

Yee-haw!



Above and right: Curt Foley of North Dakota State University spurs for points during his six-second bull ride Saturday, then dismounts on the run.



Protesters absent from rodeo

From Staff Reports

This weekend's 34th Annual College Rodeo was minus one event — a protest from the Greater Nebraska Animal Welfare Society over the use of animals in the competition.

During last year's rodeo, about 40 members of GNAWS, an organization concerned with the humane treatment of animals, picketed the Nebraska State Fairgrounds.

But the group did not protest this year's rodeo because "break away" ropes were used for the calf-roping event, said David Dier, a member of GNAWS. Such ropes are considered to be more humane.

"(Rodeo officials) are making an effort this year," he said. "We felt we could make a concession."

Calf-roping is a crucial issue for the group, he said, because calves have had their necks broken during the event.

Dier said the group also was upset by the use of electric prods to force animals out of chutes and the treatment of animals by stock contractors. Contractors supply animals for rodeos.

"There are other ways to entertain without harming animals," he said. "Rodeos are a modern-day gladiator sport."

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Left: Rodeo clowns Scott Moore (left) of Blair, Ryan Lindsey of Burwell, and Scooter Engelhaupt of Lincoln dress in clowns' sartorial splendor. Above: Engelhaupt ready for show time.

Crowds round up for rodeo

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Sitting on 2,000 pounds of wrenching, swirling beef is not what most athletes would call a club sport.

But bull riding was one of nine events featured during the 34th Annual College Rodeo, sponsored by the University of Nebraska Rodeo Association and the Lincoln Journal-Star.

About 100 cowpokes from 10 colleges across the Midwest competed Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the State Fair Coliseum.

"Everyone in our region tells us it's the biggest and the best (college rodeo)," said George Pfeiffer, faculty adviser for the University of Nebraska-

Lincoln Rodeo Club.

The rodeo, sanctioned by the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, is popular locally, Pfeiffer said. Saturday night competition usually draws standing-room-only crowds.

And rodeo is more than a one-weekend-a-year contest, he said. Many students compete every weekend from now through Labor Day.

Ryan Lindsey, a six-year rodeo clown veteran from Burwell, said he worked 30 to 35 rodeos a year.

Participation in rodeos has increased since he became involved in the sport, he said.

"There's always kids wanting to learn."



Top: Andy Knudson of North Dakota State University tapes his wrist before bareback riding to prevent strained muscles. Above: UNL junior Greg Beebe exits the shoot starting his bareback ride.