

UNL Chancellor Massengale directs football association

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UNL Chancellor Dr. Martin A. Massengale was elected president of the College Football Association last week in Dallas.

Massengale said he was pleased with the election, but preferred a modest approach in speculating about why he was elected to the post.

"I think it is recognition of the University of Nebraska and our fine athletic program," Massengale said. "We have a good academic and athletic reputation nationwide, and that's why I think I was elected — not because of me individually."

Massengale has been involved with the CFA for several years, after being appointed by the Big Eight to represent the conference in the 66-member association.

Massengale said he does not expect his job as president to be overly time consuming.

"Most of the work will still be done by the staff office in Boulder," Massengale said. "I'll just be setting some policy and direction for the association."

The CFA is made up of three subgroups: coaches, faculty representatives, and athletic directors. Massengale noted that the CFA makes proposals, but the NCAA has the final say on the CFA's proposals.

"The CFA is not an enforcement agency," Massengale said. "We make recommendations to the NCAA, work with television contracts, and try to promote the general welfare of college football throughout the nation."

Massengale stressed that the association deals not only with athletics, but academics as well.

"We want to work on behalf of academics in order to develop the total individual," Massengale said. "That's what we're after. I have a large interest in academics and that's probably why I'm serving as president."

The CFA is headed in the right direction, Massengale said, but he would

like to see the association get stronger.

"I think the CFA is growing in stature and improving overall, but I'd like to see it (CFA) establish its own position," Massengale said. "I'd like to see an increase in the stability of the member institutions and the assistance to their programs."

Massengale said it is possible that his election along with Nebraska's quality academic and football programs might help to bring more visibility to the state and to the school.

Massengale's election as CFA president comes exactly five years after being named chancellor of the University of Nebraska. Massengale will serve a three-year term, replacing University of Kentucky President Otis Singletary, who had served as president since 1983. Massengale's term as president became effective June 1.

"I have plenty of things to keep me busy now," Massengale said. "But as long as I can be of some use, I'm willing to get involved."

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Stratton's work on the march meriting three credit hours.

"In a way I was relieved, but I also felt defeated about all the controversy that was stirred up," Stratton said.

However, since The Great Peace March became incorporated and took over sponsorship, the School of Social Work has reinstated the practicum, Stratton said.

"Now it's in my ball court, but right now I don't know if I have the energy to put into it like I did before."

Stratton said her new job making advance preparations for the marchers is time consuming. Her duties consist

of confirming and securing routes for the marchers with the state patrol and searching for places to camp. Stratton and King-Taylor met this week with officials from Lincoln, Grand Island and Kearney.

King-Taylor said it has taken a while for the group to regain the public's trust in their group and their cause, after PRO-Peace failed.

"I spend the first three-quarters of every meeting apologizing for PRO-Peace," she said.

Stratton said the marchers are working to regain the public's trust in the march.

"People needed to see proof that we were what we said we were," Stratton

said. Now we have a board of directors, a city council, security, education department, sanitation and daycare. We can match anything they have in a real city, with something of ours in Peace City."

Stratton said camp is set up so every marcher walks five days a week and works within the camp two days. Newsletters are distributed within the camp to keep marchers informed, although Stratton and King-Taylor admitted interdepartmental communications in camp is one of their biggest problems. It's also difficult for marchers to communicate with the media because of erratic schedules and inaccessibility to telephones in some areas, they said.

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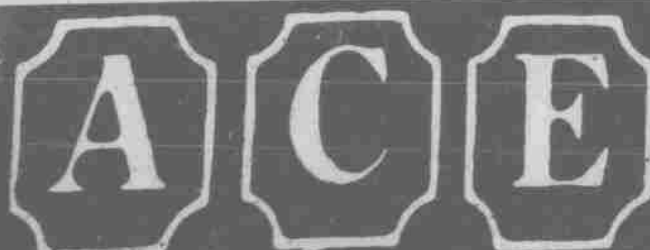
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