

Firm's arrival to help Lincoln community, NU

By Jeff Randall
Staff Reporter

Transcrypt International dedicated its new home on Thursday in Lincoln at an open house and press conference.

Transcrypt is a corporation that deals primarily in the research, development and marketing of security technology for wireless communication systems. Its new headquarters are located in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Technology Park in the Highlands.

John T. Connor, Transcrypt International chairman and chief executive officer, said the new facility provided the company with everything it wanted.

"We asked for a Silicon Valley-style building with a Nebraska price tag," he said, "and that's exactly what we received."

The Technology Park covers 130 acres in west Lincoln. Transcrypt International, the park's first tenant, built a 22,500-square-foot, two-story building for its headquarters. The park will be developed more in the next four years, Connor said.

Lincoln Mayor Mike Johanns said Transcrypt's growth benefited not only the company but also its partners.

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MIKE JOHANNS

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Transcrypt President Paul Mueller said UNL and Transcrypt had several internship programs that accepted students from the colleges of engineering and business administration at UNL.

"The whole internship program has really been a win-win situation for us," Mueller said.

UNL senior Brad Riensche, an electrical engineering major, has been an intern at Transcrypt for the past two years.

"My internship has let me pick up a lot of skills a lot faster than I would have learned them in class," Riensche said.

UNL Chancellor Graham Spanier, who also spoke at the building dedication, said UNL would continue to cooperate with Transcrypt.

"We at the university feel there is an open door out here for us," Spanier said.



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Tamer Mahrous (left) and Sean O'Hanlon try to stop a group of Delta Delta Delta pledges from reaching and taking the Woodchoppers sign at Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Phi Delta Theta members hung the sign Monday from two third-story windows of their house. Alpha Chi Omega Sorority pledges stole the sign Wednesday. Phi Delta Theta throws a party for the sorority that gets the sign.

Omaha man arrested in Holbein shooting

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Bail was set at \$500 on Thursday for an Omaha man arrested and charged with the shooting of University of Nebraska football player Brendan Holbein.

Walter C. Smith was arraigned in Lancaster County Court on charges

of second-degree assault and use of a weapon to commit a felony.

Bellevue police arrested the 22-year-old man on Wednesday afternoon in connection with the Sept. 10 shooting, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said. A warrant for his arrest was issued on Tuesday.

The shooting occurred at a party

at 3087 Vine St., and police reports indicate that Holbein, a sophomore, was not the intended target. The shot from a 9 mm handgun grazed Holbein's left side. Reports show the wound required several stitches.

Smith had a docket call set for Oct. 11.

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There is a shortage of computers in the college, Dusek said. There are no more than 25 computers available for 500 students, he said.

"It is progressive. It is ahead of the times," he said. "It seems radical ... But it would be better to do it now and be on the cutting edge than wait and fall behind."

When the idea of requiring architecture students to purchase the computers was made public last spring, it was followed by heated debates.

Questions have been answered since then, and the cloud of confusion has lifted, Dusek said. At that time, people were speaking out who weren't qualified or knowledgeable of what the policy would entail. Some weren't even in the college, he said.

Ben Perry, a fourth-year architecture student, said he approved of the decision even though it could prove a hardship for some students.

"It's pretty stiff," Perry said. "Architecture is already a selective profession. Even before the computers, you still had to have the money to buy all the crap for projects."

The computers will make the college even more economically exclusive, he said, which is unfortunate.

Mutunayagam said officials had worked with the financial aid office to guarantee an additional \$3,000 in aid per student for architecture students who need it, he said.

Officials looked to Mississippi State University as a model when developing the system, Dusek said. That plan works for students because

they can take their computers with them after graduation, he said.

Gengler said that although that may be true, he questioned just how useful the computers would be.

Those type of issues and complaints will have to be resolved after the regents approve the revision, Mutunayagam said. That's phase two, and there's still a lot of work to be done, he said.

"Something you buy today, six months from now it's outdated," he said. "Especially at the level they're expecting students to buy."

"There's a whole gambit of important issues that still need to be asked and answered," Mutunayagam said. "The earlier we start, the better off we are going to be."

Smith

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years for support staff positions like his own, he said. That doesn't help employee morale, he said.

He said raising staff salaries to the levels of other peer institutions ranked first on his agenda.

But the technician said he probably wouldn't get an opportunity to put his agenda to work. Instead, he will continue to work at the computing center, repairing UNL's data hub.

He said he fell into his job after

coming to UNL in 1983 for graduate school. The center hired students to set up computer systems around campus, he said. When repair technicians began to quit their jobs, he found himself with a promotion.

Friends have told the technician he should finish his thesis and complete his master's degree in community and regional planning, he said.

But his interests have strayed since then, he said. He had completed the required course work for the degree and was researching his thesis "The Trail of Two Cities," which was to

be about a possible bike trail between Lincoln and Omaha.

About the time he was beginning to prepare his impact statement, a group of farmers bought the land where the trail would have gone, taking his thesis idea with them.

Now his project is restoring a stock car. If he can get \$5,000 into it and have it running by next year, look for him at area race tracks.

He's looking for sponsors now, he said. Maybe it's time to give President Smith a call.

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