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NCAA elects Massengale

By Larry Peirce
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The University of Nebraska-Lincoln soon will have major input into the National Collegiate Athletic Association, UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale said.

Massengale was elected early this month as chairman of the President's Commission of the NCAA.

His election was partly due to the stature of UNL's athletic department, which has been used as a model for other colleges, Massengale said.

"This will keep UNL abreast of what is going on in college athletics," Massengale said.

Forty-four college presidents are on the commission, with 22 from Division I and 11 from both Division II and III. The commission can introduce legislation and call for roll call votes on specific issues. It meets four times per year.

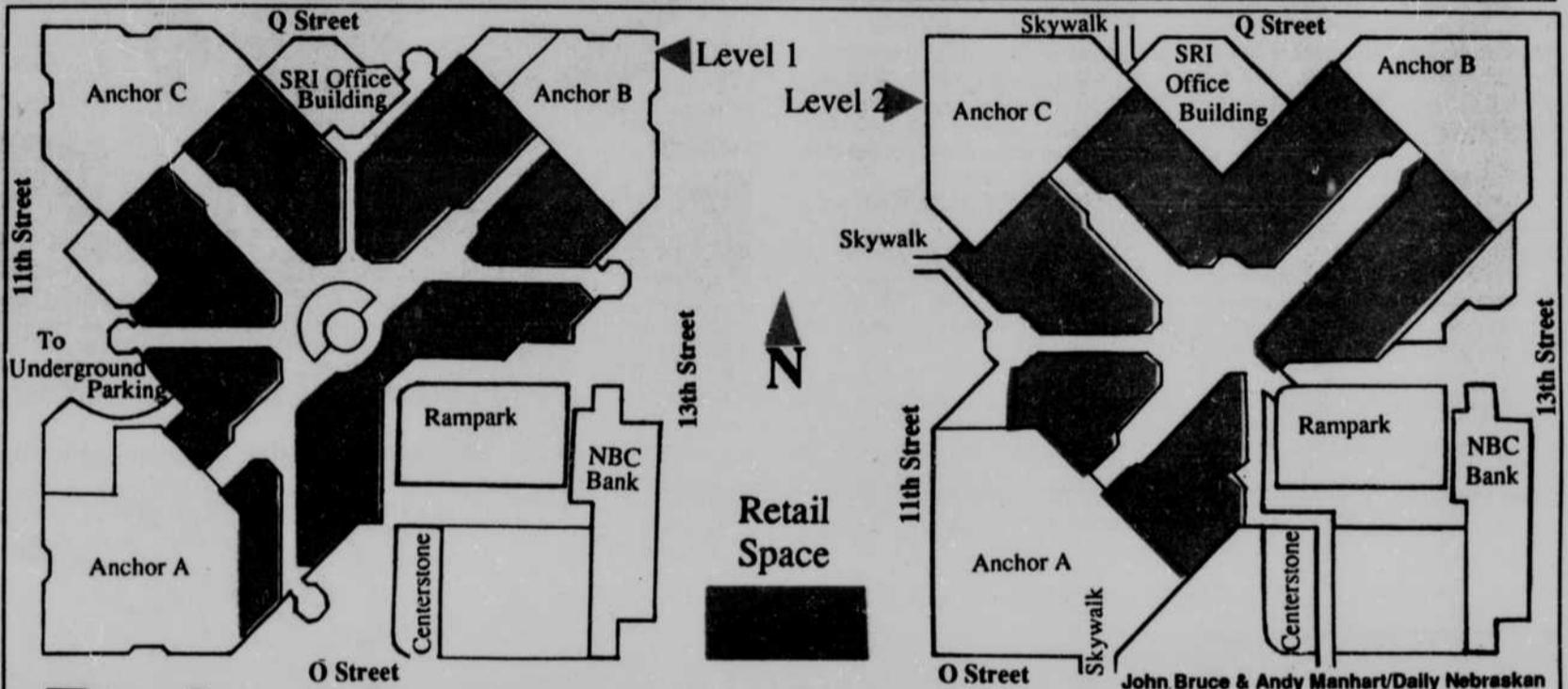
Massengale said the commission will continue to emphasize programs dealing with academic quality, recruiting, drug problems and cost containment.

"We are further advanced in these programs than most people realize," he said. "We want to see that these people get a quality education."

He said cost containment is a major issue for the NCAA because all colleges can't spend the same amount on scholarships and don't bring in the same revenue as Division I schools.

Division II schools offer a limited number of scholarships but don't have large revenue sources, he said. Division III schools don't give athletic scholarships and not all Division

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Redevelopment changes approved

By Deanne Nelson
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Substantial changes in design for the Lincoln downtown redevelopment project were approved at a meeting of the redevelopment design committee Wednesday.

Steve Bell, vice president of development of BCE Development Properties, Inc., said this meeting was one step in furthering the redevelopment.

Next, project representatives will meet with anchor stores and get a local contractor to price the project, Bell said.

"The anchor stores will still have a big say in what this comes out to be," he said.

But, he said, the current design "embodies all the things the city wants to see in the center."

Design changes "softened the building, made it friendlier and resulted in more public space," Bell said, "but there is still an evolution to happen."

"I guess you could say that it is the final design for this phase," he said, with "good committee communication" being the main proponent for design success.

The center will comprise a five-

block section of the downtown area from O to Q streets between 11th and 13th streets, and the existing block containing the Rampark and NBC buildings.

A 15-story office tower is included in the design, which "was put in there to accommodate Selection Research, Inc.'s needs," Bell said.

He said "there is no business deal with them yet."

A theater complex, food court and various stores beside the anchors are also included in the design, which was done by the architectural firm Welton Becket Asso-

ciates. The firm was hired in May by BCED, he said.

Bell said BCED was "very excited about it all," even though many things have yet to be done.

Project representatives still have to go to Little Rock, Ark., to secure Dillard's department store as an anchor in the center, Bell said.

"We still have not made a deal with Dillard's," or Younkers, another prospective anchor, he said.

The expected completion date is still April 1991, but that could be postponed or moved up, he said.

Level three of the redevelopment plan is shown on 3.

Accidents cause changes in Greek policy

By Victoria Ayotte
Staff Reporter

In the wake of accidents like one recently at Kearney State College, Greek houses at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and nationally are changing policies, UNL Greek officials said.

One man died and a woman was injured after falling from a balcony at a Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity party July 15 in Kearney.

Three house members have been charged with contributing to the delinquency of minors and selling alcohol to minors. The national Sig Ep association suspended the Kearney chapter's charter.

Accidents such as these have increased insurance costs and concern over liability across the country, said Jayne Wade Anderson, director for Greek Affairs at UNL.

Insurance at UNL is hard to get and has increased to almost \$35 per member per year because "people have become lawsuit conscious," she said.

Shannon Harner, president of Chi Omega

sorority, said Greek organizations have to be careful when having parties.

"You can get sued for basically anything," she said.

Harner said that last year, her house began having parties only at licensed establishments with a security guard and cash bar. Valid I.D.'s are necessary to buy alcohol and the rules are strictly enforced, she said.

The house sometimes charters buses to transport house members to and from the party, she said.

Lori Nedrow, Panhellenic Association president and a member of Delta Gamma sorority, said each house has different policies regarding alcohol and parties, but agreed that more houses are going to cash-bar policies. Having parties at a licensed establishment "takes a lot of the liability off," she said.

"I just think being aware of it and taking steps to prevent it is important," she said.

Todd Bush, president of Sigma Phi Epsilon at UNL, said fraternities are also taking extra precautions to avoid accidents by creating a "risk

management" program.

Bush said the Sig Ep house last spring started doing as many things as possible to reduce liability.

The house has at least three parties a year at a licensed establishment; they use guest lists, designated drivers and non-alcoholic beverages; and they stop serving alcohol at least one hour before the end of the party, Bush said.

He said the fraternity also does not have open parties anymore.

"You just have to do everything you can to prevent things from happening—it's just a high-risk situation," he said.

Bush said fraternities are a "big bulls-eye" for lawsuits, which makes precautions necessary.

"We live in a sue-happy society. It's everywhere," Bush said.

John Smith, Interfraternity Council president and a member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, agreed with Bush that avoiding accidents is necessary. Any accident with a fraternity is going to bring a lot of negative attention, he

said.

But accidents happen everywhere, he said. "You just encourage people to be responsible," he said. "That's what it all comes down to—making the individual responsible."

Anderson said UNL has developed many educational programs to combat the problem. The Greek system here has an agreement with the NU Board of Regents to follow all university policies. That helps, too, she said.

When house members violate rules, they are dealt with by the Greek judicial board and can appeal to the university judicial system, she said.

"We make every effort to make sure we don't have incidents," she said. "We don't have at Nebraska massive open parties, but anything could happen."

To protect themselves, the houses at UNL educate members about what happens around the country, keep an orderly house, communicate with the national organization and have adequate insurance coverage, Anderson said.

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