

Gardens may honor authors

by Robin Pilus

A fitting place to honor John Neihardt, Nebraska poet laureate, and Nebraska author Willa Cather, would be near a library, some think.

Consequently, a proposal made by Robert Knoll, English professor, and Robert Hull, Nebraska ETV program director, calls for a Cather prairie garden and a prayer garden dedicated to Neihardt on the east and west sides of the new Love Library addition.

The prairie garden will have shrubs and trees native to Nebraska prairies. Sumac plants, rose thickets, cottonwood trees and clumps of native grasses may be planted, he said.

If the plan for the gardens is accepted, their completion is scheduled for late 1974 or spring 1975.

"I want it understood," Knoll said, "that this is not going to be a weed patch. The plants will be laid out and tended carefully."

Neither is the garden planned as a botanical garden, according to Knoll.

"We are just trying to get people to realize

the beauty of the land that surrounds them," he said.

Knoll explained that the garden is entirely for purposes of beautifying the area, not research.

"We also propose building some hills in the area," he said. "We don't want the area as flat as a table. We are trying to exploit our native flora. The best way to do it is to build a hunk of prairie."

The Prayer Garden planned to honor Neihardt will be a "graphic presentation of the beautiful, mystic Indian conception of man, his earthly life and his relationship to the universe," Hull said.

The garden would be a copy of two others, one on Neihardt's Missouri estate and the other in the Neihardt Park in Bancroft.

The garden also will be honoring the plains Indians, as it will be built like those created by the Sioux.

Hull also said he wants to place a plaque with "Black Elk's Prayer" somewhere near the garden.

Student life council suggests changes in allocations board

by Jane Owens

After passing one amendment to a working paper on the issue of UNL student fees, the Council on Student Life (CSL) voted Thursday to table any action on the entire paper for one week.

The working paper, prepared by Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs Ken Bader, includes a series of basic premises and specific recommendations which "if accepted, will establish the basis for a new student fee policy (at UNL)."

The council's amendment to Bader's paper would change the appointment procedures for student members of the Fees Allocation Board.

If Bader accepts the amendment, five of the eight student members on the allocation board will be appointed by ASUN. These students will be members of ASUN, Nebraska Union Board, publications board and the University Health Center and Recreation Department advisory committees.

The Vice Chancellor recommended that each of these five agencies appoint its own student member to the board.

Both Bader and CSL recommend that remaining student board members be "students-at-large," appointed by CSL's student organization subcommittee.

"I'm not certain that ASUN should have this much power in appointing members to the ((Allocation) board. It (ASUN) is one of the organizations that will have to apply to the board for funding," CSL member Terry Braye said. "It seems that this would be 'stacking' the board."

According to CSL member Chris Harper, the Vice Chancellor's plan for members would be "usurping the appointment powers of the elected student government."

In other business, the council approved a paper prepared by its Committee on Associative Living which states reasons for CSL support of the Abel Hall Associative Living Proposal.

The proposal, which would establish two coeducation floors next fall in Abel Hall, was approved last month by the council.

However, CSL voted Thursday that the Abel Hall proposal be presented to Chancellor James Zumberge on or before the last of July. This would mean that action by the regents on the proposal could be delayed until the board's September meeting.

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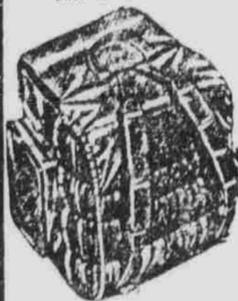
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