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ENROLLMENT UP AGAIN—

Better High Schools Boost Retention Rate

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A record 11,056 spring semester students are attending the University, which represents a 10.8 per cent increase from this time last year.

Registrar Floyd Hoover says the enrollment gains are quite general throughout the University's colleges and are especially apparent in Arts and Sciences, up 360; Teachers, up 280; Business Administration, up 104; and at the graduate level, up 224.

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Chatfield said the University is getting a larger proportion

of high school seniors from the state. Better high school preparation in the last few years keeps students in school at the freshman and upperclassman level, according to Chatfield.

Evidence of increased Ne-



MEN BEWARE—IT'S LEAP YEAR

Line Kills New-Dorm Worker

A construction worker was killed and another received extensive burns late yesterday afternoon when a crane with which they were in contact touched a high voltage line. They were working on the new men's dorm at 17th and Vine.

Glenn A. Lybarger, 28, of 2335 North 14th, was dead on arrival at the Lincoln General Hospital. A co-worker DeWayne A. Trumpp, 30, of Manhattan, Kan., received third degree burns on 90 per cent of his body. Both men are employees of Hunter and Lumber Construction Co. of Manhattan, Kans.

The two men were pushing a dirt bucket that was attached to the large crane when the boom of the crane came in contact with the wire, according to investigating officers. The operator of the crane was untouched.

"It's a miracle that Trumpp is still alive," said Officer Donald Kahler of the Lincoln Police. "The doctors were amazed at his condition."

Trumpp was conscious when police arrived on the scene. He is listed in fair condition at Lincoln General Hospital.

The voltage of the wire is about 30,000 volts, according to Kahler. "I don't think it was negligence on the part of the construction company or the crane operator that caused the accident," he said. "The crane was stopped and the men were pushing the bucket when the contact came."

Both men are married and have children.

Officer B. Peterson and Kahler were the investigating officers.

Ladies, Praise Caesar; He Started Leap Year

It's leap year, and perhaps the blame falls on Julius Caesar.

Back in 45 or 46 B.C. (scholars aren't sure) Caesar altered the calendar. At this time, the Roman ten month system had shifted January to the summer. The noble emperor then adopted a semblance of our modern calendar.

Caesar decreed that every fourth year should have an extra day to compensate for the average solar year which was 365.25 days. The extra day is in February, which has 29 days instead of 28 this year.

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