

Field narrowed for relations director position

By Pat Dinslage
Staff Reporter

One of three top administrative positions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln currently filled by interim staff has moved a step closer to being permanently filled.

Herb Howe, associate to the UNL chancellor, said the list of university relations director candidates has been narrowed to eight. The search committee has forwarded the list to NU President-elect and UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale.

The position currently is filled by interim director Neale Copple, the former journalism

college dean who retired earlier this year. Howe said it is possible a university relations director could be hired by the end of January. However, interviews of the final candidates probably will not start until after Jan. 1, he said.

"We're only nine working days away from the end of the semester," Howe said, which doesn't give the search committee much time to arrange interview times with the finalists.

The selection of which candidates to interview is up to Massengale, Howe said. Once Massengale has selected the finalists, the candidates will be contacted to arrange interview times.

Qualifications for the director's position include a master's degree, experience in higher education and in work with constituency groups and a high energy level, he said.

"A good share of the candidates are from Nebraska," Howe said. He declined to comment on whether any of the candidates on the list work within the university.

The search for a new vice chancellor of research and dean of graduate studies position is not going as quickly, Howe said.

"The initial group has been narrowed," Howe said, "but is still over 20 people."

After the first of the year, the search committee will meet to review the applicants' fold-

ers and develop a short list to be sent to the UNL chancellor, he said. The committee hopes to narrow the list to fewer than 10 candidates.

The vice chancellor's position currently is filled on an interim basis by Bill Splinter, associate vice chancellor for research.

The third top UNL administrative position temporarily being filled is vice chancellor for academic affairs. Stan Liberty was appointed by Massengale on an interim basis to replace Robert Furgason, who left for Corpus Christi State University on Dec. 1.

Liberty is dean of engineering and technology. Associate Dean Morris Schneider is serving as acting dean.

UNL tree study leaves no ground uncovered

By Michelle Dyer
Staff Reporter

The UNL Department of Landscape Services finally got down to the root of the tree situation on campus when it finished a 3 1/2 year study, an official said.

Charles Zillinger, assistant manager of Landscape Services, said the study, completed Nov. 1, inventoried the types of trees on campus, their value and their exact location.

"UNL's two campuses boast more than 9,500 trees, of which 50 percent are under 10 years old," Zillinger said. There are 250 species of trees on the two campuses.

The study is the first done at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Many cities and institutions have compiled similar reports, he said. Landscape Services had Zillinger do all the evaluating to keep consistency level high.

He evaluated every tree on City and East campuses.

"There are three aspects of the tree to be looked at when evaluating it: the condition, the species and the location," he said. "These three factors

are then manipulated using a formula supplied by the International Society of Architectures to determine the value of the tree."

The value of the trees on both campuses totaled more than \$5.5 million.

Bud Dasenbrock, director of Landscape Services, said, "The dollar figure for the trees is probably not excessive compared to other college campuses, especially when you take into consideration the outstanding variety of unique trees we have."

The variety of vegetation is a result of a 10-year effort, he said.

"Our hard work has paid off and designated areas last year were declared botanical gardens which means that they can be used for teaching purposes," Dasenbrock said.

Dasenbrock said the department's goal is to put 900 more arboretum signs on the grounds to show people what type of plant they are viewing.

Zillinger said a survey of the shrubs on campus will be complete in 1 1/2 years. A survey of flowers and perennials should be finished in about two years, he said.

Resolution honors Massengale

By Jennifer O'Clarka
Senior Reporter

Members of the Academic Senate Tuesday passed a resolution honoring Martin Massengale and making him an honorary member of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Academic Assembly.

Massengale is the University of Nebraska president-elect and UNL chancellor. He will become NU president Jan. 1.

George Tuck, president-elect of the Academic Senate, said he thinks it is appropriate to thank Massengale for his service to the senate because Massengale has worked closely with the current senate, former senates and the Executive Committee.

"It's just a thank you for his

work on behalf of the university . . ." Tuck said.

The resolution states that "the Academic Senate does congratulate Dr. Martin Massengale on this honor and offers him its support and encouragement" in undertaking the office of president.

Because Massengale now is president-elect of the entire NU system, the resolution gives him an honorary membership to the Academic Assembly at UNL, Tuck said.

The Academic Assembly includes all faculty members and the Academic Senate consists of elected representatives.

In other discussion, senate President James McShane recommended that a committee to select a new

UNL chancellor consist of faculty members totaling "half the body plus one."

University bylaws state that chancellors should consult with the Academic Senate and the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska when selecting members for the committee to select a new chancellor.

McShane said his recommendation had nothing to do with the controversy surrounding the search committee for NU president because that committee was chosen by the NU Board of Regents, which has its own set of rules.

Most people who serve on the committee to select a new chancellor should come from inside the university in order for the search to be successful, McShane said.

in brief

NEWS

Holiday open house to be held at church

United Ministries in Higher Education, 640 N. 16th St., will host an all-campus holiday open house Friday from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Professor to discuss historical detection

Mary Smith, an English professor at Nebraska Wesleyan University, will speak on "Blood on the Parlor Walls: The Charm of Historical Detection" at 10 a.m. Friday in McDonald Theatre, 51st

Street and Huntington Avenue. The event is open to all University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty, staff members and students.

The presentation is part of the Nebraska Wesleyan University Forum and is free and open to the public.

Virus

Continued from Page 1

placing a virus into a computer is to know where the diskettes have been.

"First, you have to know where that disk has been that you're sticking

in your computer," he said. The safe route is to use only new software and avoid shared software or bootlegged copies of programs, Kutish said.

"You ought to check out copies of software. Use virus detection software and have backups of your files ready to reconstitute your system if the virus is too insidious," he said.

Research

Continued from Page 1

Seventy universities currently are classified as Research I, the higher rating. To earn a Research I ranking, a school must grant at least 50 doctoral degrees and receive at least \$33.5 million in federal grants per year.

Although UNL still is not classified as a Research I university, Splinter said, it isn't far behind.

"We're pretty close," he said. "It's not that we're clear out of it."

UNL gives far more than the 50 required degrees each year. The most recent U.S. Department of Education figures, from 1987-88, show that UNL granted nearly five times that many.

But lagging federal grants are keeping UNL out of the Research I inner circle.

Low grants also are keeping Iowa State from being a Research I university, even though its total research spending is higher than Missouri's. Missouri is a Research I school.

In 1989, the federal share of UNL research spending was \$25.8 million. In 1990, federal research money increased to \$29.7 million.

Those figures earned UNL a Re-

search II rating, which is given to schools with between \$12.5 million and \$33.5 million in federal grants and that confer at least 50 doctoral degrees per year.

Splinter said UNL gets closer to the \$33.5 million Research I target each year.

"We're within shooting distance of that," he said.

As grants pick up, the university adds more faculty members and students, Splinter said. Graduate student enrollment in 1989-90 was the highest it has ever been, he said, but that shouldn't be the main criterion for success.

"Many excellent universities have fewer students than Nebraska," he said, adding that excellence does not necessarily come from size. Some of the most prestigious schools in the nation are small private universities, he said.

Others, such as Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, are larger but highly selective.

Splinter said the peer group, which is made up of high-quality public institutions, is a good measuring stick for UNL.

Nobody Sells More Music For Less.

Others may claim the low-price title. They may even offer a few genuinely low prices at the door to convince you of the truth of their claims. But nobody has more of the lowest prices than Pickles.



Nobody.



RECORDS · TAPES · COMPACT DISCS
17th & P • 237 S 70th • 3814 Normal
Nebraska's Largest Music Retailer