

Seminar examines abortion question

A symposium on abortion and its alternatives, sponsored by the Health Aides at Cather and Pound Halls, is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Nebraskan Television Lounge.

The *Daily Nebraskan* incorrectly reported in the Friday issue that the two-day symposium was to be Wednesday and Thursday nights.

Mary Alice Pratt, a Birthright representative, will speak at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, giving a general overview of the alternatives to abortion from the view point of her organization.

At 8:15 p.m., Pat Boone, a social worker at Lincoln's Family Service, will cover the services provided by this group, with special emphasis on adoption policies.

Janet Wilcoxon will discuss at 9 p.m. a program in which

women wishing to carry through their pregnancies can live in private homes. She operates such a program.

On Wednesday night, Larry Doer, of United Ministries of Higher Education, will give a presentation at 7:30 p.m. of the moral and psychological implications of abortion. At 8:15 p.m., Matt Faier, director of an Omaha clinic now performing abortions, will discuss the medical and administrative procedures of his clinic.

Ivyn Daniels, former executive director of the University YWCA, will concentrate on the legal aspects of abortion in Nebraska and other states, the effect of the latest Supreme Court ruling on abortion and the father's legal responsibilities concerning abortion.

Time will be provided for question and answer periods after each speaker.



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Neihardt dies, begins predicted 'adventure'

By Steve Arvanette

John G. Neihardt, Nebraska's poet laureate since 1921, is dead at the age of 92.

Death came Saturday afternoon at his daughter's home in Columbia, Mo. He was most easily recognized by his white mane of hair and deeply lined face.

Neihardt was known world wide for his 25 books of poetry, fiction and biography. Especially popular in recent years was his book *Black Elk Speaks*, which was first published in 1932.

After being read to Saturday, Neihardt said he wanted to take a nap. He died in his sleep at about 4 p.m., beginning the "adventure" he had predicted for some time—an "adventure" he had begun looking forward to.

"There is nothing morbid about my attitude toward death," he had said. "Rumors of the flesh and temptations of the spirit have alerted me to the fact that I am getting somewhat nearer to the great change, and I do not regret the fact."

He was born Jan. 8, 1881 in Sharpsburg, Ill. Neihardt wrote his first book at the age of 16. He became professor of poetry at NU in 1923 and served as

literary editor of the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* from 1926-1928.

The list of awards and honorary degrees are too numerous to list for the man mentioned in *1890's 1960 in America* since 1908.

In his last years, Neihardt was forced to read to his audience through the aid of a large magnifying glass. Toward the end he recited by memory, especially from *Black Elk Speaks* which people seemed to love hearing most.

Black Elk, a Sioux holy man who befriended Neihardt, once said "He is a word sender. This world is like a garden. Over this garden go his words like rain and where they fall they leave it a little greener. And when his words have passed, the memory of them shall stand long in the west like a flaming rainbow."

Neihardt was a frequent visitor to schools in Lincoln. He had a reputation on the UNI campus early last spring when he told an enthusiastic crowd, "I believe death will be a very beautiful adventure." Then earlier he had said "death will be an extraordinary adventure, not to be feared at all."

John Neihardt started what adventure Saturday.



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