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good sense of how a university operates and what the challenges it faces are, have good academic qualities, good references, and demonstrate a commitment to diversity in very tangible ways."

All finalists are involved in university administration, Perlman said.

He said committee members went to great lengths to assure themselves that all of the candidates were sensitive to all three missions of the university — research, teaching and service as a land-grant institution.

Massengale is expected to decide within the next two to three weeks which of the finalists to ask to campus for interviews and meetings with students, faculty members and administrators.

"Dr. Massengale is as sensitive as any of us to the need to proceed quickly," Perlman said. "He mentioned the two-three week time period (to decide who to interview), and that seems sensible," Perlman said.

Asked if the committee expected Massengale to interview all five fi-

nalists, Perlman said, "It is silly to go through the motions if he does not want to consider one candidate for one reason or another."

Perlman said the committee arrived at the list of five after reviewing 239 names.

Of those 239, he said, 47 were women and 16 were recognizable racial minorities. Sixty-two of the 239 allowed the committee to proceed with their candidacies. Of those 62, four were women and four were racial minorities.

Perlman said the search was conducted without outside interference.

"The committee has acted independently. We've had no communication from within the university, from Massengale, the Board of Regents, or anybody," he said.

The search committee also avoided the high costs associated with the presidential search.

"If the cost goes past \$3,000, I'd be surprised," Perlman said.

He said he was pleased with the work of the committee.

"We were a very collegial group. We debated some serious issues. People spoke strongly on several candidates."



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John Goebel, UNL interim chancellor, looks on as Mayor Mike Johanns dedicates a proposed golf course to be located at N.W. 12th Street and Fletcher Avenue. The course will use a hybrid of buffalo grass developed by the UNL Horticulture Department.

Golf course to use UNL-made grass

By Chas Baylor
Staff Reporter

Gathered by a wheat field on the edge of town Wednesday, city and university officials looked toward greener pastures on an 18-hole golf course at the site.

The course, at N.W. 12th Street and Fletcher Avenue, will use an ecologically-sound hybrid of buffalo grass developed by the UNL Horticulture Department.

The city will build the course, the cost of which is unknown at this point, said Robert Wright, assistant superintendent of planning and construction for the Lincoln Department of

Parks and Recreation. The course's cost is expected to be paid for mostly through golf fees.

The course is to be completed in the summer of 1993. Construction will start by spring 1992.

Grass researchers were excited to use the hybrid buffalo grass's on the course.

David Doguet, a Texas consultant who markets turf grasses, said the course will mark the first time the hybrid developed by the UNL Horticulture Department will have been used. The hybrid is called 609 Oasis.

The hybrid, Doguet said, is superior to other buffalo grasses because it is greener and has a smoother texture.

Buffalo grasses, which are native to Nebraska, are known to require less water and fewer chemicals and fertilizer than traditional Kentucky bluegrass. Doguet said they take root faster so are better at fighting erosion.

"All these qualities are what people have been asking for. And I think we're going to answer them."

University of Nebraska-Lincoln Interim Chancellor Jack Goebel also expressed excitement about the grass.

"The development of this turf grass portends much for the future, not only to the university and the city, but to the state and even the nation," Goebel said.

The Highlands golf course will have the new hybrid in the rough, on bunker faces and on steep slopes.

Terrance Riordan, a UNL associate professor of horticulture, said a three-acre field laboratory will be located adjacent to the golf course to research and promote the grasses.

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