



# 1992 Nebraska Literature Festival



After the final performance of "A Vision for All," the last event of the 1992 Nebraska Literature Festival held at Kearney this September, I returned to the Nebraskan Student Union to check out the state of the facilities. As I walked into the Atrium, I was surprised the custodians had carted away all of the tables and chairs and had already scrubbed the floor. I went from room to room, finding the same emptiness, and an eerie feeling swept over me. Would I wake up in the morning and find that it was just a dream? That it really hadn't happened at all?

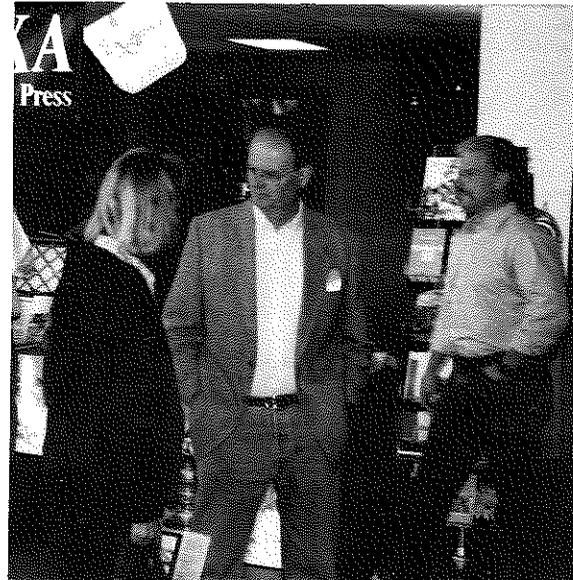
Well, it did happen and it was wonderful, due largely to all of the speakers, panelists, and exhibi-

tors who excited, inspired, and broadened the knowledge of the Festival participants. I had arranged seating for 500 people in the Ponderosa room and 400 in the Cottonwood room, and although not all of the chairs were full, usually one third to one half were occupied. We had a good crowd at all of the sessions, often equaling or exceeding the attendance at the UNO Festival. Their success last year and your contribution this year made it all possible.

The High School participation surprised us the most, for nearly 500 students and their teachers arrived at the Nebraskan Friday, double our expect-

tations, and enthusiastically joined in the activities. The winning poems, stories, and essays were published in a book available to students and the first place winners of the various categories were offered scholarships if they choose to major in English at UNK.

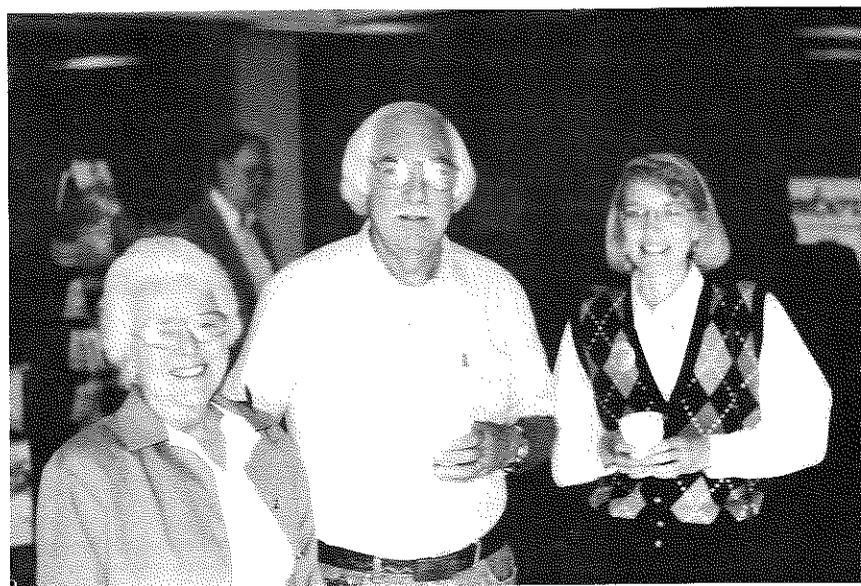
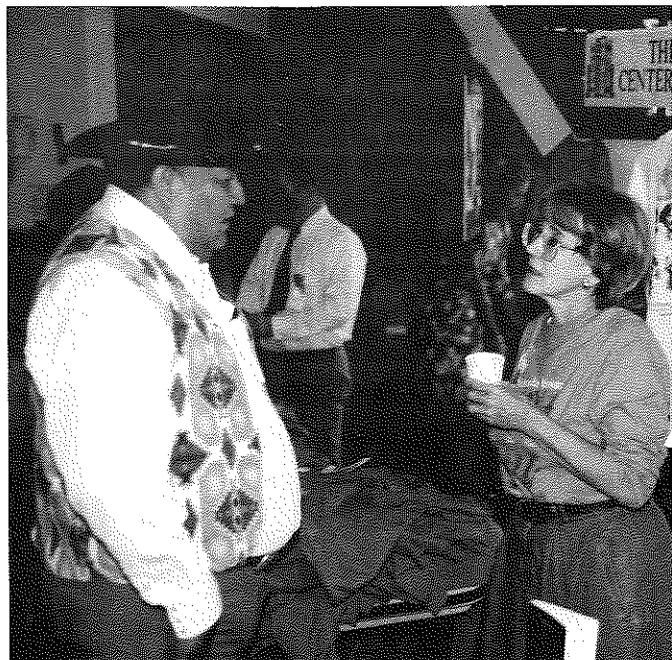
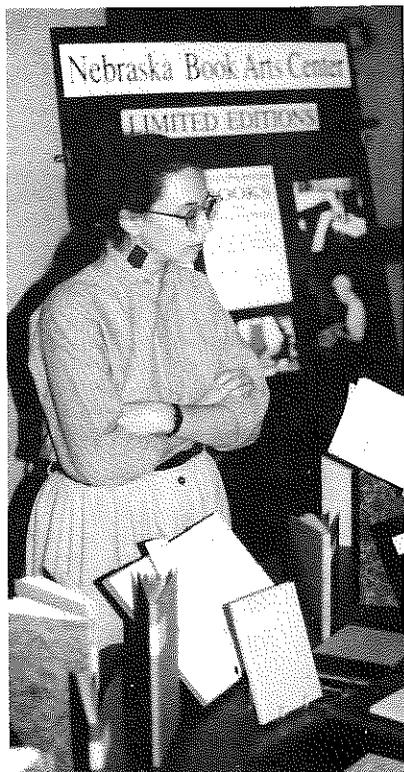
For those who were unable to attend the Festival, or who had to make the difficult choice of which program to attend, you will have a second chance to hear many of the sessions. Nebraska Public Radio taped most of the sessions of Nebraska authors as well as the second performance of "A Vision for All." They are tentatively scheduled for broadcast in January.



I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who helped make the 1992 Literature Festival such a success. As I filled out the Project Director's Report concerning the "Scholars Who Participated," the total, including speakers, panelists, and "workers," came to 84. Thank you all so much for your contribution.

The 1993 Festival will be held in Lincoln, so get in touch with Steve Shively and Robert Narveson at the UNL English Department and ask them, "How can I help next year?" 

— Susanne George  
1992 Literature Festival Chair



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## Thank You Dick Allen!



*In appreciation of all his good work on behalf  
of the Nebraska Center for the Book,  
Board member Carol Connor presents out-going  
president Dick Allen with the Smithsonian Book of Books*

Members of the NCB recently said good-bye to outgoing president Dick Allen. At the recent annual meeting for the Center, board member Carol Connor presented Dick with a plaque and a book as a small thank you for the hard work and long hours he has given the Nebraska Book Community.

Dick was a founding member of the NCB, and has

served the last two years as the Center's first president. Without Dick's leadership the Center would not be the viable, strong organization it is today.

The NCB thanks Dick for his generous, selfless work on behalf of books, reading, writing, and literacy in Nebraska. He will be sorely missed.