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Evenson gives annual speech

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The state needs to make higher education a bigger priority, CSUN President Steve Evenson said during his State of the Campus Address on Thursday Sept. 1.

"Student government's primary goals include keeping student fees down by making the state of Nevada pay their share for education," Evenson said.

The Board of Regents is requesting 100 percent funding from the 1989 State Legislature, Evenson explained.

"Right now, the Chancellor's Office is praying for 80 percent funding," he said. "Only with student and community fervor will either goal be reached."

The legislature currently funds the formula to only 20 percent, Evenson told his audience.

Evenson said he supported a proposal to eliminate the state sales tax on textbooks. He also said students should support efforts to control and

regulate textbook prices.

Although a commitment has been made to improve student services at UNLV, Evenson said, they won't happen overnight.

"Perhaps before considering further growth, UNLV needs to fully meet the needs of students already here," he suggested.

"If it had not been for the generosity of Claude Howard, there would not be the new police station or student health center," Evenson said.

UNLV is running out of space, Evenson said, and the parking problem is getting worse.

"Paving two lots over the summer is commendable, however, the administration cannot continue to put buildings where there were parking lots," Evenson said.

"The new dorms, Beam Hall, and the engineering building were all built on parking lots with no plans for the replacement of lost spaces."

"In addition, the new dorms have created a grid



CSUN President Steve Evenson addresses student senate and public at the recent State of the Campus Address
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lock at the corner of Maryland Parkway and University Road that could be alleviated with a right-turn-only lane and a left turn signal that allows the option after the arrow," Evenson suggested.

He said that the UNLV administration and CSUN will be working with the county to solve the traffic congestion

problem. The first priority of student government should be new recruitment, Evenson said. He said the addition of the new dorms and the increased enrollment will make the task of recruiting easier.

The Entertainment and Programming Board is planning to offer more events like the upcoming Joe Clark lec-

ture and move away from courtyard parties, Evenson said. Evenson brought up the recent pencil sharpener issue.

"Senators have said what an outrage it is that we spent \$900 for pencil sharpeners after the senate had approved only \$450," Evenson said. "Judging from the feed-

back I have gotten from students, the money, no matter under what methods, was money well spent." He pointed to the CSUN Book Reserve as a "hole that has served little purpose," and the display board bought by the previous senate that has rarely been used as being the "true outrage that exists in student government."

Administration sees space crisis on the horizon

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The burgeoning student population at UNLV has top administrative officials worried. If the university does not get the much needed classroom space to accommodate the steadily rising enrollment, UNLV would be forced to restrict future student enrollment, UNLV President Robert C. Maxson recently told the Board of Regents.

Dean of the College of Health Sciences Mary Ann Michel explained that a "space problem" definitely does exist within the College of Health Sciences and said that her college is "first on the list" for a new building in the next biennium.

"I have noticed that departments within other

colleges on campus are facing the same problem," she added. "So, yes, we are definitely running out of space."

When asked how UNLV intends to alleviate the problem, Michel said, "Dr. Maxson is looking at constructing a building which would just house classrooms. Where that building would be and how it would fit within the master plan, I don't know."

"I would hate to see the day when students would not be allowed to attend UNLV because there was not enough available space," she added.

If UNLV does not get new classroom space and is forced to limit future enrollment, Michel suggested two alternatives-admitting

students with the highest g.p.a.'s, and closing admis-

sion after a determined quota of entering freshmen is reached.

Michel admitted that such drastic alternatives would be very difficult and unfair to students wanting to attend UNLV.

"Because we are a state university, we need to be responsive to the needs of the state and, in turn, the state needs to be responsive to our needs. The local high schools will be turning out 2,000 to 4,000 new graduates within the next ten years, and we need to be responsive to that number of students," she said.

Michel noted that one reason UNLV has run into such a space problem in such a short time is because of the size of buildings.

"The size of the buildings which we have wanted to

build have been cut back," she said. "As it is, the College of Health Sciences Building will be limited to only 50,000 feet."

"The approximately 325 acres comprising UNLV's campus is not a major parcel of land," Michel continued. "Yet, under the leadership of Dr. Maxson, the piece of land which we have is being well-utilized. So, we still have the land to grow, yet we just need the money for the roofs."

Vice President for Academic Affairs John Unrue said the space dilemma is definitely a serious problem.

"However, it is not so debilitating to us at this time as it will be in the next academic year and thereafter," Unrue said.

"We are in serious need of

additional classroom space and we especially need larger classrooms which will accommodate 60 to 80 students. UNLV does not have nearly enough large classrooms on campus yet," he said.

However, Unrue was quick to point out that the problem is not quite as acute as it may seem.

"I anticipate some relief, however, with the coming of the new engineering building," he said.

Unrue also noted that, along with the student space problem, another difficulty facing UNLV will be housing additional faculty.

"That will be alleviated considerably since many of the engineering professors are housed in the education building. They will be moving into the engineering building. That will free up

some space," he said.

Unrue emphasized that the new health sciences building that is proposed in the next legislative session will help to abate the problem.

"It will enable nursing faculty who are housed all over our campus to move into their own building," he said.

Unrue pointed out that the entire campus desperately needs a major general purpose classroom building which would provide instruction from a number of academic disciplines.

He also noted that a part of the overall problem this semester has been a great jump in enrollment without a corresponding increase in faculty.

"We will be looking to hire several junior faculty members who will be able to see Space, page 4