

Massengale nominated for presidential spot

From Staff Reports

Martin Massengale, UNL chancellor and NU interim president, has been nominated to fill the top spot in the university system, said Neale Copple, interim director of university relations at UNL.

Massengale, however, has not decided whether to submit an application to the Presidential Search Committee, Copple said Thursday.

Several people nominated Massengale, but Copple said he did not know the names of those submitting

Massengale's name for consideration.

A person may be nominated for the presidential position but does not receive serious consideration by the search committee until a formal application is submitted by the nominee, Copple said.

Michael Mulnix, UNL public relations director, said that if Massengale chose to apply and was selected as NU president, as much as a year could elapse before a search committee could find a replacement for the UNL chancellor.

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Bleed

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The "stuff" in the office isn't valuable, but Bleed said he likes having many things around him. Bleed said "Indiana Jones" movies miss the point of archaeology because it is not just finding valuable things.

Archaeology is a good way to travel without being considered a tourist, he said.

Japan is his major research area. He traveled to Japan in 1975. Bleed recently received a Japan Foundation Fellowship and will return to Japan next semester. The fellowship will give Bleed a chance to visit his Japanese colleagues and friends.

"I have a good base and good friends there," he said.

Bleed said he is interested in applying methods of engineering to archaeological research while in Japan.

"Japan is a good place to apply those ideas," he said.

In the meantime, Bleed is teaching 12 credit hours of classes this semester.

Grader and former student Russell George, a criminal justice major and anthropology minor, said Bleed applies real life experiences

to his teaching. This is because he has the field experience that some professors lack, George said.

George said Bleed adds insight to classes.

"I learn in class and from class," he said.

George said Bleed invites students to think rather than "regurgitate" information on a test.

Assignments in Bleed's classes probably are fewer than other classes, but he assigns more activities, George said.

Bleed said he sometimes has students examine litter around campus, where litter ends up in the classrooms and the pattern of litter after Nebraska football games.

"The archaeology of garbage is real interesting," Bleed said. "I see the ability to look at litter as the same as King Tut's tomb."

George said his first class with Bleed made him interested enough to pursue an anthropology minor.

Bleed said he does not necessarily want to recruit students to anthropology but tries to convey his excitement about the field.

"Obviously, nobody reaches everybody," Bleed said. "Nobody has perfect days. It's important for students to realize that."

Bleed said he likes to use models and visual representations in teaching. He strives to break down

complicated ideas into manageable terms for students.

The trip to Japan next semester probably will help his teaching, Bleed said. Bleed has taught sophomore archaeology 16 times.

"I like teaching, but if you do the same thing too long, you kind of get worn down," Bleed said. "Any kind of invigorating experience makes a teacher better."

Bleed is teaching a new class this year -- graduate history and philosophy of museums.

He said that developing the syllabus, reading list and labs for a new class is satisfying.

"It's a wonderful teaching experience," he said. "The students are all jazzed and want to be there."

Bleed received his bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Minnesota and his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

His honors include two Japan Foundation Fellowships, a summer fellowship from the UNL Research Council, a Kellogg National Fellowship, a UNL Center for Great Plains Studies Summer Fellowship and a UNL Distinguished Teaching Award in 1988.

Bleed has been at UNL since 1972 and served as department chairman from 1979 to 1985.

Action, not talk, needed Forum uses religion to fight racism

By Michael Ho Staff Reporter

A local pastor used a Thursday open forum at the UNL Culture Center to explore ways of using religion to battle racism, while some audience members warned that religion itself is aggravating relations among cultures.

The Rev. Susan Davies, pastor at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Lincoln and speaker at the forum, said action -- not talk -- is needed to combat racism.

"It's much too simplistic to think that to sit here and smile" will wash racism away, she said.

Combatting racism locally is difficult because Lincoln is a very homogeneous city, she said, and people of different backgrounds don't often meet.

Pipi Peterson, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate student, said the problem is deeper than just ignorance.

"What's more disturbing is that in a lot of cases, people don't want to know about other cultures," she said.

Davies said that racism has to be battled with a united and diverse group that "speaks with one voice."

Hugh Bullock, a retired postal worker, said religion is not reaching out to blacks and charged that their "indoctrination" teaches non-whites that they are inferior.

Religion teaches that "this is the only way: white, male Christ," he

said. "The power structure has not changed.... The white Jesus is going to stay because there's not enough of us that want to move Him."

Graduate student Baxter Gamble said the Caucasian orientation of mainstream churches is turning some blacks away. One predominantly black church in Washington, D.C., already has parted ways with the Vatican, he said.

The forum, sponsored by the Culture Center and United Ministries in Higher Education, was the first in a four-part "Religion and Racism" series.

Future speakers will be Father Joe Bad Moccasin, the Rev. Charlotte Abram and Joel Gajardo.

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Beginning midnight Wednesday, Sept. 12.

9:29 a.m. -- Vehicle accident with no injuries, parking lot at 19th street between S and U streets, \$900.

10:49 a.m. -- Follow-up, stolen bike recovered and returned to owner, Mabel Lee Hall.

11:44 a.m. -- Bicycle stolen, Pound Residence Hall, \$260.

12:22 p.m. -- Vehicle accident with no injuries, parking lot at 19th street between S and U streets, \$500.

12:51 p.m. -- Auto hood dented in faculty parking lot west of Selleck Residence Hall, \$150.

1:14 p.m. -- Follow-up on stolen bicycle.

1:27 p.m. -- Backpack stolen from building, Lied Center for Performing Arts, \$175.

4:54 p.m. -- Indecent exposure, Harper-Schramm-Smith parking lot.