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WEATHER

Partly sunny and breezy today with the high around 70 and a south wind 15-25. Tonight, a 40 percent chance of showers with the low in the mid-30s. Tuesday, mostly cloudy with morning sprinkles or flurries and the high around 40.

Candidate's action challenged at ASUN press conference

By Dionne Searcey
Staff Reporter

HORIZN party members challenged the ENERGY presidential candidate's ability to handle ASUN funds Friday at a press conference in the Nebraska Union.

HORIZN senatorial candidate Colin Theis said allegations that ENERGY's J. Matt Wickless misappropriated Residence Hall Association funds to treat senators to a \$13.05 Burger King dinner made him question Wickless' ability to be in charge of Association of Students of the University of Nebraska funds.

Theis said Wickless' action caused University of Nebraska-Lincoln students to question "the constant learning experience needed to be the student regent and be in charge of the \$125,000 ASUN budget."

Theis also said RHA was not representing the best interests of students when Wickless was elected president in 1989 after his grade point average allegedly fell below the required 2.0.

"If an organization like RHA is going to elect an individual president after accusing him of 'violating the trust of the association and his constituents in Selleck Hall by accepting an office for which he was ineligible to hold,' then maybe that organization was corrupt enough not to be legitimate..." Theis said.

Wickless disagreed about RHA's legitimacy during his term.

"Under my leadership RHA made some great accomplishments," such as getting in touch with students through open forums and newsletters, Wickless said.

HORIZN, which is running only senatorial candidates, also endorsed the UNITY party's executive candidates at the press conference.

After the press conference, the UNITY party accepted HORIZN's endorsement, despite ENERGY's challenge to reject it.

"It is our belief that they endorsed us because of our proven leadership and dedication, not because of the allegations against J. Matt Wickless," said UNITY presidential candidate Andy Massey.

Massey said his party was not involved in any of the charges against Wickless, but he did comment on the allegations.

"It is unfortunate that someone running for such an important office as president is even involved in these allegations," he said.

"ASUN will lose the little credibility it has left, not because of these allegations, but because... Wickless in particular, did not, from the very beginning, level with the students at UNL about his past problems," Massey said.

Wickless said, "I was not in the wrong. I have no regrets for the actions I've taken."

"I have a clear conscience, and if Andy and Colin can live with the actions they're taking, then I have no problem with it."

ENERGY will hold a press conference in the Nebraska Union today at 1:45 p.m.



Searches continue, progress

Official: Relations position plans to be announced

From Staff Reports

Interim Chancellor Jack Goebel is likely to announce plans for filling the University of Nebraska-Lincoln director of university relations position this week, the interim director said.

Neale Copple said Goebel probably will wait to announce a decision about filling the position until after the Nebraska Legislature's Education Committee hearing today. The committee will deal with the University of Nebraska's budget.

Copple said he has agreed to stay on as interim assistant to the chancellor and director of university relations until May 1.

Minority applicants targeted in ads for chancellor

From Staff Reports

Advertisements for University of Nebraska-Lincoln chancellor already have appeared in national publications, but the ads' effects will not be known until April, the chancellor search committee chairman said.

Harvey Perlman, dean of the UNL College of Law, said advertisements have run since late February in The Chronicle of Higher Education and publications designed to reach minority applicants.

The projected date for the announcement of the new director had been March 1, but Copple said the March date was not firm and normally there is not a deadline to hire replacements.

Herb Howe, associate to the chancellor, said three applicants have been interviewed for the permanent position.

Howe said Goebel may choose to "hire one of the three interviewed, close the search and wait for a permanent chancellor or go back to the list and interview more."

The director of university relations plans special events, works with external organizations, works with public service programs and carries out special assignments for the chancellor, Howe said.

Perlman said the committee is actively seeking applications from minorities.

There also has been "considerable activity on the part of individuals" to find the next chancellor, he said.

For example, he said, University of Nebraska President Martin Massengale has contacted other university presidents and asked them for recommendations.

Perlman said he has not looked at any applications, but that the committee will meet April 4 to officially review applications.



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Massengale

Educator's career success shown in goals for NU

By Pat Dinslage
Senior Editor

In the subdued, rarefied air of Varner Hall sits the chief executive of the largest postsecondary system in the state — Martin Massengale, president of the University of Nebraska. A man much like the state and its people.

Reticent. Modest. Hard-working. Practical. A visionary with his eyes on the horizon and his feet planted in the soil from which Nebraska's agricultural life springs each year.

Massengale answers questions about himself quietly, almost reluctantly, neither evading or boasting. He carefully considers answers that most people give without a second thought.

He was raised on a farm in Kentucky, the third of four children. He graduated from Western Kentucky University in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture and obtained his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Wisconsin by 1956, specializing in agronomy, botany, plant physiology and crop ecology.

His reticence disappears when the talk turns to his wife and children. His eyes

light up with a smile.

He talks about the son, Alan, who graduated from Stanford with a degree in electrical engineering. He shakes his head as he explains that he thinks his daughter, Jennifer, a senior at the University of Arizona, has finally found her niche either in physical therapy or bio-psychology and is going on to graduate school.

When he speaks about his wife, Ruth, the gentleness and caring come through. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin in home economics education, Massengale says, and is very active in volunteer organizations and acting as hostess at the functions required for his position as president.

"My position here is a team effort," he says. "She has always felt support for my career — whatever I wanted to do."

Massengale's career path from the farmfields of Kentucky to the NU presidency has wound from teaching assistant in Kentucky, through a stint in the U.S. Army as a technical adviser, on to the University of Arizona in Tucson, Ariz.

At Arizona, he rose from agronomist and professor to a position as agricultural

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MONDAY

After winning twice in the weekend's Big 8 tournament, the Huskers fall to the Tigers, despite a valiant effort. **Page 7.**

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Easy enrollment pledged for reservists

By Thomas Clouse
Staff Reporter

Student reservists activated for duty in the Persian Gulf should have no trouble enrolling for summer and fall classes after their return, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln official said.

Linda Schwartzkopf, administrative assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs, said reservists' admissions files will remain active so they will not have to reapply to register for classes.

"We feel confident that when they (the reservists) left, they left with good standing academically," Schwartzkopf said.

Despite efforts to help the reservists leave on good standing, she said, they obviously will be hurt because

they will have to extend their graduation time lines.

"We can't give them back the time they lost," she said.

Schwartzkopf said 105 UNL reservists contacted her office, but other students may have been called up who did not contact her.

"The 105 total may be low because some students were called up during the winter break and withdrew without coming through me," she said.

The university gave student reservists different options depending on when they were called up, Schwartzkopf said.

Some professors gave letter grades based on the student's standing at that point in the course, she said.

"Most students who had the option to take the grade took it," she said.

Reservists also were allowed to

either withdraw from classes or take incompletes, Schwartzkopf said.

The Faculty Senate Grading Committee met in October and passed some grading guidelines for reservists, she said.

Some of those guidelines included late changes of letter grades to pass/no pass, late withdrawals and incompletes with an automatic conversion to pass, she said.

Schwartzkopf said that when the deployment in the Persian Gulf started, she was assigned to coordinate with the financial aid office and the housing and academics offices so reservists would have only one stop to make before they left.

"I coordinated all the student affairs," she said. "But the faculty really worked hard academically to make their leaving easier."