

Reaccreditation threatened

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"Courses have to be planned out better with advisers," Johnson said. "This puts a little pressure on advisers particularly in the education department."

Craig said that the college was 11th largest in enrollment in the nation two years ago, according to the Association of Advisers for Home Economics, and as far as she knows that hasn't changed.

Associate Dean Lois Schwab said current enrollment is 1,033 at first semester, with 793 students at the Lincoln campus and 240 students at UNO.

Craig said that although faculty members of the college are very committed and one of the strongest aspects of the college, they have difficulty recruiting replacements for retiring staff and have had to work with fewer

people.

Schwab said there were 52.27 full-time teaching equivalents in 1980-81 and the college now has 55.27 full-time equivalents but a larger program.

Nancy Betts, a Faculty Senate member and an assistant professor in human nutrition and food service management, said it is harder to provide teacher-student interaction with a decrease in staff.

"We are teaching more with less help and have to be more creative," Betts said. "We used to be able to do more for the students." Betts also said faculty members are busy with research, making it difficult to give students the attention they deserve.

Hazel Fox, chairwoman of the department of human nutrition and food service management, said the department is now working under the biggest program ever with fewer resources.

Fox said the department is building the restaurant-management program, but because of the budget cuts is unable to move as fast as it would like.

Craig said the growth and reallocation of the college is projected at about 10 to 14 percent for the restaurant-management program and the interior-design department.

The interior-design program has a rigorous accreditation requirement and may not be reaccredited next year because of areas that had to be cut back, Craig said.

Rob Hillestad, a textiles, clothing and design professor, said the chance the department won't be reaccredited is a real threat. When an accrediting agency sees that professors are dealing with too many students and not enough equipment, Hillestad said, they tend to think the college won't be able to provide the experiences the students need.

Plains women conference here

By Jane Hirt
Staff Reporter

To acknowledge women's diversity of experiences and contributions to the Great Plains culture, the 11th annual Great Plains conference will be March 18 to 20 at UNL.

The conference, sponsored by the UNL Center for Great Plains Studies, will consist of a series of presentations dealing with subjects ranging from "Prairie Schoolwomen, Mid-1800s to 1920s" to "Maternity Dress on the Great Plains."

The topics include women's art, literature and the history of women's roles, Conference Chairwoman Helen A. Moore said.

The keynote speaker will be Beatrice Medicine, an anthropologist at the Native Centre, University of Calgary, Alberta. She will speak on "Indian Women's Culture in Contemporary Plains Society" at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Love Library 104. This session is free.

Medicine also works with the department of anthropology at California State University, Northridge, and has published many articles and books including "The Hidden Half," about Indian women of the Northern Plains.

UNL students and faculty may attend free of charge. A \$27 registration fee is required and includes meals, conference materials and 32 presentations throughout the three-day period. Most of the conference will be at the Nebraska Union. If students and faculty wish to receive meals, they must also pay the registration fee.

Moore said that besides Medicine's presentation, three other presentations are free to the public.

Scott McNall, professor of sociology at the University of Kansas, will speak at the Wick Alumni Center at 1 p.m. Thursday, on "Women and the Politics of Culture."

Cornelia Butler Flora, a sociology professor at Kansas State University, will lecture on "The Changing Structure of Agriculture and Its Implications for Women's Culture in the Great Plains" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Nebraska Union Ballroom.

Sandra Myres, professor of history at

the University of Texas at Arlington, will give a lecture titled, "I Have Deliberately Chosen Hard Work and Plenty of It: Women Homesteaders on the Canadian Plains," at 1:15 p.m. Friday in the union.

The presentations will not only deal with American Indian and black women, but also with European immigrants, Hispanic and Canadian women, Moore said.

Moore said she expects 200 to 250 people to attend.



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