



UNLV students are encouraged to use bicycles as an alternative form of transportation to school. **HYUN-HO HAN/REBEL YELL**

## Bike use increases around campus

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With increased demands for campus parking, more bicyclists are taking advantage of the situation by utilizing two-wheel vehicles. The UNLV Departments of Public Safety and the Landscape & Grounds Services encourage this environmentally conscious method of travel.

Unfortunately, the demand for parking bikes has also placed a burden on university facilities, with bikes being cabled to trees, light poles, and hand rails.

In an effort to maintain a safe campus, all bicyclists are asked to park their bikes in designated spaces. Those who block handicap access or create a safety hazard will have their bikes impounded immediately.

"There has been widespread use (of bike racks) around campus," said Dennis Swartzell, UNLV manager of

Landscape & Grounds Service.

Bikes in non-designated areas will be tagged with a sticker informing the owner that the bike is to be impounded within 72 hours if not removed. The same policy will apply for abandoned locks left on racks.

Public Safety and Landscape & Grounds Services have installed over 60 new racks to date. According to Swartzell, the number of new racks has doubled since last semester.

Students may use these racks for their bicycles or mopeds; however, according to Swartzell, the racks "are designed for six bicycles."

Public Safety finances the purchase of these new racks.

"The department buys these racks in 20-unit increments," Swartzell said.

Department of Public Safety Director David Hollenbeck said, "the bike racks cost approximately \$250 each."

## Women's support group meets

The Women in Transition (WIT) Roundtable Support Group will celebrate its one-year birthday during its Sept. 22 meeting set for 7-9 p.m. at the Center for Religion and Life on the UNLV campus.

Sponsored by the National

Association for Professional Saleswomen and the UNLV Women's Center, the support group is designed to help women re-entering the work force, going back to school, or changing careers.

WIT meetings, which fea-

ture guest speakers and discussions, are held 7-9 p.m. Wednesdays in the Center of Religion and Life.

The Sept. 22 celebration is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Women's Center at 895-4475.

### Regents

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benefits and premiums in the state system will be so drastic that the university and all state agencies may be unable to attract and retain talented employees," Swetnam wrote in the memo.

It is projected that faculty members could face out-of-pocket costs of up to \$11,000 a year. The cost increase for dependent care for employees is their concern.

"Either the option of raising fees or slashing benefits effectively puts health care out of reach for many employees, both on the classified staffs and UCCSN faculties," Swetnam wrote.

The regents will consider the request given to the Board of Examiners, taking a first step to unlock money already appropriated to the Interim Finance Committee. The measure would then have to be referred to the Senate Interim Finance Committee for further action.

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