

Jones' death mourned

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mittee that interviewed Jones for the job of vice chancellor in 1995, said that Jones was soft-spoken and very intelligent.

But his passion for issues and warmth in dealing with people always showed through, McMullen said.

"After the discussion with him, I was fascinated," she said. "He was warm, caring and soft-spoken - but very intense in his feeling," McMullen said.

McMullen said the community witnessed this intensity during the annual Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast held two years ago.

Talking about growing up in the south, Jones related his frequent contacts with discrimination to the audience.

"He got a standing ovation," McMullen said.

Keith Parker, a UNL sociology and African-American studies professor, said the speech was just one example of Jones' dedication to contributing to the community.

"His speech was the epitome of his life - that was giving something back," Parker said.

Besides giving back to the community and the university, Jones also gave back to students by mentoring them, Parker said.

Jones and his wife, Colleen Jones, a professor in the College of Business Administration came to Lincoln in 1996.

Jones was appointed vice chancellor in November 1995 and came to UNL in February 1996. Before coming to the university, Jones was the vice chancellor for financial affairs at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis.

Jones also held a post at Howard University, served in various positions for the Government of the District of Columbia, was a budget administrator for Iowa City, Iowa, and served as an agent for the Internal Revenue Service.

In a Daily Nebraskan article printed after he began his job in 1996, Jones expressed his desire to remain in Nebraska permanently.

"I plan to become a native Nebraskan," Jones said.

Since the day he put his foot in the state, Jones committed himself to being involved in the community and making it home, McMullen said.

"He certainly embraced Lincoln, and Lincoln embraced him," she said. "He will be tremendously missed."

The Psychological Services of the University Health Center will hold counseling sessions for those who knew Jones.

Staff will be available at the Culture Center, 333 N. 14 St., today from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Panel addresses lack of minorities on TV

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Television's new fall season is a nearly "all-white landscape" that shows that Hollywood has yet to reflect the nation's diversity, members of a new statewide commission were told Tuesday.

Despite the success of multiethnic shows such as "ER" and "NYPD Blue," none of the more than two dozen new comedies and dramas feature a minority in a leading role, panelists said.

The criticism was made during the first meeting of Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante's Commission for One California. The group of religious and civic leaders, civil rights lawyers, university officials and others was unveiled last month and is charged with promoting tolerance and understanding of diversity.

A panel of activists and industry

members addressed the commission at the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance.

Coalitions have complained for months about the lack of minority characters in the fall lineup, prompting at least one new series, ABC's "Wasteland," to speed up the introduction of a black cast member.

Panelists suggested several reasons for the minority underrepresentation: Hollywood jobs depend on "who you know," and minorities don't know the right people; executives are afraid of using minorities for fear of being criticized for inaccurately portraying their cultures; executives don't realize there is a vast English-speaking Hispanic market.

The only network or studio that accepted an offer to appear at the commission meeting was the WB Network.

Project raises funds

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said Jason Pubs, president of UNL Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity is planning to break ground on a new house Oct. 10, Pubs said.

"Our goal is to give a wake-up call to the campus, to raise awareness," Stone said. "Even in Lincoln, people live in inadequate and substandard housing. We're trying to really give people a picture of that."

Habitat for Humanity wants to get each student on campus to donate \$1 to the Shantytown project, Stone said. It is also hoping to pick up some donations from Cornhusker fans Saturday, she said.

Habitat for Humanity is looking for donations of time for Shantytown as well.

"If each of us would just donate one hour of volunteerism, our campus can make such a big difference," said Lisabeth Jump, volunteer chair

of Neihardt Residence Center.

"I've always wanted to do Habitat for Humanity, but I never had time in high school," said Alison Smith, a freshman art major, during her shift Tuesday. "Now it seems easier to get involved."

The people who are going to receive the new house also get involved, said Brian Bonne, a sophomore economics major who was spending time in Shantytown on Monday.

"It's not just giving away a house because the people who get the house have to put in time, and eventually they pay it off," Bonne said.

Stone emphasized the importance of each student's participation.

"We just hope that people will take this seriously. We hope that everyone will consider giving a dollar because, hey, it's just a dollar, and in this case a dollar can make a difference," she said.

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