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NU President Ronald Roskens (right) installs Martin Massengale as UNL's chancellor Sunday afternoon in a ceremony at Kimball Recital Hall.

Chancellor Massengale installed

By Laure Perlinger

UNL's enhancement and preservation will be Martin A. Massengale's primary goal while serving as chancellor of the UNL campus.

Massengale was installed by NU President Ronald Roskens as UNL's 16th chancellor at a Sunday afternoon ceremony at Kimball Recital Hall.

Featured speaker was James Olson, one-time UNL faculty member and administrator, who is now president of the University of Missouri at Columbia. Olson was formerly director of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

Olson said the chancellorship requires skill, energy and more than luck. He said one of the biggest challenges for the chancellor will be to maintain flourishing education and research.

Massengale spoke of effective and efficient operation of the university. He said it has an obligation to provide Nebraskans the requirements for a university of excellence, referring to high levels of performance by students, faculty and staff.

"We do not ask that our mistakes be papered over," Massengale said. "Our obligation is not to always do the tried and tested, but the new and creative."

He said the university must firmly defend and enhance what it does.

"The Lincoln campus is far better than many of us give ourselves credit for," he said.

Massengale said it's a team effort — the state's people and the university system — to strengthen the commitment to education and research.

Massengale was named UNL chancellor on June 1 after serving as vice chancellor for the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources for more than five years.

After receiving his bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University and his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Wisconsin, he served as assistant professor, associate professor, professor and head of the Department of Agronomy. He was appointed associate dean of the College of Agriculture and associate director of the Arizona Agricultural Experiment Station in 1974.

RHA reconsiders public area access proposal

By Roger Aden

The subject of 24-hour co-ed access to public areas in residence halls was re-opened at the Thursday night meeting of the Residence Hall Association. Public areas include elevators, lounges and halls.

RHA President Robin Lynch said Abel 7 brought the idea to RHA last year. After the proposal was approved by the Office of Housing, she said it was rejected by Richard Armstrong, vice chancellor for student affairs.

RHA decided to form an ad hoc committee to further examine the issue.

"We're going to take it back to the students and see what they think," Lynch said. "If they don't want it, we'll let it go as is."

"If they do want it, we'll take it to the NU Board of Regents this time," she said. "We took it through the right channels last year and it got killed. This time we'll take it through a different channel, if that's what is decided."

In another matter, RHA heard from advisor Richard McKinnon of the housing office regarding damage done to public areas in residence halls.

McKinnon said damage caused by an unidentified person in a public area of a residence hall is paid for by everyone living in a residence hall because the money comes from room and board rates.

"There is \$10,000 to \$12,000 worth of unaccountable damage each year in the dorms," he said, "and there is no way to collect."

Billing proposed

McKinnon said the housing office is proposing to bill

residents of the floor or hall where the damage occurred if no one has been identified as doing the damage and there is sufficient reason to believe that residents of the floor or building were responsible.

The proposal suggests giving cases of public area damage to a hall or complex committee which then could decide from the following options:

— a named individual or named individuals are responsible for the damage and will be charged for the damage.

— no individual or individuals can be identified, but there is reason to believe the damage was done by floor members (for example, no other students were on the floor at the time the damage was done) and the total cost of the damage will be divided evenly among all members of the floor.

— there is no reason to believe the floor members were responsible for the damage and will not be charged for it.

McKinnon said if the second option is chosen, hearings will be provided for students who would like an exemption because they were not present at the time of the damage.

Lynch told RHA representatives to take the proposal back to their halls and get reactions to it.

Uniform election rules

In other matters:
— Jennifer Fager, ASUN electoral commission director and Doran Matzke, ASUN second vice president, presented RHA with a proposed list of uniform election rules for residence halls during ASUN elections.

Presently, each hall has its own set of rules, Fager said. RHA representatives should take the list back to their halls for feedback.

Regents vote down salary appeal of student presidents

By Laure Perlinger

The NU Board of Regents Friday voted 6-2 against a proposal to bring back compensation for student regents, despite a legal opinion favoring pay presented by UNL and UNO student presidents Rick Mockler and Florence Langford and supportive comments from Regents John Payne of Kearney and Robert Koefoot of Grand Island.

"Let them decide it, not us," Koefoot said. "It's up to the students to abolish pay. I don't think we should decide, they deserve it (pay) and should have it."

The regents voted in February to abolish compensation starting with the 1982 student regent.

Mockler said it was his understanding that when the first resolution eliminating compensation was passed, it was felt there was not enough data to differentiate the two positions (student president and student regent.)

Langford and Mockler said they researched the legislative history of Article 7, Section 10 of the Nebraska Constitution, in which it states regents "shall receive no compensation, but may be reimbursed their actual expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties."

"Nowhere in LB323 can it be implied that a student regent should be denied compensation for non-regental duties," Mockler said.

"What was meant by the Legislature was not to have us penalized by holding another position, but to enhance the board by participation on it," Mockler said. "The issue here is how the responsibilities are differentiated."

But Regent Kermit Hansen of Omaha said that during the 1975 and 1976 ASUN elections, the ballot read "student body president/student regent," indicating dual obligations.

If one person holds two positions, the separation of the jobs is extremely important, Hansen said. He acknowledged that it is an unfortunate situation.

Mockler and Langford emphasized they were first elected as student presidents, and later sworn in as student regents. Mockler said the duties of the student president go above and beyond regental duties.

Payne said the student presidents should be paid for the time spent on student government duties.

While regental duties are not payable, the regents still get salaries for their professional work, Langford pointed out. A student president should likewise receive pay for his or her current profession as student representative, she said.

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