

# Ag nominee awaits regent approval

By Randy Blauvelt

Martin A. Massengale, 42, has "eliminated" himself from commitments to other schools, pending his approval by the NU Board of Regents as UNL's next vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Massengale's name will be submitted to the board for formal approval at its meeting Dec. 13. If approved, Massengale said he will not take the position until about March, 1976.

He now is associate dean of the College of Agriculture at the University of Arizona, Tucson (UA), and directs its agriculture experiment station at a salary of "about \$38,000." He joined the UA staff as an assistant professor of agronomy in 1958, was named department head in 1966 and took his current position in 1974.

"I have given verbal acceptance for the

position," he said in a telephone interview Monday, "but March is the earliest date I can close up my activities here."

The UNL ag institute combines the College of Agriculture teaching programs, the agriculture experiment station and research and off-campus education in the cooperative extension service. It also includes services of the water resources research institute and the conservation and survey program.

#### Salary negotiated

Salary negotiations still are underway, Massengale said, with a tentative "ballpark" figure set at between \$41,000 and \$41,500. UNL's Interim Chancellor Adam Breckenridge verified that the figure is somewhat accurate.

If approved, Massengale would assume the position vacated by Duane Acker on July 1. Acker, now president of Kansas

State University, was paid \$36,000 for the post.

"I'll have to study the system before making any changes," Massengale said, "but I won't say I won't make any."

The Kentucky native said he doesn't "know of any opposition" to his appointment as vice chancellor, but said he is "not really in a position to see it, if there is any."

The vice chancellor job appeals to him because he said it includes teaching, researching and administering.

"I've been heavily involved in research and teaching," he said. "I like all aspects. That's why I like the job. If someone doesn't like to work with people, they shouldn't be in administration."

#### Good choice

Roy Arnold, vice chancellor search committee chairman and chairman of Food

Science and Technology, said Massengale is a "very good choice."

Robert Kleis, acting director of the institution's experiment station, and Leo Lucas, dean and director of the institute's extension service, both deny there is "intense pressure" to secure an institute vice chancellor before Massengale's expected March starting date, praised Agriculture Experiment Station Director Howard Ottoson's work as acting vice chancellor and said they were "very impressed" with Massengale.

Massengale received his B.S. degree from Western Kentucky University and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin.

During 1972, Massengale served as president of the Crop Science Society of America. He is a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and a member of the American Grassland Council.

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## Boucher new editor-in-chief

Vince Boucher, a senior majoring in journalism and English, was chosen as next semester's Daily Nebraskan editor-in-chief Monday night by the Publications Committee.

Boucher has worked on the Daily Nebraskan since the fall of 1973 as reporter, associate news editor, reporter, book reviewer and Third Dimension editor. He was editor of the 1975 Summer Nebraskan. Currently, Boucher is president of the UNL chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi.

Increased ASUN activity within other existing campus organizations and student interest in the coming election year will be among the important issues to be covered next semester, he said.

Boucher said he thinks the status of the Daily Nebraskan within the university's student organization structure needs to be clarified because of student fee support for the Daily Nebraskan.

Applications for reporters, columnists, copy editors, photographers, arts and news and editorial assistants for next semester's Daily Nebraskan are due Monday, Dec. 9 at 5 p.m. Applications do not have to be journalism majors, but journalism or writing experience is helpful.



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## UNL organization will campaign for reform act

Nebraska University Public Interest Research Group (NUPIRG) is the first UNL organization to campaign for putting the 1976 Nebraska Political Reform Act on the November ballot, according to Marge Schlitt, Sunshine Initiative coordinator for Lincoln.

NUPIRG will have a booth in the Nebraska Union north lobby, Schlitt said, where petitions calling for placement of the bill on the ballot may be signed or picked up for circulation. The booth will be closed over winter vacation.

Only students registered to vote in Lancaster County can sign these petitions, Schlitt said, but those registered in other Nebraska counties may circulate petitions in their home counties over interim.

The Sunshine Initiative is part of a national drive to get the reform act on ballots. The bill was passed by petition drives in California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Missouri and the Michigan State Legislature passed the bill.

Schlitt said the petition drive in Nebraska is seeking 31,590 signatures.

According to NUPIRG President Don Wesley, the Nebraska Legislature is planning to introduce parts of the bill, while those signing the petition favor all reforms listed.

The reform act calls for a commission with an executive director, general coordinator, a CPA and two investigators, whose sole power would be to investigate and enforce what Schlitt called four major revisions in the weak Nebraskan lobbying law:

—Lobbyists and their agents must register and file activity reports with the commission, reveal their true identities and list the persons or organizations employing them.

—Lobbyists, candidates and public officials file all disclosure statements with the independent and non-partisan commission.

—Complete disclosure of candidates' political campaign financing.

—Public officials and employees are prohibited from using their offices or confidential information for personal financial gain.

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#### Weather

Wednesday: Mostly sunny with temperatures ranging from the upper 30s to mid-40s. South to southwesterly winds from 5-15 m.p.h.

Wednesday night: Fair with temperatures in the mid to upper 20s.

Thursday: Partly cloudy and warm. Highs in the mid to upper 40s.



The concrete environment of the Great Ape House of Kansas City, Missouri's Swope Park Zoo is a far cry from the swampy coastal forests of Borneo and Sumatra that are the natural habitat for this female

orangutan. The name orangutan comes from the Malaysian orang hutan which means "man of the forest."

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