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**Weather:** Mostly sunny, windy and hot today with a high of 89 (32C). Warm tonight with a low of 56 (13C). Continued mostly sunny and hot on Thursday with a high of 85 (29C).

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## New NU provost welcomes greater responsibilities

By Gene Gentrup  
Senior Reporter

NU's newly appointed executive vice president and provost said Tuesday he "welcomes the opportunity to participate in a broader array of academic programs," at NU.

Lee Jones, 47, said in a telephone interview that his job responsibility for NU's three campuses will be quite different from his responsibilities at Arizona University in Tucson.

Jones is currently dean of the Graduate College and vice president for research at AU.

He will assume his duties August 1, replacing Howard Ottoson who plans to retire June 30.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents Saturday voted to hire Jones at an annual salary of \$79,500, which is "slightly higher than Ottoson's salary."

Monday, NU President Ronald Roskens cited Jones' track record at Arizona and called him a "scholar, very knowledgeable about the cutting issues in education. I feel he has accomplished a great deal."

Jones said his duties at NU will be more extensive than those at Arizona.

"My new duties will include a much broader responsibility encompassing full academic programs, and not limited to the graduate program," Jones said.

As executive vice president, Jones said he will be working more with NU's administrative programs and as provost, Jones said he will deal with NU's academic program as "chief academic adviser."

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Ronald Roskens

Jones, who is also chairman of the U.S. Council of Graduate Schools, said he heard of the job opening from "friends at the university."

He said NU has a reputation as a "fine institution, with comprehensive programs, a solid record, and a history of a strong undergraduate program."



Courtesy of University Information  
Jones

Before becoming vice president for research and dean of the Graduate College at AU in July of 1982, Jones was the university's provost for graduate studies and health sciences from 1979 to 1982. He also served as dean of the graduate college from 1977 to 1979 and head of the department of chemistry from 1973 to 1977. He has been at Arizona since his appointment as assistant professor of chemistry in 1964.

Jones received his doctorate degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1964 and his bachelor's from Wabash College in 1960.

Jones also serves on the board of directors for the Associated Western Universities and on the executive committee for the Council of Research Policy and Graduate Education for the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges.

## Manufacturers' claims verified by tractor lab

By Dave Gocken  
Staff Reporter

chants worldwide.

Any time people see the phrase "official test" in tractor advertisements they can be sure the tractors were tested at Nebraska.

With the exception of its large concrete track, the Tractor Testing Lab is one of the most inconspicuous features on East Campus. But it could be one of the most important for the university and tractor manufacturers worldwide.

Manufacturers' first step to get tractors tested is reserving a test slot. It may take as much as 1 1/2 years to get in, Leviticus said. But the tests usually are scheduled so that they're complete shortly after the new model is released to the market.

Lou Leviticus, director of the lab, said it was established in 1920. It satisfies a Nebraska law that states, "any person or company wishing to sell a tractor in the state of Nebraska must have a representative model tested at the lab."

After the tractor goes through an initial 12-hour "run-in" period and inspection, actual testing begins. It has three parts: power take-off, drawbar and sound level.

Today, the main thrust of testing is the verification of manufacturers' claims about more power, better fuel consumption or lower sound levels, Leviticus said. All tractors tested at the lab must be standard models with standard equipment, like they would be sold to farmers.

The PTO test measures the maximum power that the tractor's engine puts out at a certain RPM. This test is done indoors on a precision dynamometer under exact conditions. The diesel fuel that powers the engine is heated before use to simulate the field conditions that the farmer will face from engine heat and sunlight, Leviticus said. Hot fuel reduces the tractor's performance, but yields more accurate test results, he said.

The lab's main goal is to provide tractor users with data to compare similar-sized tractors tested under similar conditions, Leviticus said.

Testing isn't limited to Nebraska users. Nebraska's lab is the only one of its kind, so its test results are published and used by tractor mer-

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## Funeral directors rest in peace at convention

By Joel Sartore  
Photo Chief

A message to anybody who just got in town for the Nebraska Funeral Director's Convention: You missed the aerobics last night at The Cornhusker.

The fitness and exercise program is something at this year's convention that most people would never expect, said Bob Garey, executive director of the Nebraska Funeral Director's Association.

The convention, held Tuesday and today, is a time for nearly 200 Nebraska funeral directors to see old friends, examine new products for their businesses and, in general, get away from it all, he said.

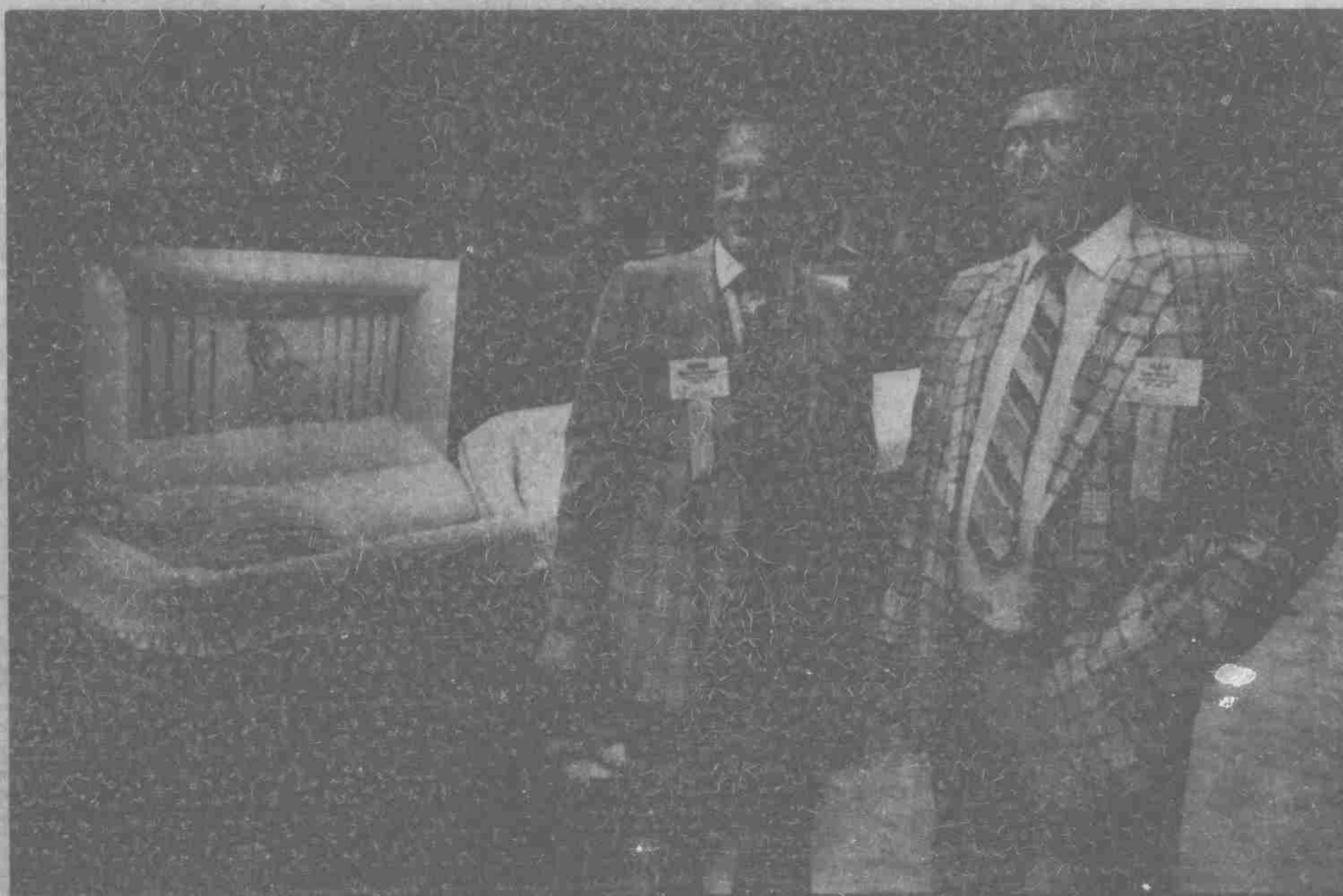
Most funeral directors feel a real sense of responsibility to the community they serve, Garey said. Because of this, they act reserved and behave with as much dignity as possible at all times. For some, this becomes quite a strain, because most funeral directors have to be accessible 24 hours a day, he said.

"We've had several who've had calls already and they've had to get back and prepare the remains," Garey said. "That's not uncommon at any meeting we have."

With that in mind, it's no wonder the convention is an annual success, Garey said.

"They talk shop — they may have had a recent case that was a particular challenge," he said. The directors also are shown the latest models of caskets, chemicals and even the automobiles that go with their industry.

"We also deal in education at the convention," Garey said. Seminars are given to the funeral directors by experts on "the whys and hows of grief." By understanding the natural series of reactions that grief-stricken people go through, funeral directors can do their jobs better on a day-to-day basis, he said.



Norm Christensen (left) a funeral director from Bridgeport, and Ray Bouley, a salesman from the Batesville Casket Co., do a little girl-watching at the Nebraska Funeral Directors Association Convention Tuesday at Perahing Auditorium.

"It gives a bunch of guys who have to act reserved all year back in their hometowns a chance to relax and be themselves," Christensen said. "When you've just buried six of your friends in the last six weeks, it's nice to be able to come here and let loose."

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