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 political prisoners, Luce estimates there are approximately 200,000 confined for political reasons. "If we spoke out about these prisoners in South Vietnam we could get them released," he said. "International concern kept (Alexandr) Solzhenitsyn out of jail."

Luce urged Nebraskans to write their congressman and senators about the release of these prisoners.

He suggested the names of two political prisoners: Cao Thi Que Huong, a 35-year-old woman and Nguyen Long, a 65-year-old lawyer imprisoned for "defending political prisoners too vigorously."

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Stipends reward, not lure professors

By Mark Hoffman

Stipends originally intended to attract and keep outstanding professors at NU apparently have been successful, according to UNL administration and faculty members.

These yearly stipends of \$5,000 are the Regents professorships that have been awarded to NU professors on the basis of concern for teaching and the welfare of students, involvement and service to the University and a high level of scholarly achievement and potential, according to a listing of criteria for regents professors.

The Regents professorship began about 1962 by the NU Alumni Assoc. as an endowment for distinguished teaching, said Harry Haynie, NU Foundation president. Recipients received \$3,750 then.

"When we started this program, there was a real need to compete with other universities (for good professors)," he said. The funds added to a professor's salary helped in competing, he said.

Wallace Peterson, a Regents professor and Dept. of Economics chairman, said UNL suffered a major turnover in good professors in the late 1950s.

Clifford Hardin, then UNL chancellor, helped initiate the program to retain those professors, Peterson said. More than 80% of regents professors have remained at NU according to a 1972 report, he said.

NU has about 35 regents professors, with 20 at UNL, Haynie said. Once selected, the professor receives the yearly payment until retirement, he said.

Only full professors can receive regents professorships, Haynie said.

Other faculty members make nominations which are screened by a committee of current regents professors. The committee makes recommendations to the chancellor who, with the Board of Regents, approves a selection.

John Stephens, executive assistant to the UNL chancellor, said the Regents professorships are more a reward for excellent work than an incentive to stay.

But he said because of the financial situation there are no plans for new situation professorships.

According to Haynie, four or five regents professors were selected last year. He said the original intent of the program was for about 20 professors. That figure was reached in about four or five years, he said.

Henry Baumgarten, a regents professor and the Dept. of Chemistry chairman, said there was a need to continue the program to keep good young instructors at NU.

"The people who do well are going to get offers from other institutions," he said. He said the incentive of possibly receiving a regents award after becoming a full professor might keep them here.

He said if NU lost its outstanding young people, it "wouldn't be able to replace them at the same level."

Campbell McConnell, regents professor of economics, agreed that the professorships should be continued and expanded.

He said, on the national level, NU lags behind the other schools in the level of full professors' salaries. He said Hardin's intent in helping to initiate the program was to "punch a hole in what he saw as a ceiling on full professors' salaries."

Peterson said in 1967 UNL professors earned an average of \$16,473, and this year earned \$20,460. In terms of buying power, the current \$20,460 has only 88% of the purchasing power it would have had in 1967, he said.

The problem with continuing and expanding the program is money, Haynie said. More donors would need to be found and there is speculation that some of the current donors may discontinue their support, he said.

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