Regents discuss minorities, KSC

## Science center planned

By Mark Georgeff Staff Reporter

Ground-breaking for the Nebraska Center for Science and Technology has been scheduled for November, 1991, John Goebel, UNL vice chancellor for business and finance, told the NU Board of Regents at their meeting Saturday.

The center will be built on the east

The center will be built on the east edge of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln City Campus, on Vine Street between 19th and 20th streets.

Goebel said construction on the \$23.7 million, federally funded project should be completed no later than the summer of 1994.

The new facility will house the department of Chemical Engineering, the Center for Biological Chemistry and the Center for Biotechnol-

ogy, he said, including space for undergraduate, graduate and research programs and laboratories.

'One of the things that's been important in putting this program together has been to work toward flexibility. Laboratory needs, research needs change with time, and one of the things we have tried very hard to do is to provide an overall facility that do is to provide an overall facility that can change as the times change," Goebel said.

Regent Kermit Hansen of Elkhorn said he thinks the biotechnology and agricultural experts from areas such as North Platte, Clay Center, Concord and Mead may not feel part of

the Lincoln-based facility.

"My plea is that somewhere in the building there be either space or simply designation that this is for our greater Nebraska cohorts. They do not feel that they are part of this center," Hansen said.

"I strongly recommend that you at least accord them some identity," he

Goebel agreed with Hansen's views, saying, "One of the reasons this facility is important is to make Ne-braska--and I do not mean simply Lincoln--the center for biotechnol-ogy. And it will be important to pull in those people, and we are working

Also at the regents' meeting, UNL Student Regent Phil Gosch called for continued improvement in the recruitment of minority faculty members at

UNL.
"We need to develop an atmosphere of understanding and apprecia-

tion," Gosch said.
It's important to students to be educated in a culturally rich environment, he said, emphasizing that UNL

still has a long way to go.

Gosch said Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs James Griesen has done valuable work for the programs.

"His work has made an incredible difference in the past two years,' Gosch said.

UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale called minority recruitment a 'long term goal we're trying to

"We are working on it consistently," he said.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa of Omaha emphasized giving key consideration to hiring American Indian faculty

UNL Academic Senate President James McShane said Kearney State College has hired a "sizcable" number of minority faculty members, but difficulties exist in competition for such members when salaries are low.

He said hiring is an important matter, because the future will consist of half the entry-level work force being women and minorities and students will need access to varied cul-

In other business, Massengale called the Kearney State College integra-tion into the NU system "a mile-

He said the July, 1991, integration will help deliver quality education

statewide.
"We generate more energy by having all the parts together," Massengale said, adding that the state will be served better through this integra-

Board of Regents Chairman Donald Blank of McCook said the NU administration is working "diligently" to bring Kearney into the system in "spirit as well as body."



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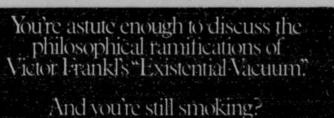
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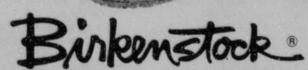
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