

# Massengale still reviewing candidates

By Wendy Navratil  
Senior Reporter

Though the search for a new chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is winding down, NU President Martin Massengale will not make the long-awaited announcement of his choice this week.

"(Massengale) would have liked to announce his decision by the Sept. 6 (NU Board of Regents) meeting," said J.B. Milliken, executive assistant to the chancellor. "That is a deadline that may or may not be met."

Massengale will appoint the chancellor, with final approval from the regents.

Milliken said Massengale is actively reviewing comments that have come from the campus community regarding the final four candidates, each of whom visited the UNL campus earlier this summer.

Massengale was "quite pleased with the on-campus interviews," Milliken said. "There was a high level of interest displayed by faculty, students and staff. It is certainly useful to have that valuable input."

The final candidates, who were recommended by a search committee, are: Graham Spanier, provost at Oregon State University; Herman Lujan, vice provost at the University of Washington; James Coffman, provost at Kansas State University; and Albert Karnig, provost at the University of Wyoming.

A fifth candidate, Judith L. Kuipers, who was vice president for academic affairs at California State University at Fresno, withdrew from the NU search after accepting the chancellorship at the University of Wisconsin, La Crosse.

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## Administrative candidate search put on hold

From Staff Reports

Three senior administrative positions at the University of Nebraska will remain vacant until a new chancellor settles into office.

The three open positions include: assistant to the chancellor-director of university relations, vice chancellor for academic affairs, and vice chancellor for research

and dean of graduate studies.

The search for qualified candidates for those three positions has been put on hold by Interim Chancellor Jack Goebel, pending the appointment of a new chancellor by NU President Martin Massengale.

"As soon as the new chancellor is in place, we expect that he will act on that (search for candidates)," J.B. Milliken, executive

assistant to the president, said.

Until the new chancellor appoints people to those posts, Michael W. Mulinix will serve as interim assistant to the chancellor-director of university relations. Stanley Liberty will serve as interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and William Splinter will serve as interim vice chancellor for research and dean of graduate studies.

committee in coming up with a list of five highly qualified individuals," Milliken said.

In evaluating the candidates, Massengale and the search committee members have paid particular attention to the candidates' positions on minority and gender equality.

Spanier and Lujan topped the list in that regard, according to the chancellor's commissions on the status of women and minorities.

Milliken said all four candidates are still under consideration. If the list is narrowed, he said, one or two of the candidates might be invited back to UNL.

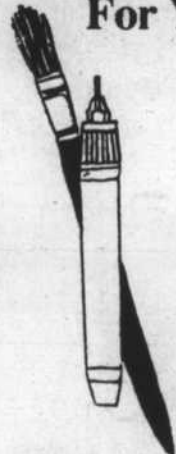
"Once the decision is made, (Massengale) will need to meet with the candidate . . . to make sure the person is still interested, prior to making the final recommendation to the Board (of Regents)," Milliken said.

Milliken said that may happen "sometime later in September."

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## Apollo 9 trade temporarily grounded

By Steve Pearson  
Staff Reporter

Despite talk of a possible trade with a Kansas institution, the deteriorating Apollo 9 space capsule on the UNL campus may not be blasting off any time soon.

During the summer, officials at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln have been considering a proposed swap with the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center. The space center would give UNL a collection of space artifacts in exchange for the capsule.

Although a final decision has not been reached on the deal, UNL officials say they would prefer to keep the capsule here.

Bill Splinter, interim vice chancellor for research and dean of graduate studies, said that Interim Chancellor Jack Goebel's "interest is to keep it here if we can find the dollars, but we have a little problem of money."

"At the same time, we recognize that it is deteriorating very badly and we need to do something," he said.

UNL has been criticized for displaying the capsule outside Morrill Hall, allowing it to deteriorate. The Smithsonian Institute displays its space capsules indoors in a climate controlled environment under Plexiglas.

Earlier this summer, Max Ary, executive director of the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center,

expressed hope that UNL would agree to the trade.

"We would hope that it would be a win-win situation where we could restore the capsule and give the university something that would be more useful to them educationally," he said.

UNL "didn't really have the knowledge or the capability to restore and display the spacecraft," he said. "It is the mission of the Kansas Cosmosphere to preserve our historic treasures of the space program."

Ary estimated that \$400,000 is needed to "fully and properly restore" the capsule.

In early August, questions were raised as to whether the capsule has been used as intended by NASA.

Chuck Biggs, chief of the public services branch at NASA, was involved in the negotiations that brought the Apollo from NASA to UNL in 1973. He said UNL got the capsule for two reasons: For display and for research purposes with UNL's engineering department.

"We were pleased that the vehicle was being used in the engineering department," Biggs said. "That probably made the difference in sending it to UNL rather than someplace else. We provided several missing components as they became available with the intent that they would be reinstalled in the command module."

Despite the two-fold purpose of the gift, officials in the engineering

college said they haven't used the Apollo for laboratory work.

"To the best of my knowledge, we've never done anything with it," said Morris Schneider, acting dean of the College of Engineering and Technology. "I wouldn't want to be quoted as being absolutely certain, because as far as replacing components, that would include the electrical and mechanical departments."

Stan Liberty, interim vice chancellor for academic affairs and dean of the College of Engineering and Technology, and Scott Schaub, a research assistant professor for the Center for Electro-Optics, also said they were unaware of the Apollo 9 being used by engineering students.

Biggs said he is disappointed with the current condition of the Apollo 9.

"Any time a significant article from the space program is abused, we hate to see that. That's why our agreement with the Smithsonian (to give them artifacts) is so important," he said. "At the time of the gift, the Smithsonian felt the condition of the (Apollo) command module did not warrant restoring it to display shape. It underwent some destructive testing and the hull was damaged. Because it was unmanned, they felt it was not significant enough to restore."

"That was when it seemed like there would be an unlimited supply of space modules. Now there will never be any more, manned or unmanned."

## New telephone drop/add system gets busy signal

From Staff Reports

Little progress has been made to install a telephone drop and add system at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, an official said.

Robert Reid, interim director of registration and records at UNL, said a touch-tone drop and add system lacks the funding needed for installation.

Reid said he is not certain when funds would be available for a computer system necessary to install the touch-tone system.

After meeting with their advisor to work out their schedule, students at campuses which have the phone system can dial a code and gain access to registration and financial aid records, he said. The system would enable students to register at their convenience 24 hours a day without traveling to campus.

Students can call and update records every summer at UNL, Reid said, but until a touch-tone system is financed, students will have to register for classes in person.

Drop and add times are Aug. 27 through Aug. 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The last day to add a class is Sept. 4 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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