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## UNL mourns loss of leader

*Vice chancellor 'embraced Lincoln'*

By **KIMBERLY SWEET**  
Senior staff writer

The university and Lincoln communities mourned on Tuesday the death of an University of Nebraska-Lincoln official who transformed UNL's business practices and served vital roles in the community.

Melvin Jones, vice chancellor for business and finance, died early Tuesday morning at George Washington University Hospital in Washington, D.C., after suffering from a heart attack.

Jones, 48, was in Washington for a meeting of the Institute for International Research. He was hospitalized after experiencing a heart attack Monday morning.

In an e-mail sent out to faculty and staff members on Tuesday, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor James Moeser announced Jones' death and expressed his grief.

"It is a personal loss for me," Moeser said. "I think I can speak for the vice chancellors in saying that we not only came to respect Melvin, we came to love him as well."

Moeser said the date, time and place for a campus memorial service would be announced at a later time.

Jones oversaw a variety of university departments, including the University Bookstore, Transportation Services and the UNL police department. He also oversaw the budgeting and accounting and maintenance departments.

During his time at UNL, Jones was responsible for negotiating a deal with Follett College Stores, Inc. to take over the University Bookstore. He also was an integral part in the negotiation of the \$24

million contract with Pepsi. The contract included an \$11 million endowment for scholarships and student programs.

"During the three and one-half years that Melvin was vice chancellor for business and finance, he transformed the way in which UNL did business," Moeser said in his e-mail.

While being a core part of business operations at UNL, Jones also served many leadership roles throughout Lincoln at the same time.

One of the roles was being the 1999-2000 chairman of the Lincoln/Lancaster County United Way Campaign.

His enthusiasm for the campaign led Jones to set an 8.1 percent goal increase for the next year, said Sandy Rupp, chief professional officer of United Way.

"He felt so strongly about raising as much money as possible that he didn't feel any goal was insurmountable," Rupp said.

Serving as a board member for the Downtown Lincoln Association since 1997, Jones was an invaluable link between the university and downtown, said Polly McMullen, president of the association.

"Not only was he a strong supporter of downtown, but he was someone who helped forge a stronger relationship with downtown and UNL," McMullen said.

McMullen, who was on the com-

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Jones



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**SOPHOMORE RICH KLUVER** takes a Habitat for Humanity filer from freshman volunteer **Miranda Mueller** Monday evening. Mueller spent several hours in the Shantytown braving the cold weather. When asked how the experience affected her, she said. "It makes me want to go home more."

## Habitat's Shantytown helps raise awareness

By **JOHN HEJKAL**  
Staff writer

People who live in substandard housing don't have a place that is warm and dry to go to when it gets cold and rainy outside.

But because of the activities of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln chapter of Habitat for Humanity International, fewer Lincoln residents will have to experience that situation.

UNL Habitat for Humanity is sponsoring an event called Shantytown this week. It started

Monday at 8 a.m. and is continuing through the end of the Oct. 2 football game.

Shantytown is an event designed to raise awareness and funds for Habitat for Humanity.

"We're having students here 24 hours a day to give the idea that people who live in that kind of housing can't go somewhere else and go in at night," said Chris Stone, publicity, public relations and education chairwoman of the UNL chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

"It's good that it's in front of the (Nebraska) Union this year because it

creates a little more awareness," said Kayla Dick, a junior pre-law major, during her volunteer shift in Shantytown Tuesday.

Last year Shantytown was located in the area between Andrews and Burnett halls.

Shantytown is a structure of cardboard boxes designed to represent substandard housing around the world.

"We thought it was a really good way to draw attention to the different kinds of housing that people live in,"

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## Extravaganza sparks interest in study abroad

■ Students with travel experience enlighten those seeking the same.

By **GWEN TIETGEN**  
Staff writer

Getting out of Nebraska, earning college credit and learning about a country's culture isn't as impossible as some students may think.

Students interested in studying abroad found this out Tuesday night at the Study Abroad Extravaganza in the Nebraska Union. The extravaganza provided information for anyone interested in the study abroad pro-

gram. Students who had studied abroad were available to answer questions and share their experiences.

John Sypal, a University of Nebraska-Lincoln art major, studied abroad at Senshu University in Kawasaki City, Japan, during the fall semester of his sophomore year.

Sypal said he had been interested in Japan and wanted to study there. One of his biggest experiences was learning about the Japanese culture.

"Looking around and not seeing another person who looks like you anywhere really opens your mind," Sypal said. "It makes me look at America differently. I had more of a culture shock coming back into the United States than I had going into

Japan." Merlin Lawson, dean of International Affairs, said each year the study abroad program introduces students to a wealth of global cultures.

"Last year the program had 413 students studying abroad in 22 different countries," Lawson said.

David Baker studied at Tanzania in East Africa for one year and said he has never been so welcome and accepted as he was in Tanzania.

Baker spoke to students about his experiences and encouraged all to take the opportunity to study abroad during college.

He also encouraged students to meet a variety of people and get the full experience of another environ-

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ment. "I didn't realize how easy it is to learn another language until I was immersed in it," Baker said.

Baker said students study abroad to have the opportunity to learn the whole process of adapting to another way of living. His biggest adjustment was learning to be patient and not always expecting things to be on time. Dayna Coufal, senior elementary

education major, wants to study abroad in a Spanish-speaking country.

"I haven't learned enough Spanish by taking classes," Coufal said.

"I need to be engulfed in the culture to learn Spanish. This way I will be able to communicate with Spanish-speaking students in their own language and know about their culture."