

# Regents will tour technology park

From Staff Reports

In addition to its monthly meeting Saturday, the NU Board of Regents has a tour and three subcommittee meetings set for today.

The regents will tour Transcrypt International Inc. and the Lincoln Technology Park. Transcrypt and the technology park are cooperative efforts between the city of Lincoln and the university. The tour will begin at noon at 4800 North

west First St. in the Highlands subdivision.

The Academic Affairs Subcommittee will meet in Varner Hall at 2:30 p.m. to discuss the role of telecommunications. Following that, the Planning Subcommittee will meet to talk about tuition policy. The Governance Subcommittee is scheduled to meet at 4:30 p.m. to address the schedule for strategic issues.

Before Saturday's meeting, scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m., there

will be a public hearing about a proposed change in the UNL weapons policy on campus. The proposal would change the Student Code of Conduct and make students keep their guns at the University Police station. Residence halls and greek houses are currently allowed to hold weapons.

The regents also will be asked to approve a program statement for the Nebraska Union expansion project. The project has an estimated cost of \$12.7 million.

# Proposed budget stresses education

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Senior Reporter

A state budget packed with increases was released Thursday by the Legislature's Appropriations Committee.



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After months of deliberation, the committee recommended a 5.6 percent increase for the state and a 5.5 percent increase for the University of Nebraska.

The proposed two-year budget of \$3.64 billion is \$78.1 million more than the amount recommended by Gov. Ben Nelson.

Wednesday, Nelson criticized the committee for not making enough cuts, and he threatened heavy use of his veto pen.

In delivering the budget Thursday, Appropriations Committee Chairman Roger Wehrbein of Plattsmouth called the committee's budget responsible.

"It's the kind of budget Nebraska should have," Wehrbein said.

He said the budget showed an emphasis on investment in higher education.

"Higher education fared fairly well in our budget," he said.

Randal Haack, NU assistant vice

president and director of budgets and analysis, said the Appropriations Committee recognized university needs that the governor did not.

"It's a very positive sign," Haack said.

The committee's recommendation included full funding for a 4 percent salary increase for faculty, full funding for President Dennis Smith's suggested engineering education enhancements, 16 new faculty members in 1995 and 26 new faculty members in 1996.

Libraries fared particularly well under the committee's budget.

The committee met NU's request for a 15 percent inflationary increase and suggested \$1.13 million for improved library holdings. In addition, a "trailer" bill will include \$750,000 more for library acquisitions.

The committee also suggested several capital construction projects for the university, including the renovations of UNL's Burnett Hall.

But both the state and university budgets still have plenty of chances to be cut. Beginning Thursday, the budget bill, LB392, must pass three rounds of debate on the floor of the Legislature.

And with the governor promising vetoes, Haack said, he could not speculate about a tuition increase.

The committee's budget did not assume a tuition increase.

# Red Cross offers solid disaster relief

From Staff Reports

Within minutes of last week's explosion in Oklahoma City, the Red Cross was on the scene providing emergency services. Nearly 3,000 Red Cross workers have been mobilized as part of relief efforts.

In addition to food and shelter, Red Cross members are offering professional psychological coun-

seling to help victims cope with stress, according to a Red Cross press release.

Two Red Cross shelters were opened after the bombing to provide safe places to rest for people in need. One shelter remains open, with 54 residents. A total of 68 people have sought shelter.

Since the blast April 19, Red Cross workers have served more than 37,000

meals.

The cost of the relief operation has been fully met by donations from the public. More than \$6.8 million has been donated to the Red Cross since the explosion.

The Red Cross is not currently soliciting donations, but money given to the "American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund" will be used to continue assistance to victims in Oklahoma City and other disaster areas.

He was arrested during a traffic stop 90 minutes after the explosion but was not linked to it until two days later.

The sources said they didn't know when or where the diary was found or whether it mentions anyone other than McVeigh by name.

involved in the plot or what deadline the bombers were trying to make.

However, the bomb went off exactly two years after the deadly government raid that ended the standoff at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas. Authorities say McVeigh held extreme anti-government views.

Student opposition to the federal cuts is mounting. The National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, a Washington-based lobbying group that UNL is a part of, has set up a hotline for students to call in their opinions to their congressional representatives.

At a March conference of Big 12 student governments, leaders passed a resolution that would send a message to Congress opposing the interest subsidy elimination.

Clinton, in a March 31 meeting with college newspaper editors, said he would veto legislation that cut federal support for student aid.

White said solutions to the problem of rising costs and shrinking aid were few and complicated. Her best advice was to start saving.

Beacon said options were limited for the short-term.

"It's far better to pay for education as you go," he said. Students should be careful not to take more financial aid than they need, Beacon said.

"Don't take necessarily what the financial aid office gives to you," Beacon said. "Even if you borrow \$500 less over four years, that's \$2,000 less you'd have to pay back."

Other options are available for students to deal with education costs, he said, including working, even minimally, while taking classes.

If a student worked 10 hours a week at \$5.60 per hour, that student could earn about \$1,800, Beacon said. "That's \$1,800 less you'd have to borrow."

Staff Reporter Julie Sobczyk contributed to this report.

# Diary

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federal building. At least 14 of the dozens of victims were children.

The newspaper didn't specify who kept the diary, how many people were

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funding would eliminate 1,500 federal grants. Large grant programs, like the Pell Grant program, would be scaled back.

John Beacon, director of scholarships and financial aid, said the elimination of the interest subsidy on federal loans would hit students hard when it came time to pay up.

For students, especially those entering five-year programs or graduate studies programs, the cost of getting an education would go up as much as 50 percent without the subsidy. With the loan subsidy, the government pays for the interest that accrues while students are in school.

# Snowflakes

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"We're open and friendly," she said. "We feel like a ma and pa store."

The Clovers said they wanted to get to know their customers, not just serve them. That is the best part about running the business, Betty Clover said. Her customers include university students and families.

"We visit with people and find out a lot about them," she said. "We take their pictures and try to remember their names."

After a customer comes for the third time, the Clovers take his or her picture and posts it on a bulletin board. The bulletin boards are now filled with pictures, and the Clovers have 38 photo albums full of pictures of customers from the last five years.

"We consider them satisfied customers," he said. "We want people to come back and see their pictures."

Another reason why the store is a hit is the Snowflake punch card. After buying 10 Snowflakes, customers receive a free one.

When customers fill a card, Betty Clover adds their names to her computer. She has more than 2,000 names. Lincoln Mayor Mike Johanns, who has completed 34 cards, has visited Snowflakes more than any other customer.

Don Clover said his favorite treat was the Rainbow Snowflake, a combination of ice cream, cherry and blue bubble gum flavored syrups.

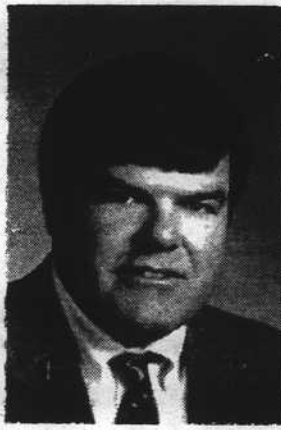
"The kids say it's awesome." Another popular flavor is I Don't Know, a combination of pink champagne and guava syrups, Don Clover said.

"That's for people who come and when I ask them what they want and they say, 'I don't know.'"

Although other ice cream parlors are in the area, the Clovers aren't worried about competition.

"They don't bother us," Betty Clover said. "We are entirely different than them."

Her husband agreed. "They're more worried about us than we are about them," he said.



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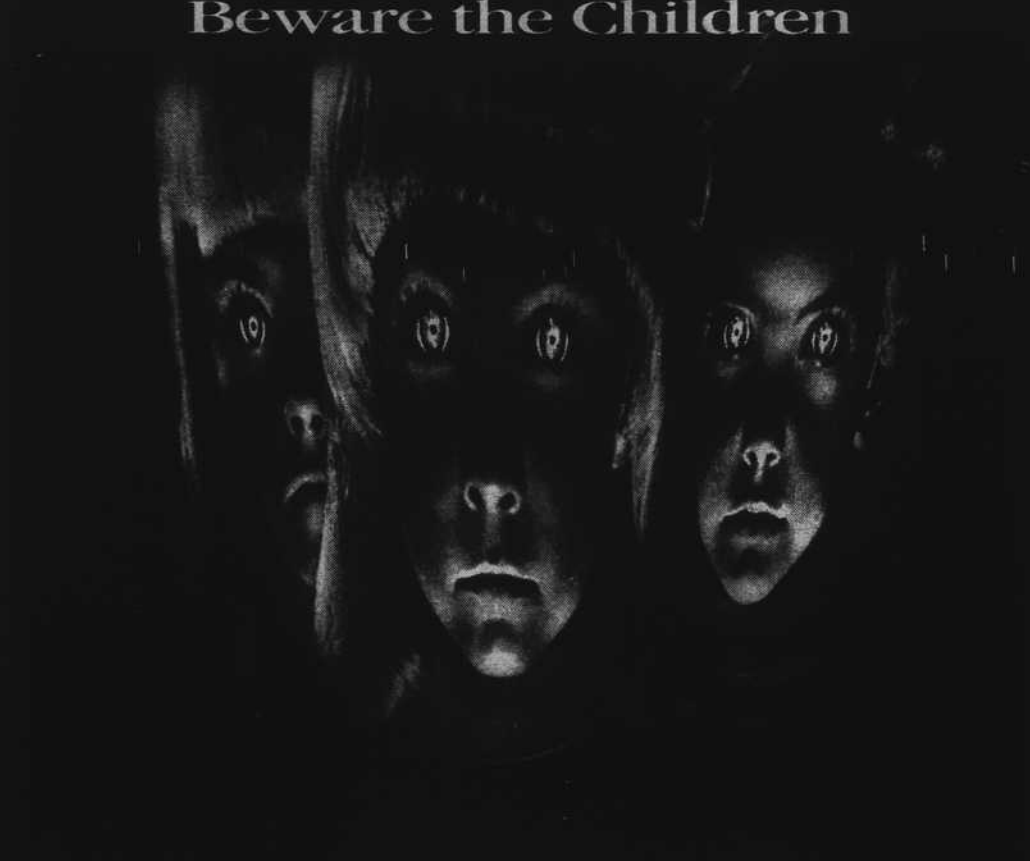
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