her subject don't see eye to eye as to whom should be roped; Kim Eurek calms her cow while preparing it for competition in the Ak-sar-ben Animal Show held at the East Campus Judging Pavilion, Friday; Brent McAndrews tries to overpower a steer during a wrestling match.