Freshmen dropout rates climbing

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Poor academic performances can lead students to decide that college simply isn't worth the money.

Griesen referred to the freshmen reafter their freshman year, 603 had return on the basis of grades.

students with lower grades figuring diversity.
that college isn't within their price Some range," Griesen said.

braska-Lincoln in a typical year. James undeclared majors into the same resi-

"We have a serious problem," Moeser said. "I think we can cut it in

The trend toward stronger support tention figures from 1993-94. Of the for freshmen is evident on many cam-919 students who didn't return to UNL puses in Nebraska and takes various forms, including the freshman semigrade point averages below 2.0. Of nar. Students learn study skills and are that group, 285 were not allowed to shown campus resources for studying, personal matters, entertainment and "There's a very clear trend toward the arts, and discuss such issues as

Some schools try to keep the new students together in classes and resi-About 25 percent of freshmen fail dence halls. UNL is in the second year to return to the University of Ne- of placing about 100 freshmen with

Moeser, UNL's new chancellor, said dence hall. They are broken into he intended to improve that situation, groups of 25 and take three courses together.

> Moeser said if students held up their end and studied with dedication, UNL would provide strong support to help them achieve success.

> New admission standards in the NU system should help UNL improve its retention rate, Moeser said, because fewer unprepared students will be accepted. The standards, which will affect NU's campuses in Lincoln, Kearney and Omaha, take effect in the fall of 1997.

Senior news editor Jeff Randall contributed to this report.

Burnett to be gutted during renovations

From Staff Reports

After a long battle for attention, Burnett Hall is finally showing signs of renovation. Monday, the project began to creep onto sidewalks surrounding the building.

Burnett Hall was closed after the end of the spring semester for asbestos removal, which should be completed in mid-September, Woody Haecker, University of Nebraska-Lincoln architect and general manager, said.

The interior renovation is on schedule and should be finished in August 1997, Haecker said. Meanwhile, Lyman Hall will house most of the classes normally held in Burnett Hall's 15 classrooms, with

Andrews Hall and other city campus buildings providing additional

The inside of the building will be virtually demolished, Haecker said, but no work will be done to the exterior. A permanent construction fence will be put up around the building, and will extend onto the sidewalks on the south and east

The asbestos removal, renovation and remodeling plan was approved by the NU Board of Regents last September, after being heavily pushed by Regent Robert Allen of Hastings.

The building, along with other aging UNL buildings, was awaiting approval on the board's capital construction list for seven years.

Arrest of UNL freshman solves wallet-theft mystery

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Lincoln police used the clerk's information to find Weyer and arrest him entered the locker room and found for credit fraud, which carries a felony wallets left in unlocked lockers, wide charge.

Bushing was called when Lincoln police found out the card was stolen

from the Rec Center. Bushing checked Weyer's name in said. the Rec Center's entry log and found out the Weyer had been to the center he found wallets with cash and credit

ferent entrance 17 times. during times when Weyer was in the credit cards, Bushing said. recreation center.

all the thefts.

"He said, 'I want to be honest with almost 70 compact discs.

you. I want to tell you everything.' So he did," Bushing said.

Wever explained how he frequently open lockers and in pants left on benches, Bushing said.

"Every time he committed a theft, it just got easier and easier," Bushing

At first, he just took the cash. Then 96 times since Jan. 1, and used a dif- cards and PIN numbers written down. Within a month, Weyer was charging All the wallet thefts were reported gas, food and merchandise on stolen

Weyer turned over all the merchan-When Bushing confronted Weyer dise to Bushing, which included a biwith the information, he confessed to cycle, stereo equipment, clothing, video games, computer software and



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