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tion as safety chair last year.

"My main concern is to ensure that students feel safe on campus," Fleischman said. "Someday my little sister will come here, and it's important to me that she and every other student on campus isn't afraid to walk around here at night. "I have had students tell me that they will not attend classes here at night," because they view deficient campus lighting a potential threat to their safety, Fleischman added.

According to David Hollenbeck, UNLV public safety director, few assaults have been reported on campus in the evenings. Fleischman maintains campus lighting, or lack thereof, should be a priority and needs to be addressed as the

university expands.

Many lighting issues have been addressed, said John Amend, associate vice president for administration. One of his department's main projects has been converting the 64 globe fixtures on campus to high-density "shoe box" fixtures.

Amend and Fleischman agree the current globe fixtures are "more aesthetic than practical." Shoe box fixtures shine light directly down to the ground, whereas globe fixtures filter light upward, Amend said. The globe fixtures are being modified as funding and time are available. Many have already been changed, including the Valerie Pida Plaza fixtures near the Moyer Student Union.

Fleischman is pleased that some progress has been made. One of her "top five" grievanc-

es has been resolved. A 1,000-watt sodium fixture was placed on the roof of the William Carlson Education Building, casting a bright fan of light on the field between CEB and the Chemistry building.

Since the perimeter of the Chemistry building has received repeated complaints of darkness in the past, the improvement was a significant one, praised by Fleischman and her committee.

"I'm very glad improvements have been made...but I think they [Facilities Management] could take things a lot further than they have chosen to," Fleischman said.

The Safety & Awareness Committee conducted their own walk of the campus Monday evening and reassessed issues included in the report. Committee members asked students for feedback concern-

ing campus lighting and their personal safety perception. All but one student said UNLV was darker than it should be. Some did not seem concerned; others said the insufficient lighting made them feel nervous about being on campus at night.

"This is one of the darkest campuses I've ever been on," said Sandra Zeigler, a communication major. Zeigler said more lighting is "definitely in order."

Peter Singleton, also a communication major, noted potential danger in some dark areas at UNLV.

"I think one of the worst areas on campus is on Brussels Road, going toward the architecture trailers," Singleton said. "It's extremely dark down there. If you have a 7 p.m. class and you have to park in that lot [south of the

trailers], then you're walking in the dark before and after class."

Singleton acknowledged that no emergency phones, or "blue lights," are located on or near Brussels Road. This, he said, can add to the potential problem if someone is in trouble in that area and is unable to call for help.

Despite the strides already made, Amend realizes there's still much to accomplish. He said all projects on the report are high priority. It's just a matter of allocating the funding to meet as many needs as possible, Amend said.

"It is our intention to respond to all of these concerns," said Amend. "Many of them could be done by this fiscal year, which is the end of June. My goal is to have a lot of these completed before school starts again in the fall."

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Mary Ann Westgard, a senior minoring in geology said, "It's nice they bought new desks for the students, but I wish they could have improved the lecture hall."

"The lecture hall's visual aid equipment is poorly set up for educational purposes," Taylor said. Currently there are only desks in the room, which need to be replaced with permanent seating, Taylor said. The lecture hall is in continual

use by professionals outside of the university giving speeches to students and staff.

Westgard said renovation efforts included the creation of a quiet study area for students in the technology building, which is next to the geoscience building.

"The project is behind schedule because of some construction difficulties," Taylor said. Minor details of the renovation are still being worked on.

The biennial budget for the fiscal years of 1997 to 1999, which was submitted to the Board of Regents for the University and Community College System of Nevada on March 1, revealed the geo-

science building is a tier three priority. This means it will be dealt with in about four years. A completely new building is in the planning.

Class instruction and offices moved back into the geoscience building at the beginning of the spring semester. Classes and all offices were moved the technology building during the renovation.

The move was difficult for all involved, as all of the rock machinery and rock samples had to be moved. Students and staff agree the improvements should be worth while.

Correction

In the April 9 issue of *The Rebel Yell*, an election reminder appearing on the front page contained incorrect information regarding voting eligibility for student government's executive board election.

The article stated students must be enrolled full-time to vote in the election. This is false. All UNLV students who show a picture ID with a social security number are eligible to vote.

Information regarding voting eligibility was supplied to *The Rebel Yell* by student government's office of student information. The *Rebel Yell* regrets any inconvenience this may have caused students.

Ackerman featured guest

Robert Ackerman, vice president of student services, will be the guest on KUNV's "Spotlite," airing live from 5-5:30 p.m. tonight on 91.5 FM. KUNV General Manager Don Fuller will moderate the program.

Fuller said the focus of the 1/2-hour show will be on student service's role in the plan for the new direction of the university, outlined in the recently-released draft of the planning document "UNLV-A Premier Urban University: A Public Agenda for the Decade." The public can call 895-3976 during the show to ask Ackerman whatever questions they wish, Fuller said.

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violence/crime and free speech ranked third with 21 percent each. Other issues included the environment, abortion, welfare, minimum wage and race relations.

The survey asked students to respond to some of the ways which college students are generally described. Thirty-six percent said they were either somewhat or completely prepared for the information age. Fifty percent somewhat agreed with the "apathetic"

label often given to young adults.

"I'd say we're apathetic because, as a group, we young adults lack the cohesion to have our vote make a difference," said Shin Muh, an undeclared sophomore.

Forty-three percent of students surveyed said they view themselves as politically active, while 31 percent said they view themselves as politically inactive.

Forty-three percent agreed they are tolerant of people different from themselves, and 50 percent said they view themselves respectful. Forty-

two percent said the "over-sexed" label was either somewhat or completely false.

Donna Bright, a hotel administration student said, "If you don't develop your own stance to certain issues, you'll see these contradictions continue to define who we are as a nation, not only who we are as an age group."



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