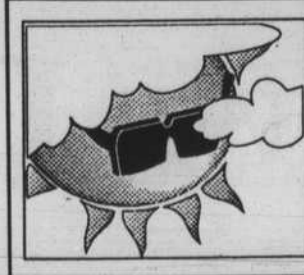


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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today, cloudy in the morning, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon, cooler, north winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight, clear. Wednesday, sunny and mild, high 50.

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Massengale submits deficit budget request

By Jeremy Fitzpatrick
Senior Reporter

NU President Martin Massengale Monday submitted a \$1.9 million emergency spending request to the Nebraska Legislature for UNL, and asked permission to spend \$520,000 already funded by the Legislature.

Massengale testified at a hearing on the University of Nebraska's deficit budget requests before the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

The Legislature budgets money

on a biannual, or two-year basis. The majority of the budget is allocated in the first year of the session, with emergency funding approved in the second year.

Massengale asked the committee to approve \$1.5 million for asbestos removal and water-damage repair to Burnett Hall and \$419,000 to build a hazardous waste treatment facility for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

He also requested permission to spend a \$520,000 surplus. The surplus, gained from a lower-than-expected bid for the CBA addition, would be used to buy equipment for the building and fund asbestos removal in Burnett Hall.

The College of Businesses Ad-

ministration currently lists \$1,675,720 million in equipment needs for the addition, with \$1,083,719 of that classified as "first priority" needs.

"I would like to suggest to this committee that there are severe unmet needs (in CBA)," he said.

Massengale said his other two requests for additional money — to fund a hazardous waste facility for UNL and asbestos removal and water-damage repair to Burnett Hall — were immediate concerns that needed to be addressed.

Funding for the hazardous waste facility is needed, Massengale said, because UNL was fined \$40,000 by

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Deficit Request

The following was included in NU President Martin Massengale's request to the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.

Burnett Hall

\$1.5 million for asbestos removal and water-damage repairs.

Hazardous Waste Treatment Facility

\$419,000 for construction.

College of Business Administration

\$520,000 for asbestos removal, plumbing and new moveable classroom equipment.



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Jim Thurber, a Lincoln construction worker, works on the theater being built on Q Street. Thurber said he was constructing the framework and hanging the dry wall on the nine-screen theater, which will open in April.

Awards to put accent on classroom education

Recognition, money to laud professors for quality teaching

By Cindy Kimbrough
Senior Reporter

Two universitywide awards are in the works as part of a new program to reward excellence in teaching at the University of Nebraska.

Excellence in teaching awards for faculty and individual academic departments were introduced as part of NU President Martin Massengale's "State of the University" speech Jan. 18 at the NU Board of Regents meeting.

"I think it's crucial to elevate the importance of the teaching component to its rightful place," Massen-

gale said in his speech.

Lee Jones, NU provost and executive vice president, said the teaching awards would be presented to two professors who had shown excellence and innovation in the classroom through means such as new courses, syllabuses or books.

In addition, Jones said, a departmental award would be presented to an academic department that demonstrated a strong and innovative teaching ethic.

J.B. Milliken, executive assistant to the NU president, said that in the past, Outstanding Research and Creativity Activity awards were given to recognize excellence in research or creative works done in the university system, but outside the classroom. The ORCA awards are the highest awards now given at the university.

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Applications screened for administrative jobs

By Kristine Long
Staff Reporter

Committees have begun screening applications in the search for three administrative positions at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The deadline for applications for vice chancellor of academic affairs and vice chancellor of research was Saturday, but nominations still are arriving.

Applications for the assistant to the chancellor and director of affirma-

tive action and diversity position are due Feb. 15.

Jean Aigner, chairman of the search committee for the vice chancellor of academic affairs, said about 40 applications were received for the position.

The search committee began reviewing the applications for the academic affairs position last week and had preliminary discussions last Friday, Aigner said.

The person who fills the position

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Bill calls for sexual orientation protection

By Cindy Kimbrough
Senior Reporter

A bill calling for equal treatment according to sexual orientation — the first of its kind in Nebraska — was recently introduced to the Nebraska Legislature.

Sen. Timothy Hall of Omaha introduced LB1270, a bill that calls for the adoption of the Nebraska Civil Rights Act of 1992.

The act would expand existing state law and enhance the protection of Nebraskans against any discrimination that infringes on a person's due process or equal opportunity rights.

The act provides protection against discrimination based on age, disability, family status, gender, marital status, national origin, race, religion and, for the first time, sexual orientation.

Hall said he introduced the bill after being

approached by a group of citizens, including some of his constituents, who said the issue must be introduced.

The act mirrors the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1991 and the Americans with Disabilities Act passed late last year, Hall said.

Paul Moore, a volunteer at the Gay/Lesbian Student Association at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said that introducing this bill was a strong step in the right direction.

It follows a similar move occurring across the nation, Moore said. Last year, two states passed similar bills, bringing the total to four states with such legislation.

The California Legislature recently passed a bill including equal protection according to sexual orientation, Moore said. But the governor vetoed the bill.

Moore said he thought the Nebraska bill had a "slim chance" of passing this session.

"Nebraska is pretty conservative," he said. "It would be amazing if it would go through."

But, Moore said, introducing the bill would bring the issue of equal rights according to sexual orientation out into the open for discussion and help educate Nebraskans.

Hall agreed that the bill's chances of passing this session might be remote.

"It will clearly be a controversial issue," he said. "People who don't understand it or flat out don't like it . . . will oppose it."

Although the bill was controversial, Moore said, it is still sound.

The bill is all-encompassing, he said. It includes sexism and ageism, as well as sexual orientation.

And the fact that the bill provides equal rights for all makes it powerful, he said.

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Psychiatrist experts testified that Jeffrey Dahmer had uncontrollable urges to kill and have sex with the dead bodies. Page 2

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