UNL colleges recruiting teachers

By Theresa Forsman

Most UNL colleges will have hired additional professors by Aug. 1 to teach undergraduate classes, according to college deans.

Undergraduate colleges were allocated \$851,000 by the State Legislature this spring to upgrade the quality of undergraduate teaching at UNL. The money is a result of an amendment to the university budget by Utica Sen. Douglas Bereuter.

Ronald Smith, dean of UNL's College of Business Administration, said prospective faculty members have been interviewed and all offers will be made by July 15. All new positions should be filled by Aug. 1, he said.

Smith said he is confident the college can fill open positions.

"We will be getting some good people here," he said. The college was allocated twenty six per cent of the \$851,000 to add five positions and to upgrade nine positions.

One-year positions

The positions being filled are one-year appointments but are subject to reappointment.

Smith said the one-year scipulation did not cause as much of a problem in recruiting qualified professors as he thought it might. He said the highest demand for college professors now is in some areas of business administration, so that recruiting qualified professors was difficult.

Having to compete with the outside market also posed temporary problems for the College of Engineering and Technology, said Dean George Hanna.

"It is difficult to entice qualified people when there are good engineering jobs to be had," Hanna said.

Hanna said he is very pleased with the applicants selected to fill the two positions created in the college, but added that he did not get as many applicants as he expected. The engineering college was allocated seven per cent of the funds to add one and one-half positions and to upgrade two positions.

Cecil Steward, dean of the College of Architecture, said he has filled the two positions being opened in the college with five per cent of the undergraduate funds. He said the one-year stipulation had no effect on the quality of those applying for the positions.

Seven per cent to Teachers College

Robert Egbert, dean of Teachers College, said he would have three positions filled by the beginning of August. Teachers College was given seven per cent of the funds to add three positions and to upgrade one position.

Egbert said he is pleased with the candidates being considered for the job, but added that the one-year stipulation did make a difference in the number of applicants. "We lost three good candidates because we could not promise them more than a year," he said.

Irvin Omtvedt, chairman of the Animal Science Dept. in the 'College of Agriculture, said if the positions are not extended beyond one year, the department will be worse off than it was without the new positions.

"We've made some changes in the program which we feel are absolutely necessary," Omtvedt said.

He said one-year positions is not the way to build permanent improvement into a program. The College of Agriculture has five per cent of the undergraduate funds to add two positions. One position has been filled, and Omtvedt said the other one should be filled by July 15.

Thirty six per cent of the funds will be

used by the College of Arts and Sciences to add 16½ positions and to upgrade six positions.

Offers being made

Most of the interviewing of applicants is finished, and offers are being made, said Max Larsen, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

He said he is optimistic that most of the one-year appointments will be renewed. He said the one-year limit posed no problems in finding qualified applicants.

"The academic market is such that qualified people are available," Larsen "The departments (in the college) have done an excellent job in finding people who are good teachers at the undergraduate level," he said.

Adam Breckenridge, UNL vice chancellor of academic affairs, said the one-year stipulation may have helped UNL "recruit some talent we would not otherwise get."

Some departments are hiring professors who are on one-year leaves of absence from their school.

"We have an indication," Breckenridge said, "that it (the undergraduate money) is part of our base budget."

English TV series returning

Two outstanding television series about Englishwomen, produced by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), will return to the Nebraska ETV Network broadcast schedule in July.

Jennie: Lady Randolph Churchill, a series dramatizing the life of Winston Churchill's American mother, will start Wednesday, July 14, at 8 p.m. repeating Sundays at 9 p.m. Lee Remick stars as Jennie in the seven-part series which drew rave reviews when it was first aired on national public television in the fall of 1975.

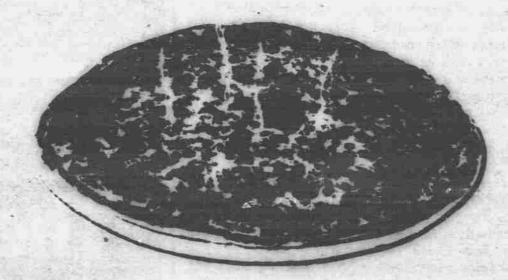
The Duke and Duchess of Marlborough and the eminent historian Lord Norwich are among those interviewed in special segments following each episode of Jennie: Lady Randolph Churchill.

Shoulder to Shoulder—the story of the violent early suffragette movement in Britain—returns to the Nebraska ETV Network starting Sunday, July 25, at 8 p.m. The series was first broadcast by NETV in October of 1975. The six-part series which repeats on Fridays at 9 p.m. traces the real-life story of the Pankhurst family—four women who mobilized a women's army in England to gain political recognition for women. The bitter struggle involved violence, hiding from police, and going to prison.

Created and produced by three Englishwomen, Shoulder to Shoulder stars Tony Award-winner Georgia Brown as Annie Kenney, a colleague of the Pankhursts in the fight for women's rights.

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