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WEATHER

Today, mostly sunny, south wind 5-10 miles per hour, high in the mid 30s. Tonight, mostly clear, low near 15. Wednesday, mostly sunny, high near 40.

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Massengale offered \$152,000

Presidential contract awaits regents' OK

By Pat Dinslage
 Staff Reporter

Martin Massengale's days as University of Nebraska interim president and University of Nebraska-Lincoln chancellor are numbered.

According to contract details released Monday, Massengale will assume the presidency of the university on Jan. 1, 1991, if the contract is approved by the NU Board of Regents at its teleconference meeting today.

The contract recommended to the board offers Massengale an annual salary of \$152,000, plus \$22,000 for expenses.

Fringe benefits include a house, located at 5930 Norman Road, and the board would pay all utilities, insurance, maintenance and provide a housekeeper.

The contract states that Massengale must live in the house, but gives him until Sept. 1, 1991, to move from his private residence. Until he moves, the contract agrees to pay him \$600 per month in addition to his salary.

Contract terms also state that the board would provide Massengale with a car. The board would pay for gas, maintenance and insurance for the car.

The length of the contract is three years, from Jan. 1, 1991, to Dec. 31, 1993. The board has the option to extend the length of the contract as provided in the bylaws.

In a separate action, the board would request the University of Nebraska Foundation to provide Massengale with a retirement plan that provides him with a \$20,000 annual deferred compensation benefit.

Massengale was selected to be NU president at a Nov. 20 meeting of the Board of Regents. The board directed regents Chairman Don Blank to work with Massengale in drawing up a contract. Massengale has not indicated if he will accept the presidency.

Dick Wood, NU general counsel, said the contract terms are similar to benefits that were provided to former NU President Ronald Roskens, who was fired in 1989. However, Wood said, Massengale's contract is spelled out in greater detail.

"It's a pretty standard contract," Wood said. Nationally, some university presidents' contracts are more detailed and some are less detailed, he said.

Most of the benefits and terms are detailed in NU Board of Regents Bylaws, Wood said, but were put in the contract as they related to Massengale.

One section of the contract that differs from the Roskens contract is the establishment of an annual evaluation of Massengale's performance as president.

Blank of McCook said that the yearly evaluation "is for everybody's

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Recommended provisions for Massengale contract

Salary: \$152,000 per year

Term of Employment: Three years, from Jan. 1, 1991, through Dec. 31, 1993.

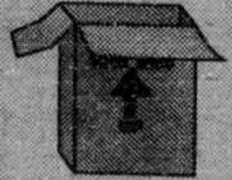
Official Residence: Not later than Sept. 1, 1991, Massengale will reside in the official residence of the president at 5930 Norman Road. The board will pay for utilities, insurance, maintenance and a full-time housekeeper.



Annual Expense

Account: An account of \$22,000 for expenses incurred in the performance of official duties will be provided. \$18,000 will be provided by the University of Nebraska Foundation, and \$4,000 through state appropriations.

Moving Expenses: The board will pay moving expenses from Massengale's current private residence to the president's residence.



Automobile: A business automobile will be provided by the foundation along with fuel, maintenance and insurance.



University Benefits: Massengale is entitled to receive the standard fringe benefits available to all full-time, all-year academic-administration staff.

Brian Shellito/Daily Nebraskan

Controversy continues despite decision

By Pat Dinslage
 Staff Reporter

The search process was over two weeks ago.

A new University of Nebraska president is about to be hired.

But the controversy continues. NU Regent Robert Allen of Hastings

released a statement Monday criticizing the actions of other regents and NU Interim President and UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale during the presidential selection process.

Allen alleged that Emil Reutzel, a search committee member, violated an oath taken by all committee members not to speak separately to

the press. Reutzel's release of a letter to the press criticizing fellow committee members for a "vicious negative campaign" against Massengale violated that oath, Allen said.

J.B. Milliken, corporation secretary to the NU Board of Regents, said

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Administrators concerned by report's recommendations

By Sara Bauder Schott
 Senior Reporter

University administrators Monday expressed concern over a recommendation that admissions standards be raised at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Speaking at a briefing in the Nebraska Union on the Widmayer report recommendations, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Grie-

sen said that UNL is the only place in Nebraska that offers certain programs, such as agriculture. UNL also offers the only journalism college, he said.

The Widmayer study, commissioned by the Nebraska Legislature, examined higher education and made recommendations for a more coordinated system in the state. One of those suggestions was that UNL raise its admissions standards to become more competitive.

Using agriculture as an example, Griesen said that some students would be denied the chance to study in the field, at least temporarily, if admission standards were raised. The students could go to a community college and make up their deficiencies, but they might lose interest, he said.

Students choose institutions based on whether the degree they want is offered, he said. They feel motivated because they are working in the area

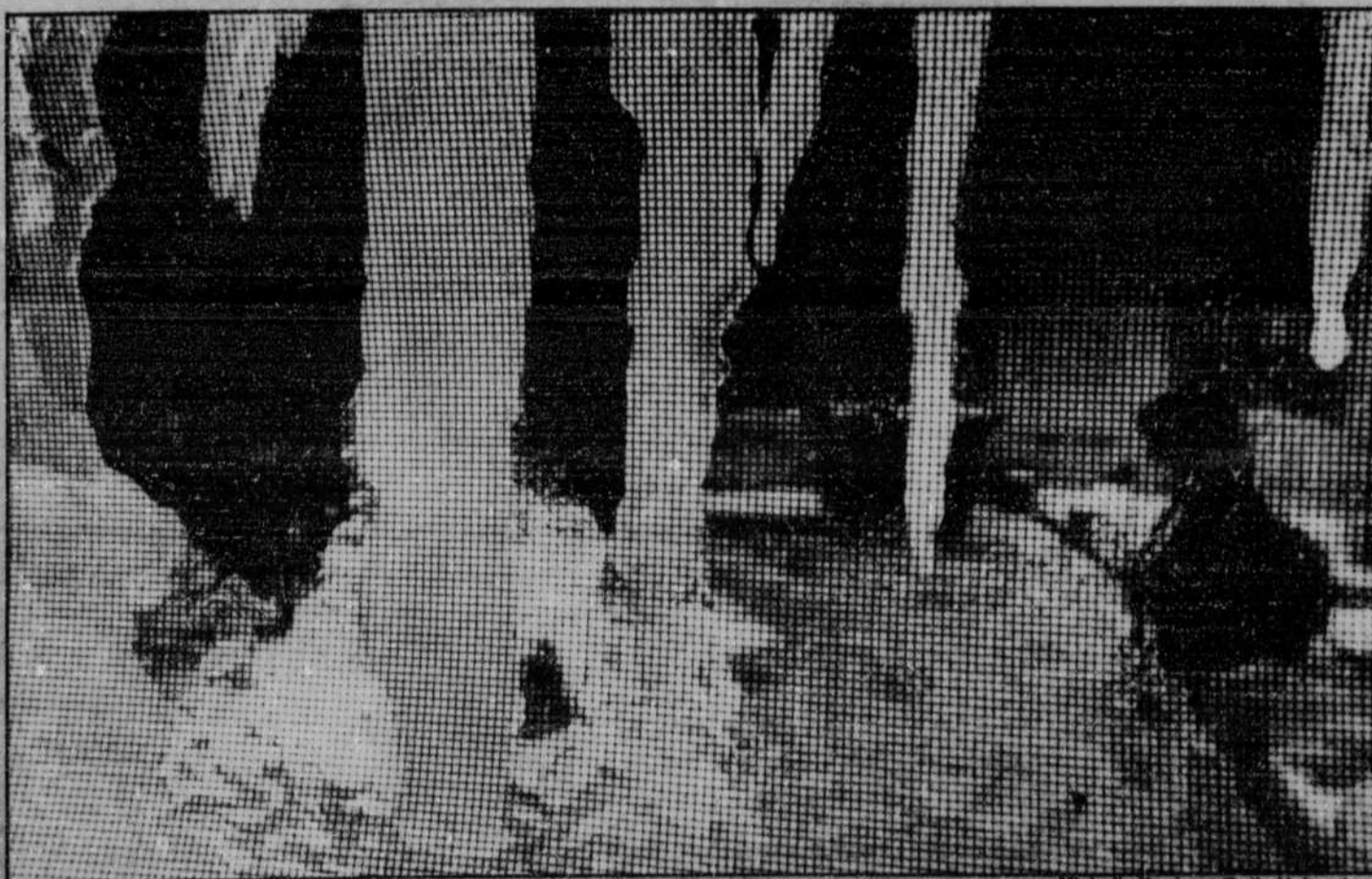
they want to study. They might not feel as motivated if they had to attend community colleges and study only subjects that are not in their major, he said.

The consultants and administrators also discussed remedial education in the universities of Nebraska. Jim Lewis, chair of UNL's math department, said the definition of "remedial" given in the consultants' report is inadequate.

The report states that courses that repeat offerings considered to be at the high school level are remedial. Lewis said two-thirds of the math classes taught at UNL already are taught at the high-school level.

Carl Trendler, a consultant on the Widmayer team, said the definition of remedial is left up to the faculty at each school. If the faculty thinks a

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Walkin' in a winter wonderland

A student walks past an icicle-covered window at the Life Sciences Greenhouse near Oldfather Hall on Monday afternoon.

Michelle Paulman/Daily Nebraskan

Snowball fight doesn't top list of UNL's worst

By Adeana Leftin
 Staff Reporter

UNL officials are hoping Sunday night's winter escapades don't snowball into the riots of previous years.

A snowball fight began about 10:30 p.m. Sunday in the recreation field at 17th and Vine streets and continued into the early hours Monday morning. Unlike preceding years, however, this episode remained peaceful.

Capt. John Becker of the Northwest Center Team with the Lincoln Police Department said that only one person reported that his or her car had been hit by a snowball.

"That's not exactly earth-shattering news," Becker said.

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Sgt. Mylo Bushing said he had no knowledge of the incident.

In past years, the annual snowball fights that usually follow the first large snowfall have been less disciplined. The fight in 1987 was initiated by signs in the residence halls reading "Dormies crushes Frats."

The battle caused more than \$10,000 damage to cars, residence halls, fraternities and sororities. Five students were arrested and 15 injuries were reported. Injuries ranged from lip cuts to concussions.

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