

# Duck sightings cause flap

Grounds director: 'Ingenius form of entertainment'

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"It was a little art, a little statement and a lot of coffee," Potts said. The idea to transplant the ducks from their storage space to UNL came to them suddenly while they were having drinks at a popular coffee shop in Lincoln, he said.

"We were pumped up on too much caffeine and Walt said to me, 'What the hell are we going to do with all these ducks?'" Smitty said. First they tried to ignore foul impulses, but at about 5 Monday morning Walt said, "Let's get them ducks."

Hours later, their collection was viewed by thousands of UNL students. Later in the morning the UNL grounds crew collected four mother ducks and 12 to 18 baby ducks. There were no reported sightings of chickens. A

representative for the grounds crew said the ducks were put in the greenhouse and were presently enjoying the sun.

One family of the lawn ducks were left by the grounds crew on the lawn east of Love Library. A sighting of the ducks by the Daily Nebraskan confirmed their presence Thursday, although the mother duck had been beheaded and the baby duck's head was twisted 180 degrees.

Other birds may have met with foul play.

UNL Police were unaware of the incident and the Lincoln Police Department had no reports of stolen or missing lawn animals of the two- or four-legged varieties.

Potts and Smitty, those Bonnie and Clydes of the bizarre, said they decided to use ducks because people tend to buy ducks and other birds in

families. The two explained that the ducks were supplied by a third party known as "The Claw."

Campus reaction has been mixed. James Walkington, an arts and sciences sophomore, thought that the birds might have been part of a campus beautification program.

"I was wondering what the hell those stupid ducks were," he said. "If we had spent our money on them I was going to be pissed."

UNL Grounds Director Wilbur Dasenbrock said, "It was an ingenious form of entertainment. Kind of enlightening."

Smitty said, "We are below political statements but above destruction."

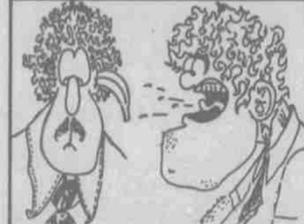
"It beats sitting around clipping your toenails," Potts added. "We just wanted to say howdy to all the kids on the first day back."

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# Students vow to bring FarmAid III to UNL

By Kirk Zebolsky  
Staff Reporter

About 60 students Thursday night said they're willing to help organize and stage FarmAid III if the benefit concert were to appear at Memorial Stadium.

The students, many of whom signed a 500-signature petition that was sent to FarmAid organizer Willie Nelson, brainstormed on ideas for organizing their support and signed up for roles such as security and refreshments.

Journalism senior Jay Mulligan, who is on the ASUN ad hoc committee, Students for FarmAid III, said he hopes the organizing efforts encourage Nelson to bring the concert to UNL.

Nelson reportedly has said Lincoln is his choice for the benefit concert, and that he wants to hold it Sept. 19 or 26. He spoke with former governor Bob Kerrey about the possibility, and Kerrey discussed it with university officials.

According to Mulligan, Kerrey said the final decision would belong to UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale. Thomas Krepel of the chancellor's office said a written, detailed proposal is required

from Nelson. As of Thursday, no such proposal has been received, Krepel said.

Mulligan said NU officials want to cooperate with Nelson. Roadblocks mentioned include possible interference with the Nebraska football team's practice and possible damage to the stadium's turf, but Mulligan said Thursday night that the turf can be protected and practice conflicts would be minimal.

Kurt Carter, a senior who studies Agribusiness who attended the meeting, said he took last semester off from school to help on his financially struggling family farm. Carter said he wants to help make the public more aware of farming problems. He said he hopes the concert raises money for farmers and also "raises interest to show to government and the rest of the people that the ag policy needs to be changed to help create more freedom of trade."

Gail Thurber, a junior in textile science, said Nebraska needs something like FarmAid III "to boost interest in the farm program . . . I would really like to see it go."



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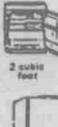
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