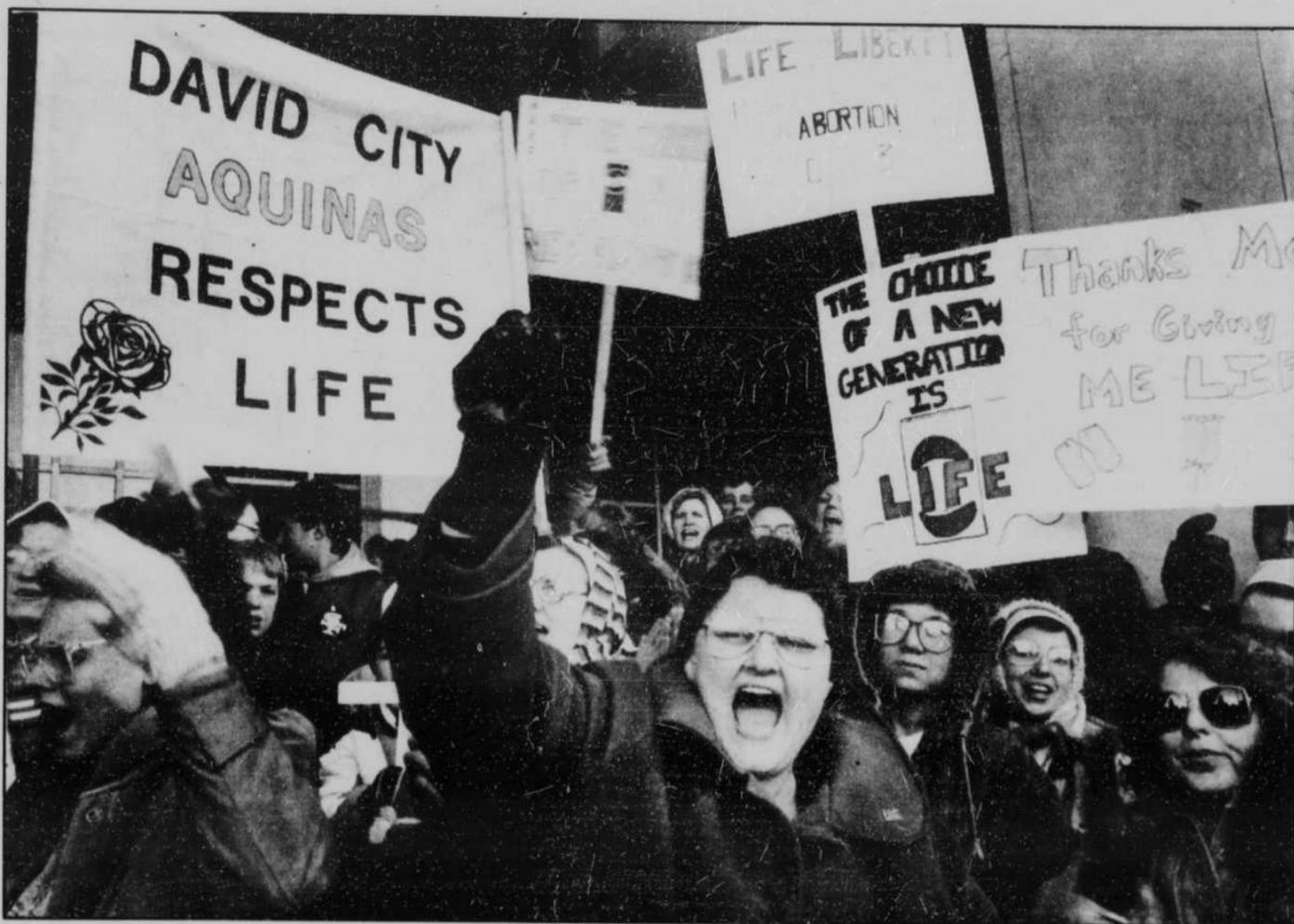
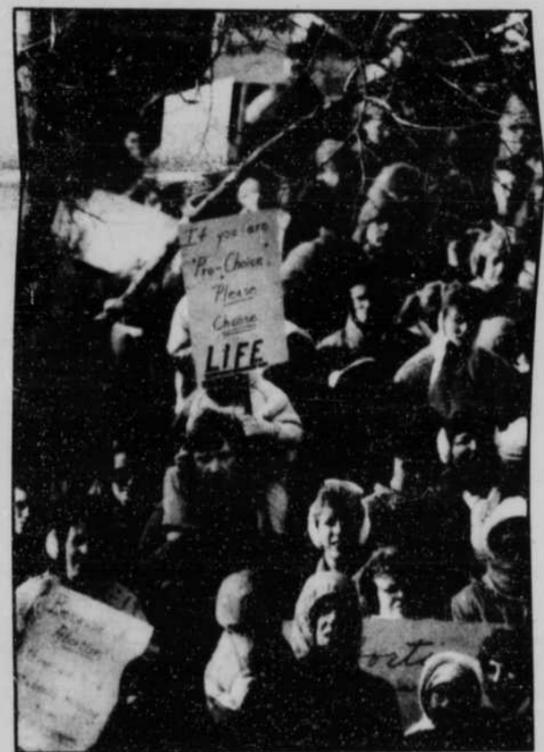


Demonstrators take stand on abortion



Photos by William Lauer

Clockwise from top: Jeannie Kula of Fullerton cheers keynote speaker Rev. Ronald Ross on the steps of the Federal Building, 15th and O streets. Kula is president of the Nance County Right to Life committee "and proud of it." Saturday's walk was her 15th, she said. Organizers estimated the crowd at 13,000 to 16,000. Police estimates were as low as 3,000. Denise Buckley (left), and Judy Evans, both of Omaha, show their support at the rally. Nebraska Cornhusker quarterback Gerry Gdowski delivers an anti-abortion message while Shirley Lang, walk organizer and master of ceremonies, watches.



Rally

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oppose us," that God may bring them to the anti-abortion side.

"But most of all we pray for the children who... are dismembered every day," he said.

Several Nebraska football players, both past and present, spoke at the rally.

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Killing off our young does nothing for our future.

Ross
Reverend of the American Life League

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Steve Engstrom, a Nebraska offensive tackle, led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance. The crowd added "born or unborn" to the end of the pledge.

Gerry Gdowski, a Nebraska quarterback, said, "I just wonder since 1973 how much of God's talent has been killed."

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court

handed down Roe vs. Wade, which legalized abortion.

Jerry Kreps, president of University of Nebraska-Lincoln Students for Life, said that in "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness... pro-abortionists are O for 3."

Chris Noordhoek, president of Nebraska Wesleyan University Students for Life, said that in the abortion debate, silence equals death.

"Are we going to sit by and be silent while murder continues?" he said.

Gov. Kay Orr was absent from the march because of flu but sent aide Marilyn Hasselbalch in her place.

"Today we have come together to celebrate life," Hasselbalch said.

"There are those who want to make it a political issue," Hasselbalch said. "This is not a political issue. I am here not because it is the political thing to do. It is the right thing to do."

During a rally at the Nebraska Union after the walk, State Sen. Bernice Labeledz of Omaha said, "We'll win in the end because we've got too many people out there praying."

17 include UNL group

Pro-choice supporters protest quietly

By Lisa Donovan
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Anti-abortion demonstrators were greeted by silent opposition Saturday as they walked from the State Capitol and the Federal Building to the Nebraska Union.

Seventeen protesters, including eight members of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Students for Choice, lined the curb in front of the Nebraska State Historical Society at 15th and R streets from about 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The pro-choice demonstrators received little attention from anti-abortion demonstrators with the exception of a few comments and gestures.

Nanci Rivenburg, a UNL student and a member of Students for Choice, said she and the rest of the pro-choice demonstrators decided to just hold up signs and not to respond to heckling.

One reason Rivenburg said the Students for Choice decided not to

organize their protest was because "this is their (anti-abortion) event."

Three separate rallies -- at the State Capitol, the Nebraska Union and the Federal Building at 15th and O streets -- made up "Ne-

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Mize
of Lincoln

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braska -- Stand Up, Be Counted and Walk for Life '90."

Nell Eckersley, a UNL student and a member of Students for Choice, said pro-choice protesters showed up of their own accord.

"We're here to show our opin-

ion, not shove our opinion... at people, she said.

Rivenburg said that although the group of pro-choice demonstrators didn't organize the protest, "a number of people thought the other side of the story needed representation."

Eric Aspegren, president of Students for Choice, said the 17 pro-choice protesters were demonstrating the "other side of the coin."

Rivenburg said about 100 students are on the Students for Choice mailing list and the group has about 10 to 15 core members.

Aspegren defined the Pro-Choice ideal as a "woman's right to choose her reproductive destiny."

Janet Mize of Lincoln said she demonstrated in favor of abortion rights because she has had an abortion.

"I had to make a choice once," Mize said. "I want to make sure that everyone at least has the option to a safe and legal abortion."