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Technology park nears completion

By John Fulwider
 Senior Reporter

A technology center to help fledgling businesses develop and provide employment for NU graduates is nearing completion.

Don Helmuth, associate vice chancellor for research, said the University of Nebraska Technology Park will include the tentatively-named Nebraska Science and Technology Development Center.

The development center will house new technology-related companies, helping them mature and succeed.

The center could be up and running in 18 months, Helmuth said. It will be located on a 135-acre tract of land owned by the University of Nebraska Foundation.

The park is in the Highlands area of Lincoln, north of Interstate 80 and

south of Highlands Boulevard.

Transcript International was the first company to build on the site. No other buildings have been built on the site.

Besides having low-cost office and laboratory space, the companies could draw on university resources and faculty and staff expertise. They also could share office resources such as receptionists, photocopiers and computer equipment.

"They would get a lot of support while they're in this fledgling state," he said. "We're hoping to improve the small business success rate."

The development of high technology businesses in Nebraska will help the state's economic development, he said. By providing internships and employment for NU students and graduates, it will also help prevent the "brain drain" of talented people leav-

ing Nebraska to work elsewhere.

Transcript already has provided internships and full-time employment to UNL students. Its CEO, John Connor, has been helping NU officials decide what kind of assistance to offer new businesses, Helmuth said. Transcript provides information security, mobile data and specialized radio products.

The foundation is seeking approval for a use permit and other necessary permits from the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission today.

City Planner Rick Houck said the foundation has asked the Planning Commission to suspend its rules and vote on the technology park plans today. Normally, there is a two-week delay after the public hearing.

If the commission agrees, the City Council could address the matter by late November.

Expert speaks on Macedonian tombs

By Beth Narans
 Staff Reporter

Archaeological finds cause fascination and wonder for many people, but they also can cause some controversy for some scientists.

The tombs found in Macedonia are no different, Pennsylvania State University Professor Emeritus Eugene N. Borza said Tuesday night in a presentation at the Beadle Center. His lecture was sponsored by the Archaeological Institute of America Lincoln-Omaha chapter. It was the third in a series of lectures this year.

Borza is the author of several books and has written many articles. He has been lecturing for 21 years.

The Macedonian tombs are about 300 miles north of Athens, Greece. They are the traditional burial grounds of kings near the city of Aegae, which was the original Macedonian capital.

Little is known about the origin of the Macedonians. The excavation of the burial grounds began in the 1920s after interest in them was stirred during World War I, Borza said.

Two types of tombs were discovered, he said. The first was a cyst tomb, a modest tomb found throughout the area.

But the Macedonian tomb was more like a monument, he said. It had an architectural facade with plaster columns. Often these facades were painted, which Borza said most people found unusual.

Many of these tombs were looted in antiquity, Borza said, but some still have the original items in them. Lanterns, shields, wine strainers, cups and furniture were some of the items found. These tombs contained things considered valuable in life, such as war instruments and cups used for drinking wine, he said.

No one is certain who these tombs belonged to, Borza said, and that has caused much controversy among archaeologists. Many believe one of the tombs belonged to Phillip II, but no evidence has proved that. Many of the tombs were given the name of the person assumed to be buried in them, he said.

"I wouldn't take the names very

"These discoveries have been extremely important for our knowledge of Macedonians."
EUGENE N. BORZA
 Penn State Professor Emeritus

seriously" because the evidence pointed to different owners, Borza said.

Even if the tombs' ownership is in question, much still can be learned from them, Borza said.

"These discoveries have been extremely important for our knowledge of Macedonians," Borza said.

They are important because they help provide funding for further excavation, and they help establish the chronology of the Macedonians. They also are important for evaluating the quality and style of their lives, he said.

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Senate

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associate law professor, said Nebraska law defined the placement of certain materials in a stuffed toy that a child could ingest as a violent crime.

Jay Corzine, sociology professor, said the FBI defined violent crime as "the intentional use of physical force against another human being."

And then comes the question of fairness.

Punishing students who commit violent crimes but ignoring students who commit non-violent felonies is discrimination, said Don Jensen, psychology professor.

Some senate members applauded his statement.

But McGarvey said the amendments were not set up to punish students. Instead, they show the community that the university does not condone violence, she said.

The four amendments would:

- extend the university's jurisdiction to violent misdemeanors and felonies on off-campus property.
- suspend students charged with violent crimes from participating in activities in which they represent the university until they are cleared.
- suspend students convicted of violent crimes from participating in activities in which they represent the university for a period of time to be determined.
- instruct the judicial officer to institute disciplinary proceedings as soon as possible and to put the power of investigation with the

judicial board and not with an academic sponsor or coach.

McGarvey addressed criticism of the amendments, saying they did not presume guilt before innocence.

"If you suspend someone from representing the university, that is in no way prejudging them," she said.

And the amendments do not violate student rights, she said, because representing the university "is a privilege, not a right."

McGarvey said the athletic department already suspends students involved in violent crimes from their respective teams.

But having coaches determine whether a student athlete should be suspended is a violation of the university's conflict of interest policy, she said.

"In these decisions, the prestige of the university as a whole is at stake," she said.

The discussion was tabled because of time constraints, but it will be continued at December's meeting. The Academic Senate can vote on the amendments, but final approval belongs to the NU Board of Regents.

In other action, the senate:

- listened to committee reports from Academic Rights and Responsibilities, the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of People of Color and the Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women.
- elected Pat Kennedy, assistant marketing professor, as an Executive Committee member.
- was briefed on requirements and assessment procedures for the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools 10-year accreditation.



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