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WEATHER

Today, colder with flurries possible in the late afternoon, north winds 5-10 miles per hour changing to the southeast later on, high in the mid 30s. Tonight, 30 percent chance of light snow possibly mixed with light freezing rain, low in the mid to upper 20s. Friday, 20 percent chance of light snow or light freezing rain in the morning, partly cloudy in the afternoon, high near 40.

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Allen: Board laws broken

Regent contends Massengale advice violated policy

By Tabitha Hiner
 Staff Reporter

An announcement by University of Nebraska Regent Robert Allen of Hastings that Martin Massengale allegedly violated Board of Regents' policy by advising him during the 1988 campaign received little support from other regents Wednesday.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha said she thought Massengale had not violated the policy.

"Martin has a right to be a private citizen and offer his advice on anything," Skrupa said. "Bob called Martin, and Martin helped him as a private citizen."

Allen said he received advice from NU President-elect Massengale before his election as regent, but did not know at the time that a violation had been committed. Allen said that he has about 40 transcribed pages of phone conversations that were taped between he and Massengale before the election.

Allen said he routinely tapes phone conversations when there are details involved.

The regent policy states: "No administrative officer of the University of Nebraska shall be asked to participate or shall participate, directly or indirectly, in the campaigns

for election of members of the Board of Regents."

NU President-elect and UNL Chancellor Massengale was serving as chancellor at the time.

Regent Donald Fricke of Lincoln said he didn't see anything wrong with Massengale answering questions.

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gated to answer any question about the university," Fricke said.

According to Joe Rowson, NU director of public affairs, Massengale said Allen had called him from time to time during the campaign to find out the needs of the university or to ask questions.

Massengale said he would have done the same thing for any other candidate who would have contacted him, Rowson said.

Regent Chairman Don Blank of McCook would not comment on the legality of Massengale's advice, and he said he thought the Board of Regents should move ahead.

Skrupa said the Board of Regents would not be affected by apparent divisions.

"It makes good press to say the regents are divided, but it's not," she said. "After the Martin issue, I think we'll get back to work as usual."

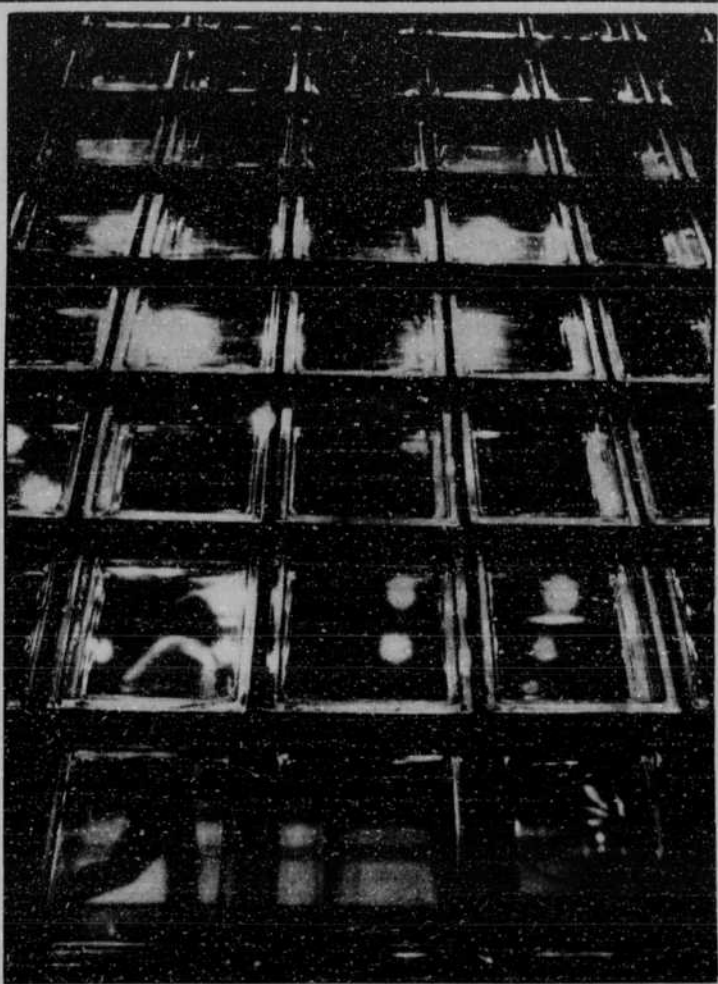
Allen said he became aware that the advice he received from Massengale before his election could violate regents' policy after the Nov. 6, 1990, elections.

He said he did not make the phone conversations public to punish himself or Massengale, but to make the public aware of what happened.

Calling publicity "the only way you can stop backdoor politicking," Allen said that "the institution is owned by the public, and it has a right to know what's going on."

Allen has criticized the search process, saying that Massengale was chosen as president although he didn't have enough support from the search committee to be a finalist.

The presidential search committee submitted its nominees for NU president to the Board of Regents Nov. 9. Massengale was not on the list.



Running late . . .
 Sophomore general studies major Julia Schott runs in Cook Pavilion Wednesday night.

Al Schaben/Daily Nebraskan

Preliminary parking report spurs mixed reactions

By Sara Bauder Schott
 and Jennifer O'Ciłka
 Senior Reporters

A parking consulting firm has not presented its final report and recommendations yet, but members of the Parking Advisory Committee had mixed reactions to a preliminary report.

Jim Brandle, chairman of the committee and an associate forestry professor at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said he was a little disappointed that the report is not yet available. But the preliminary report confirmed some things the committee already had known.

"Generally speaking, they have confirmed much of what we've been talking about for the past few years," Brandle said.

Brandle said he is hopeful that the consult-

ants' final report will present some ideas to solve parking problems at UNL.

Gordon Karels, an associate professor of finance and a committee member, said the preliminary report didn't tell the committee anything new. The committee wants specific recommendations about things like pricing structure, Karels said.

Ray Coffey, business manager for UNL and a non-voting member of the committee, said he was surprised at the number of spaces the consultants said UNL needed. Dick Kenney, vice president of Walker Parking Consultants, said Monday that UNL is short about 3,700 spaces.

Coffey said he was surprised because some of those spaces had never been asked for. According to Kenney, Greek houses need about 1,000 spaces more than they have requested.

Karels said he was surprised to learn that faculty and staff members' parking needs have been met, and added that he hadn't realized that commuter students using visitor lots was a big problem.

Kenney's statement that reserved parking is an inefficient use of space because stalls are not full all the time met with disagreement from some committee members.

Karels said he disagreed with Kenney's definition of efficient.

"We could make all parking free and the lots would be full all the time, but would that solve the problem?" he asked.

Coffey said reserved parking is one way to take care of people's parking needs because no matter what time they get back to their office, they will have a place to park. The reserved system has worked "fairly well," Coffey said.

"It doesn't use space as efficiently as overselling, but there are complaints about that, too," he said. "In the past, commuter students would keep buying permits, but then they couldn't find a place to park."

John Pacchetti, a student member of the committee, said he always has thought the reserved parking system was inefficient.

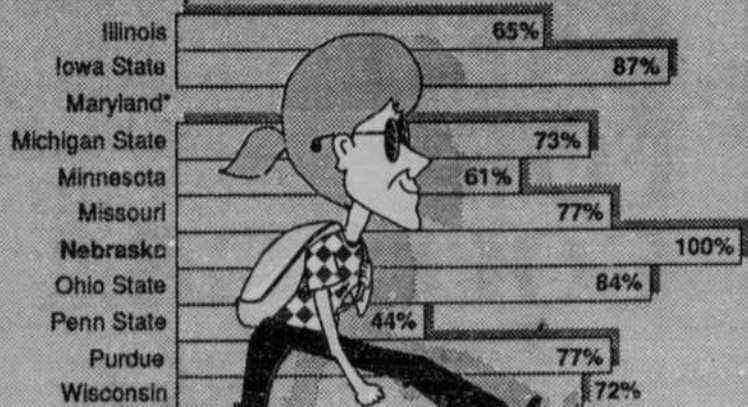
"Every time I drive by those lots, they are about a quarter full, and that's terrible," he said.

Brandle said he has mixed feelings about Kenney's sense that reserved spaces are inefficient. He said he understands how those who have the spaces see their value, while others get upset when they look at empty spaces.

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Undergraduate statistics for peer institutions

Freshmen acceptance



*No report.

Student / faculty ratio

Illinois	10:1	Nebraska	14:1
Iowa State	11:1	Ohio State	11:1
Maryland	11:1	Penn State	13:1
Michigan State	8:1	Purdue	13:1
Minnesota	5:1	Wisconsin	11:1
Missouri	11:1		

Source: Barron's Profiles of American Colleges, 17th ed., 1990. All figures are for main campuses only.

John Bruce/Daily Nebraskan

UNL faculty, aid called accessible

Editor's Note: This is the third in a series of articles examining UNL's peer institutions. The next article will analyze UNL's position among its peers in faculty salaries.

By Michael Ho
 Staff Reporter

Accessible faculty members and plentiful financial aid are good indicators of a quality undergraduate program, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln scores well on both points, UNL officials said.

"Undergraduate students should not be denied access to the very best faculty," Stanley Liberty, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs, said.

Having a low student-faculty ratio is important, Liberty said, but it also is important to interpret the numbers carefully.

UNL's peer group members — Illinois, Iowa State, Maryland,

Michigan State, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue and Wisconsin — all report fewer students per faculty member than UNL.

The lowest ratio, according to Barron's Profiles of American Colleges, is at Minnesota, which has five students per faculty member. UNL has 14 students per faculty member, more than any other peer group school.

Liberty said those kinds of figures can be misleading. Some schools' research faculty members "are spending very little time with undergraduates," he said.

At some of the schools in the peer group — the 10 universities with which UNL compares itself — research faculty members don't even teach undergraduate classes, Liberty said.

UNL has been good about keeping undergraduates in contact with researchers, he said.

When parents of prospective students visit UNL, he said, one of the first questions they ask is how much personal attention their sons and daughters will get.

"Access to faculty — in the classroom and out of the classroom

— is an important factor" in recruiting freshmen, he said.

Equally important is financial aid, Liberty said. UNL tops the peer group in aid to upperclassmen, according to the Barron's publication. About 80 percent of continuing students at UNL receive financial aid.

Assistance is more scarce for incoming freshmen, with only 45 percent receiving financial aid.

Financial support attracts students to a university, Liberty said, and helps students reach their full potential in the classroom.

"If a student is stressed because of financial problems," he said, "then it's definitely going to wear on the learning side."

John Beacon, director of scholarships and financial aid, said improvements in the financial aid office should help ease stress.

After recovering from a "bottom point" between 1986 and 1988, he said, the office is now "on par with" other schools in the Big Eight.

A recent progress report shows that the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid handled \$36.8 mil-

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