

# Memorial to honor late vice-chancellor

■ Leadership fund to provide scholarships for black students in Melvin Jones' memory.

By George Green

Staff writer

The family and friends of the late Melvin Jones, former UNL vice chancellor for business and finance, have established a memorial fund in Jones' honor to preserve his legacy as a leader and educator.

Jones died on Sept. 27, 1999, after suffering a heart attack in Washington, D. C.

The idea for the Melvin W. Jones Leadership Fund developed almost immediately after Jones' death, said Colleen Jones, Melvin Jones' widow.

Contributors inundated the Jones family, asking how they could help, said Colleen Jones, an assistant professor of management.

During his lifetime, Melvin Jones reached out to students of color, particularly black men, she said.

"Melvin tried to help black men learn to survive and thrive in a predominantly white institution," Colleen Jones said.

The Melvin W. Jones Leadership

Fund will focus on providing scholarships and fellowships for black students who are interested in business, political science, higher education and public service, she said.

Scholarship and fellowship amounts, as well as the specific application, have not been developed, said Christine Aguirre, University of Nebraska Foundation spokeswoman.

Members of Jones' family and University Foundation staff will develop the scholarship and fellowship criteria over the next 18 months, Colleen Jones said.

Currently, the Jones family is trying to raise awareness of the Melvin W. Jones Leadership Fund and gather donations, she said.

"We hope that the fund will in place by 2001 or 2002," Colleen Jones said.

The fund also complements awards and activities dedicated to Melvin Jones.

Leadership Lincoln created the Melvin W. Jones Mentorship Award in Jones' honor, Colleen Jones said.

The United Way's 1999 campaign and UNL's summit for black men have also been dedicated to Jones, Colleen Jones said.

"We hope that the fund will help keep Melvin's spirit and provide a lasting tribute to him."

# Session to offer business advice

By Jacob Kruger

Staff writer

Students interested in owning their own business or working in a business-related field who think \$50 is a worthy investment in their future can attend the Heartland Conference on Free Enterprise.

Students who register by Feb. 22 have the possibility of having their fee paid for. A university donor has offered to pay for the first 300 students who register and attend the conference. As of Feb. 17 only 100 students were signed up.

"We have this conference for the UNL students. We are trying to increase the awareness of and attendance at this conference," said Terry Seбора of the Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship.

The conference will be held Feb. 26 at the Cornhusker Hotel. There are several speakers scheduled for the afternoon and 22 seminars and workshops for participants to choose from in the morning. Topics include resources for entrepreneurial startups, small business resources, Internet issues, kaizen, manufacturing and special topics in productivity.

Of particular interest to many people may be the ".Com" portion. These workshops will include topics such as distribution, service and security. Internet security is a very timely topic for discussion due to the

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recent hacker attacks on several Internet sites. The service part will be presented by two UNL graduates who have developed a company called SitStay.com. Their company specializes in meeting the needs of man's best friend.

There are six series of lectures for the morning. Three of them deal with starting small businesses. The other three deal with continued growth for already established businesses.

For established business presenters, topics such as Kaizen, the Japanese concept of gradual and orderly continuous improvement, are included.

Another feature will be Ted Harris, Union President for Harley-Davidson Motor Company. He will be discussing work-management relations.

"We put this conference on for the students of UNL," said Seбора. "This conference would be particularly beneficial for someone who is not necessarily a business major but

is interested in perhaps one day owning their own business. The conference will show the resources in existing state agencies. These are resources that didn't just come together for the conference. They will be here tomorrow also."

Registration is \$49 for UNL students. More information on the conference can be found by either contacting the Nebraska Center for Entrepreneurship by phone at (402) 472-3353 or visiting the conference's Web site at [www.cba.unl.edu/additional/ent](http://www.cba.unl.edu/additional/ent)

In conjunction with the conference, CBA will also be holding a career fair and its 12th annual Business Plan Competition. The career fair will be held Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the atrium in the Cornhusker Hotel. The competition features more than 50 students representing 20 universities from the United States and Canada competing for \$50,000 in prize money. Both the career fair and competition are free to students.

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# Library entrance moves

From staff reports

On Monday morning, countless UNL students tugged at the old Love Library South interior doors, sighed and trudged over to Love Library North.

This most likely will be a common sight until students get accustomed to the new Love Library entrance and circulation desk locations.

Since Saturday, students have been entering the library through Love Library North, rather than through Love Library South.

And, until the new security gates can be installed, students using the library will also have their backpacks searched as they exit.

Deb Pearson, a member of the Love Library South renovation team, said the security gates are expected to be installed on Monday.

The exterior Love South doors are still open, so students can have access to the auditorium and the dean's office.

Pearson said new elevators and restrooms are being built in the area where the circulation desk formerly was located.

However, Pearson said, the change is temporary.

In about two years, a new circulation desk and entrance will open in Love South, across from the auditorium, in the area where the dean's office is currently located.

# Board names new editor

From staff reports

The Daily Nebraskan's editor in chief for the next academic school year was chosen on Monday by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Publications Board.

Sarah Baker, a senior news editorial major and the Daily Nebraskan arts and entertainment editor, was selected for the position.

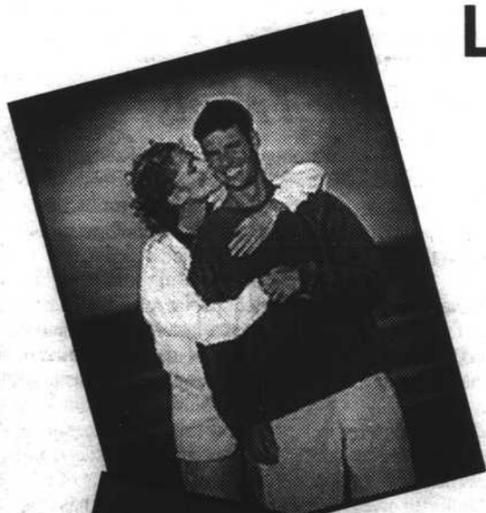
Baker has served the Daily Nebraskan as a news staff reporter,

news assignment reporter, senior arts and entertainment reporter, associate news editor, managing editor and arts and entertainment editor.

Baker was an intern at the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette and will spend this summer working as an intern at the Des Moines Register.

"I hope I can bring improvement and excitement to the Daily Nebraskan staff, and I'm looking forward to the chance to give the university the best newspaper possible," she said.

# One Way to Make a Moment Last a Lifetime



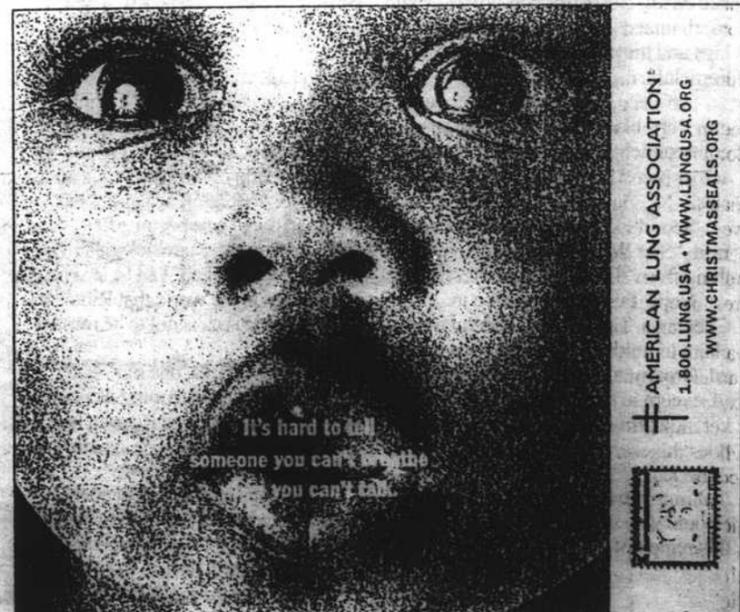
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