

WEATHER: Monday, mostly sunny and mild. High around 70. Monday night, mostly clear. Low around 45. Tuesday, mostly sunny and mild. High 70 to 75.

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Lullaby

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Under the watchful eye of a Lincoln Police Department officer, Todd Smith and David Struempfer nap near the top of Memorial Stadium during FarmAid Saturday. About 70,000 spectators filled the stands to see the concert. More on pages 6 and 7.

FarmAid furor Thousands rock in support of farmers

By Diana Johnson
Senior Editor

Cigarette butts were scattered across the black tarp that still draped Memorial Stadium's floor late Sunday afternoon as crews cleaned up after 70,000 college students, farmers and music fans swayed, sang and jammed at the FarmAid III concert Saturday.

Cleanup crews worked around the clock after Joe Walsh's encore "In the City" and "Life's Been Good" brought an end to 10 1/2 hours of live music.

Workers tore apart the steel pipes and wooden platforms of the 60-foot-high stage that held 38 rock 'n' roll and country-western entertainers. Concert cleanup was expected to be finished by noon today, said Andy Anderson, crew overseer and union steward.

Fans, loaded down with coolers, blankets and backpacks of food, began to fill the stadium floor at 9:30 Saturday morning. Some arrived in Lincoln as early as Wednesday from places as far away as Baltimore, Minneapolis and San Diego.

For some it was a chance to see favorite music entertainers. Others came in support of farmers in crisis.

"Whether we're into the farm crisis or not, just by spending \$20 for tickets we're still helping the effort," said Steve Jensen, a freshman from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

Others outperformed performers.

William Bradley, 24, of Aurora, Colo., stripped to pink-and-white cotton shorts and orange underwear and flung his arms and legs to prerecorded music between bands.

"I've gotta move. The music moves me," Bradley said after fans applauded a performance in the northeast corner of the stadium.

Bradley came for the music, he said, his long, wiry, brown hair falling in his eyes. But he said he hoped FarmAid would pull people together in support of farmers.

While Bradley danced, sleeping bodies lay strewn across the stadium floor.

During John Kay and Steppenwolf's performance of "Born to be Wild," fans threw white plastic cups, creating a popcorn-like blizzard. Several fans were cut while others collected cups to make white snakes that stretched from the top to bottom rail of the southeast corner. Officials used the electronic scoreboard to ask, "Please don't throw cups: People are being hurt."

But Fred Myre of Omaha bounced a multi-colored inflatable beach ball through the crowd. When it came back to him for the third time, hundreds of signatures and home towns covered it.

"I don't know how it got started. People just started signing it," Myre said as he stopped near concession stands at Gate 8 to let people add their names.

"I'm going to deflate it and put it in my pocket. I'll blow it up again when I get home and never let the air out of it again," he said.

Idaho convict transferred to Nebraska penitentiary

By Michael Hooper
Senior Editor

An Idaho prisoner who was convicted of manslaughter in 1983 for killing two men has been transferred to the Nebraska State Penitentiary in Lincoln.

The prisoner, Claude L. Dallas Jr., became a cult hero to cowboys in Idaho during his 1982 trial. He escaped from prison last year and eluded the FBI until March.

Dallas was transferred to the Nebraska penitentiary on Thursday, although Idaho officials didn't announce it until Friday.

The Idaho Department of Corrections routinely swaps prisoners with other states, according to a press release read over the phone by a department secretary. This is usually done for high-security-risk prisoners, the press release said.

Bob Gates, an Idaho deputy prosecuting attorney general representing the Department of Corrections in Boise, Idaho, said it was a

"routine procedure."

"We have 52 prisoners housed in other states," Gates said.

Officials at the Nebraska State Penitentiary would not comment Sunday on Dallas's transfer.

Dallas was moved two weeks after an Ada County jury acquitted him on escape charges, according to an article by The Associated Press. Dallas and other prison inmates testified during a three-day trial that Dallas's life had been threatened by guards at the main state penitentiary south of Boise, the article said.

Dallas, 37, was on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list after he cut a non-electric fence and escaped from the Idaho State Penitentiary south of Boise on March 30, 1986. The FBI found him last March in southern California, said Jim Carlson, an Idaho state deputy prosecuting attorney, referring to a state file on Dallas.

Carlson said Dallas was serving a 30-year term for voluntary manslaughter in the 1981 slaying of Idaho Fish and Game Department officers Conley Elms and Bill Pogue.

FarmAid a success

By Bill Allen
Senior Editor

The concert wasn't over until Joe Walsh sang for the second time.

The night turned chilly, but Memorial Stadium remained hot with excitement Saturday when Willie Nelson and a superstar cast brought FarmAid III to Lincoln.

Ironically enough, the country celebration rocked rampant as several rock 'n' roll legends picked up the crowd of 70,000 again and again.

Concert Review

Willie Nelson and family opened the show at noon to an enthusiastic crowd of picnickers on the rubber-matted field.

Nelson and his band captured the country atmosphere of the early crowd and suspended them on a platform of caring for the American farmer, opening with his classic "Whiskey River."

And between every song Nelson reminded the crowd why they were there — to support the American farmer.

But as the day went on, as act after act turned

to the crowd on the giant revolving stage — Lynn Anderson, John Denver, The Unforgiven, Arlo Guthrie, Emmylou Harris, The Cruzados — the anticipation was building for the evening performance, highlighted by such rock legends as Walsh and Neil Young, and the Grateful Dead via satellite.

The concert culminated with a hard-rocking two-song set by John Cougar Mellencamp and a classic encore by bad boy Joe Walsh.

The nation watched the concert from 8 to 10 p.m. on CBS.

What they saw were thousands of people packed to the stage, arms waving, as they listened to Neil Young pace the front of the stage with a politically motivated set about the troubled farmers. Armed with only his acoustic guitar and a harmonica wired to his neck, Young captured the audience and moved them from cheers and screams to concern for farmers with his line "... and tomorrow a man from the bank's gonna come and take it all away."

What they missed was his anti-commercialism statement, sung fittingly enough while the network showed commercials to the nation: "I don't sing for Pepsi. I don't sing for Coke..."

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Police arrest 22 concert-goers

By Amy Edwards
Senior Reporter

Despite 70,000 FarmAid III fans being crammed in Memorial Stadium for more than 12 hours Saturday, officials said, the crowd was calm and orderly.

Twenty-two arrests were made at FarmAid, according to the last official report Saturday night.

An escapee from the Lincoln Regional Center was apprehended, and two people were arrested for larceny. Six misdemeanor narcotics arrests and one felony narcotic arrest were made. Ten of the arrests were for minor disturbances, and two were for assault.

Thirty-three people were expelled from FarmAid for various reasons. Red Cross stations treated 141 people; nine were taken to a local hospital.

The Lancaster County Sheriff's Department and the Nebraska State Patrol assisted University of Nebraska-Lincoln and Lincoln police departments with security.

Volunteers were stationed at parking areas, entrances and other points to direct people. Lt. John Burke of UNL Police said fans were told to leave large coolers in their cars because they wouldn't be able to take them in the stadium.

"There were very few problems with crowd control," Burke said. "The people weren't in a rush to get to the floor (of the stadium)."

Lincoln Police Chief Dean Leitner said the FarmAid crowd took care of itself.

"We expected no trouble with this crowd and have had no problems whatsoever," he said.

Dr. Gerald Fleischli, a medical officer for the first-aid stations at FarmAid, said there were few medical problems for such a large crowd.

Burke said the planning for security for FarmAid began six months ago.

The chiefs of each department went to Champaign, Ill., to see how the security was handled for the first FarmAid concert, Burke said.

Planning for security was a big task, Burke said.