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Continued from Page 1 However, students attributed the length of their stay at UNL to several other reasons.

Tricia Kreikemeier, a senior accounting major, said that working part time while taking 12 to 15 hours a semester made it difficult for her to graduate on time.

'There's a perception that since it's called a four-year institution, it takes four years. But if you talk to most people, it takes five years." Kreikemeier said.

By the time Kreikemeier graduates in December, she will have taken four and a half years to finish her program, even with summer classes every year.

"It's impossible to do it in four years," Kreikemeier said.

Students found other factors stood in the way of a four-year degree in four years.

Tyrone Byrd, a senior in sociology and Nebraska football player who will and Nebraska football player who will Also, he said, increased special-have taken five years for his B.A., ization in majors means that when a

believes that most students aren't determined to finish in four years.

"They get here, and they're so awed by college, and they get distracted by partying, that their grades slip. Then they get serious," Byrd

Problems with curriculum and faculty advisors can also hinder the stu-

Shannon Farrar, a junior in education, will graduate in four years despite misdirection from her advisors, she said.

Griesen said he generally agreed with student concerns.

Finances are usually cited as a problem, but are not always schoolrelated, Griesen said.

"Lifestyle expectations are a large part of it," Griesen said. "Some stu-dents may not have money for tuition,

but are making payments on a car."
Students working to put themselves through school is more noticeable nowadays, Griesen said, since col-lege has become more available to working and middle-class students.

student decided to change his or her field of study, they must take more basic or required courses. Griesen said it is not unusual to see some graduating seniors with 150 to 160

However, not all reasons for the longer stays at universities are negative, Griesen said.

Some students, he said, purposely concentrate on internships, for a bet-ter idea of their career direction, or they take fewer hours to avoid a class overload, or many students get involved in activities that take up a lot of time

Others feel it is worth the experience," said Griesen.

Those entering UNL this fall are told that current expectations for a bachelor's degree is to receive it in five years

But Brian Anton, a senior in English graduating in August after four years, said he believed motivation is the key.

"Some people enjoy school, and some want more depth. There is the motivation to get out in four years, if one wants to," Anton said.

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### LoveFest to rock Lincoln through gospel

From Staff Reports

LoveFest, the day-long concert of contemporary Christian rock music, will kick off this Saturday at noon at Riverside Park in Milford.

John Nellessen, co-chairman of the LoveFest steering committee, said LoveFest began in 1985 as a way of reaching youth with the gospel.

"Contemporary Christian music would probably be the best way to do that," Nellessen said.

Only a little more than 1,000 people attended the first festival, but Nellessen said he expects between 7,000 - 8,000 this year.
Petra, DC Talk and Whitecross

will headline the festival

Other groups performing are Newsboys, Fighter, Roger Cooper, David Burke, Masada, Shadow Wings and Rusty the Clown and Dusty

Because a food court will be located on the grounds, no exit passes will be given this year, Nellessen said.

Advance tickets cost \$13 and are available at Maranatha Christian Re-source Center, while tickets at the gate will cost \$15. Nellessen said the ticket money is used to cover the costs of the concert.

Gates open at 9 a.m. and Nellessen

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"That's an excellent record," Sievers said. "Fewer students have dropped out over the past five years because of increased standards.

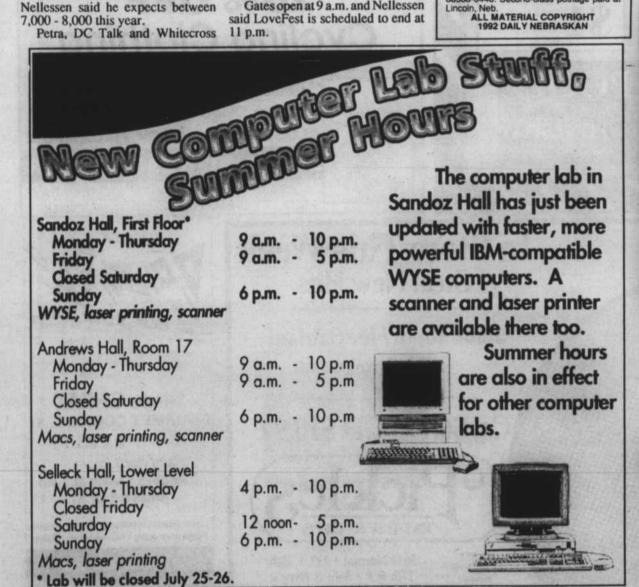
Sievers said that the freshmen of 1996 will be prepared for the new requirements because the university has notified high school counselors of the tougher standards.

'This year's eighth graders will be

aware that they need to get an extra year of math and language," Sievers

"I think this is a positive move for the whole university and for the Teachers College," Sievers said. "Just talking about raising standards gets students moving to get extra math and language, and that's beneficial for society as a whole."







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