

# Transcript joins Technology Park

By Steve Smith  
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Technology Park, a joint venture between Lincoln and UNL, has signed its first tenant, officials said Monday. Mayor Mike Johanns and University of Nebraska-Lincoln Chancellor Graham Spanier said the first 10 acres of the 130-acre area, located near Superior Street and Interstate 80, were starting to be filled. Transcript International, a Lincoln-based communications company, broke ground Nov. 11 for a new location at 4800 N.W. First Ave. Transcript purchased 9.41 acres for their world headquarters and plans to build in two stages. Transcript is an international corporation that specializes in wireless communication for public safety organizations, said John Connor, chairman and chief executive officer of

Transcript International. The firm has customers in more than 70 countries, including the Hong Kong Police, Scotland Yard and law enforcement agencies in Russia and Egypt. Connor said the new facility would allow the company to grow from 57 to about 100 employees, with potential for expansion to almost 250 workers. Technology Park plans date back to December 1987, when then-UNL Chancellor Martin Massengale and former Mayor Bill Harris conducted a feasibility study for a proposed site, Johanns said. When the city annexed 130 acres of land in the Highlands District, the possibility of a technology park skyrocketed, Johanns said. Johanns said the international firm provided an excellent blueprint for other companies to follow. "It's a kind of business we like to

see in the technology park," Johanns said. "It also strengthens (the city's) ties with the university." UNL provides much of Transcript's manpower, Spanier said. The company makes a habit of hiring UNL graduates and student interns. Spanier said UNL and Transcript have had a successful partnership over the years. Transcript hired UNL's Center for Information and Communication Services to review their firm, and company officials visit campus often to confer with engineering and marketing classes. Having UNL near Transcript's world headquarters was vital to the business, Connor said. Spanier said he was pleased Transcript saw its relationship with UNL as a partnership. Connor said Transcript was aiming for a June relocation from their downtown offices.

## POLICE REPORT

### Beginning midnight Wednesday

1:01 a.m. — Driving while intoxicated, 11th and Q streets, case cleared with one arrest.  
3:41 p.m. — Stereo stolen from car, 21st and Vine streets, \$730.  
6:35 p.m. — Car vandalized, 19th and R streets, \$100.  
9:17 p.m. — Bike stolen, Avery Hall, \$900.

9:06 a.m. — Window broken, 19th and Vine streets, \$100.  
1:27 p.m. — Tapes stolen from car, 1640 Y St., \$42 loss, \$100 damage.  
9:11 p.m. — Machine malfunction, Nebraska Union.  
9:30 p.m. — Jacket stolen, Campus Recreation Center, \$80.

### Beginning midnight Saturday

1:05 a.m. — Theft from auto, Cather/Pound gravel parking lot, \$100 damage, \$329 loss.  
7:27 a.m. — Statue stolen, Sheldon Memorial Art Gallery, \$25,000, recovered, five arrested.

9:19 a.m. — Door hinge pins taken, Mabel Lee Hall, \$6.

9:37 a.m. — Flag stolen, 1800 N. 33rd St., \$50.

9:52 p.m. — Computer keyboard stolen, Walter Scott Engineering Center, \$200.

### Beginning midnight Thursday

10 a.m. — Money stolen, South Memorial Stadium, \$420.  
12:03 p.m. — Coat stolen, Memorial Stadium, \$150.  
12:05 p.m. — Mirror broken, Harper-Schramm-Smith Residence Halls parking lot, \$110.  
12:36 p.m. — Handset stolen, College of Dentistry, \$500.

### Beginning midnight Friday

5:28 a.m. — Fire alarm accidentally tripped, Selleck Quadrangle.



## NEWS BRIEFS

### UNL services plan shorter hours

From Staff Reports

Operation hours for the University Nebraska-Lincoln facilities have been shortened for the Thanksgiving holiday from Wednesday through Sunday. The Nebraska Union will be open Tuesday until 10 p.m. The Union will be open Wednesday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and closed Thursday and Saturday. It will resume normal hours Sunday. The University Bookstore, Campus Recreation Center and Union food court restaurants have different hours during the break. The East Campus Union will close at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. It will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday. The cafeteria will close at 1 p.m. The East Campus Union will be closed from Thursday through Sunday and will reopen with regular hours on

Monday at 6:45 a.m. Love Library will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, closed Thursday and open Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Normal library hours will resume Saturday. The University Health Center will be closed for appointments Thursday through Sunday. The center will close Wednesday at 5 p.m. The health center's 24-hour emergency care services remain in effect. Normal hours will resume Monday at 8 a.m. The rec center will be open Wednesday from 6:15 a.m. to 8 p.m. It will be closed Thanksgiving Day, open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Residence halls not offering vacation housing will close at 10 a.m. Wednesday and will reopen Sunday at 1 p.m. Food service will resume Monday morning.

### Preliminary hearing set for sexual assault case

From Staff Reports

A Dec. 10 preliminary hearing was set for Richard Barrett, a UNL sophomore who was charged with first-degree sexual assault Oct. 21. Police say Barrett was one of several students studying in a 20-year-old woman's

apartment. The woman, also a University of Nebraska-Lincoln student, fell asleep and Barrett allegedly had forced sexual intercourse with her, police said. Barrett was released from the Lancaster County Jail Oct. 27 after paying 10 percent of a \$10,000 bond.

### Marines to kick off Toys for Tots at Friday's game

From Staff Reports

The Lincoln Marine Corps will kick off their annual "Toys for Tots" holiday gift collection program at the Nebraska-Oklahoma football game Friday. Gunnery Sgt. Dan Nisley, of the local Marine Recruiting Office, said Marines would be posted by gates around the outside of Memorial Stadium to collect toys for the program. "Toys for Tots" provides area children

with Christmas gifts. Football fans who wish to donate new, unwrapped toys, can give their donations to a Marine Corp representative before the game, Nisley said. Nisley said this was the first time the corps had collected toys at a Nebraska football game, and he hoped the fans would make the kick-off successful. "I'd love to collect 10,000 toys," he said. Last year, the corps collected 3,000 toys for area children, he said.

### Post Office advises sending gifts, greetings early

From Staff Reports

As the holiday season approaches, the U.S. Postal Service advises students to mail their cards and packages early to ensure they arrive on time. The post office suggests mailing packages by Dec. 2 and mailing cards and letters by

Dec. 9. Mailing early gives customers a chance to avoid the glut of mail being processed in the days just before Christmas. Early mailing also reduces risks of inclement weather delaying delivery. The post office also asks mailers to fill out addresses completely and legibly.

## Statue

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They were contacted at the house, 3601 Apple St., by UNL police Sunday afternoon, he said, and were taken to the police station for questioning. The students were arrested there without incident. "It looks as if they were going to take the statue back to Missouri with them," he said. Lee Thurber, president of Farmhouse Fraternity at UNL, said no students from his chapter were involved. The Missouri students were in Lincoln on an activity, he said, and were staying at the house for the weekend. The president of the Missouri Farmhouse chapter, Mark Broughton, said about 25 students came to Lincoln for the weekend. Most

have returned to Columbia, he said, but some are still in Lincoln helping the five students that were jailed. Manning said the statue's value was estimated between \$25,000 to \$150,000. About \$10,000 damage was done to the base of the statue, Manning said. It will not be returned to the gallery until it is released by the county attorney's office, he said. Deputy County Attorney Patrick Condon said charges would be filed in the case after the arraignment. The students were cited for criminal mischief and theft, he said, which are Class III felonies. Class III felonies are punishable by a maximum of 20 years in prison and a \$25,000 fine or a minimum of one year in prison.

## State focuses on gang prevention

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Nebraska has received a \$500,000 grant from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms to fund a gang resistance education program, Gov. Ben Nelson announced Monday. The program, Gang Resistance Education and Training, or GREAT, presents the hard facts about gang life to junior high students, Nelson said. Prevention, a tactic Nelson has pinpointed often since his August meeting with U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno, is vital in curbing youth violence, the governor said. Nelson said prevention was the main focus of the new program. "In the past, we've spent a lot of time on intervention and then detention," Nelson said. "We need to focus on prevention more." Of the funds, 80 percent will be channeled to the local level, Nelson said. The other 20 percent will be used for officer training. A majority of those funds will be used to teach police officers classroom techniques, John Packett, chief of LaVista police, said.

The Papillion-LaVista school district was the first in the state to implement GREAT, Nelson said. Only a handful of cities, including Lexington, Scottsbluff and Norfolk, have expressed interest in the program so far. "What we're doing is taking a police officer who has been trained to be a crime fighter and changing them a little bit, to make them teachers," Packett said. The Nebraska State Patrol will administer the program. Lt. David Gates, who will be the program administrator, will assist towns and cities applying for the program, help train officers and develop the curriculum in Nebraska's school districts. Col. Ron Tussing of the Nebraska State Patrol said because the funds for the program were received Oct. 28, cities haven't had much time to get a good look at the program. However, he said he expected most larger towns and cities in Nebraska to apply for the funds before the Nov. 30 deadline. "This is a very competitive process," Tussing said. "Obviously, we won't be able to go into every junior high in the state."

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