

**WEATHER:** Thursday, partly sunny; 20 percent chance of afternoon thundershowers. High in the upper 70s. Thursday night, cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. Low in the mid 50s. Friday, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thundershowers. High in the 60s.

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## Past FarmAid preparations different

Organizers of other FarmAids say Lincoln had more time to prepare

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FarmAid III preparations have differed from the two previous benefit concerts, said Tim Moore, University of Nebraska-Lincoln coordinator of FarmAid activities.

FarmAid officials are helping to organize the security, crowd control, and health and emergency services in cooperation with university and city police, State Patrol, deputy sheriffs, the American Red Cross, and Lincoln and UNL medical services, Moore said. FarmAid Inc. also will handle the concert's insurance, Moore said.

Tom Parkinson, former arena assembly hall director at the University of Illinois, said he had to organize security, crowd control, and health and emergency services during the first Farm Aid concert.

Ray Slade, manager of the Manor Downs racetrack in Manor Downs, Texas, said the track "didn't have to do anything except provide the venue" at FarmAid II. He said FarmAid officials took care of everything else.

FarmAid III also will be different because the university has had more than two months to get ready for the concert.

Parkinson said he and his people learned about the concert five weeks before it started.

"We prepared rapidly," Parkinson

said. He said that within the first two weeks, he met with state, county, city, university and FarmAid officials;

wrote up the contract that has been the model for concerts since then; and finally made changes in the contract until it was agreed upon by all involved.

Slade said Manor Downs had even less time to organize FarmAid II — about one week.

Not only that, but the second FarmAid concert was the largest concert ever at Manor Downs, Slade said.

"We've had several Grateful Dead concerts here with the crowds reaching 16,000 people," Slade said. "But the FarmAid concert crowds reached about 42,000."

Damages to Memorial Stadium's astroturf will be minimal, Moore said. The turf will be covered with fire-resistant plastic tarps and plywood sheets where needed, he said.

Parkinson said the University of Illinois used similar materials to protect the turf — porous plastic material, a large tarpaulin and plywood sheets.

Damage was minimal at the first two concerts, Parkinson and Slade said.

## KSU concert no aid to FarmAid

By Amy Edwards  
Senior Reporter

A Willie Nelson concert at Kansas State University in Manhattan, Kan., on Sept. 5 did not raise money for FarmAid because of unexpectedly low ticket sales.

Mike Jones, Kansas State athletic business manager, said \$2 from every ticket would have been given to FarmAid after the first 20,000 tickets were sold.

But only 17,000 tickets were sold for the concert, which took place after the Kansas State vs. Austin Peay football game.

The concert was sponsored by the Kansas State athletic depart-

ment, Wrangler and Projects West, an entertainment promotion company.

Jones said the concert was a way to bring more people to the game and provide entertainment for the students. After the opening game of the 1986 season, the rock band Starship performed, he said.

The Starship concert also raised little money. Since both concerts took place over Labor Day weekend, people weren't as interested in going to a football game and concert, Jones said.

"It wasn't a big drawing card," Jones said. "We got paid, Willie got paid, and the promoter got one-third of the money expected."

Individual farmers who sold T-shirts at the concert were the only people related to FarmAid who made a profit.

However, students seem to think the concerts are a good idea. Jones said positive input from students will give the promoters a chance to try it again. He is negotiating a contract with the Beach Boys for the Kansas State-Louisiana Tech game on Oct. 1.

The concert tickets are sold with the football tickets. Because Kansas State doesn't sell all the tickets for football alone, it isn't hard to sell tickets for the concerts, Jones said.

## ASUN votes to lobby for faculty salary increases

By Lee Rood  
Staff Reporter

ASUN senate members voted last night to lobby the Board of Regents, the Unicameral, and Gov. Kay Orr in pursuit of further increases in salaries for University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty.

The bill, intended to maintain high

morale and help provide incentives for faculty members to stay at UNL, directs ASUN President Andy Pollock and the Government Liaison Committee to make known to government officials the importance of adequate wages.

After Faculty President Allen Blezek reported the lowest faculty morale in several years last fall, fac-

ulty members received a small break in August when the Board of Regents awarded UNL \$590,000 for pay increases in supplementary funds.

Gerry Meisels, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said in August that that increase was not enough to make a difference, but it was good for the faculty psychologically.

Senate members also voted to begin

airing their meetings tri-weekly on NETV, provided the College of Journalism approves an internship to tape the meetings.

If the intern is approved by Neale Copple, Dean of the College of Journalism, ASUN meetings are tentatively scheduled to air prime time Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

In other issues examined by the student government, members resolved to support the efforts of the

organizers of FarmAid III and, after recent incidents of cup throwing at UNL football games, agreed to conduct themselves "politely and maturely" at all UNL functions to serve as role models for the student body.

## Farm rally 'opens eyes' for Meister

Event spurs involvement in farm crisis, action groups

By Sharon Gies  
Staff Reporter

Although she grew up on a farm near West Point, Barb Meister didn't think much about the farm crisis when she started college.

It wasn't that she didn't care. She just wasn't the type who got involved in such things.

But her outlook changed after she and a friend, who also grew up on a farm, went to a farm rally in Ames, Iowa, "on a whim."

The rally "really opened up our eyes to what the farm crisis is all about," said Meister, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln senior.

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— Meister

"We realized how much we did not know," she said, and how important it is for students to become involved in the farm movement.

Students must realize that "agriculture affects everyone," she said.

"It's not our parents who will be facing the impacts of this issue. Ten to 20 years from now, it's going to be us."

So, out of a desire to become more educated and spur this student involvement, she and a



Barb Meister lobbied this summer in Washington, D.C., for farmers rights.

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friend, Jerry Roemer, started Farm Action Concerns Tomorrow's Society.

That was in February 1985. Since then, the 21-year-old political-science major with an agricultural economics minor hasn't looked back.

Currently, FACTS is preparing for the second National University Rural Crisis Conference. The event, which begins today and continues through Sunday, will include workshops, an agricultural-policy debate and a rally. The program is financed with a \$2,500 FarmAid grant, Meister said.

At last year's conference in Iowa, Meister learned of two student groups like FACTS. To support each others' efforts, they formed the University Rural Action Network. The groups, both from Iowa, are helping FACTS with this year's conference, Meister said.

During the school year, FACTS also presents seminars, one of which gives college credit through independent study, she said.

But FACTS is just the beginning of Meister's work for the farm movement.

This summer she was an intern for the

National Save the Family Farm Coalition in Washington, D.C. There she edited hearing testimony, did research and office work, helped with lobbying — all dealing with farm credit legislation.

Kristine Jacobs, national coordinator for the coalition, gave Meister high marks for her work at the coalition. She did the clerical jobs and the "more interesting" work with equal "professionalism."

"We consider her a tremendous asset to the farm movement and a future leader," Jacobs said.

Yet another way Meister is helping with the farm crisis is through the Washington-based Youth Action Project. The project, which just began, promotes and cultivates youth activism, Meister said. She said she was chosen for the group's advisory board because she could offer a "rural perspective."

Tom Swan, the project's director, said he chose Meister not only because she has a rural background, but because "she had already worked hard to gain respect." And, he said, he was impressed with the work she had done with FACTS.

Meister also has worked with the University Program Council since her freshman year. She is one of five students representing 11,000 schools in a national campus activity association.

But for all the responsibility, Meister seems relaxed and unfazed.

"It's tough trying to balance everything," she said.

But, she added, "I'm a person who can't ignore what's happening."

Val Wetzel, Campus Activities and Programs-East coordinator, said Meister is not "satisfied with herself if she's not learning or being challenged."

Wetzel, whom Meister has called her "mentor," said she thinks Meister is motivated by "a strong personal need to make a difference in the farm situation."

Jacobs echoed that thought: "Barb is very loyal to her parents' way of life and will probably dedicate her life trying to preserve it."