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Library receives donation from Library society

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The James Dickinson Library was recently given \$20,000 by the University Library Society.

According to Mary Dale Deacon, the director of the library, the donation will be utilized for the purchase of microfilm forms of late 19th and early 20th century journals.

"It's just been a marvelous gift," said Deacon. "We're delighted we're making such progress [with funds]."

The ULS was formed in 1985 to aid the UNLV

library, and many members are UNLV faculty.

(The total ULS membership is 211.)

University President Robert Maxson first suggested the idea of a support group, but he isn't a member of the society.

ULS's donation has come at a crucial time: As more graduate programs are being added, the library has found itself lacking on many late 19th and early 20th century journals, Deacon said.

"These journals are especially important to English and History majors," she said.

The money has changed things — such periodicals as *Literary Digest*, *Scribner's*, *Century Illustrated*,

American Federation and *20th Century Journal* (all in microfilm) have been purchased.

The Society isn't the only donor — according to Deacon, the library has over 50 named endowments, and receives memorial contributions as well.

In addition to the \$20,000, the ULS has also contributed \$40,000 in the last six months, and holds numerous fundraisers (i.e. book sales, and such events as an annual New Year's Eve party.)

Last May the organization staged a major campaign to obtain adequate funds for enhancement of the library's book budget from the state legislature, and succeeded

Executive Board works for fair book prices

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Establishing a fair buy book policy for students and extending the hours of the library are just a couple of the plans for the CSUN Executive Board. The executive board is composed of Kirk Hendrick as president, Denise

Gentile as vice-president and Steve Evenson as senate president.

CSUN President Hendrick called the buy book resolution which is currently before the CSUN Senate one of the major items on his agenda and on the other two E-Board members agenda.

"We want to increase the buy book return for students," he said.

Although all three members of the E-Board are working on the bookstore policy, each has their own projects to help benefit the students, according to Hendrick.

One of those projects is the library. Gentile and Evenson are working to extend the hours of the library and make the library easier to use.

"My main concern is expanding on the library hours," Gentile said.

Gentile said she is working with Director of Libraries Mary Dale Deacon to try and extend library hours on Sunday to 11pm.

The library closes at 8:30pm on Sunday.

"The library is conducting a study to monitor peak usage hours by the students, the data from that study will be used to increase library hours," Gentile said.

Evenson said he hopes to make the library easier to use.

Evenson said he thinks its confusing for students to have older versions of magazines on the first floor of the old building and newer versions located on the third floor of the other building.

Working on the library are not the only things Evenson and Gentile do.

For Evenson, running the CSUN senate is his main job.

Evenson said the best way to describe his job is

that of a "speaker of the house," of student government.

"I make sure the senate agendas are out. Keep up the senate minutes; I also make sure the students are being heard, represented by the senate."

One of Evenson's most important jobs is making sure the CSUN senate is fully staffed.

However, in recent months that has been a problem.

Evenson said the senate currently has 15 of the 20 of the seats filled.

Evenson denied that student representation is hurt by not having a full senate.

"I recruited as much as possible. I had other people recruit; I can't make people come in to be on

the senate, that has to come with time."

Making organizations more accountable for the money they receive from CSUN is one of the goals of Gentile as chair of the Organizations Board.

"We [the Organizations Board] have a \$15,000 budget," she said. "I want tighter reins on where the money is spent; every organization has to be accountable."

Gentile said she plans to have organizations come to CSUN within the first few weeks of school and "file a request for how much money they want."

The proposals for funding were presented to the first organizations board meeting on Wednesday.

Each organization's proposal then goes before the full board and they vote on it.

Gentile described the organizations board as a "board that coordinates activities among student organizations."

Another project Gentile is working on is a rape prevention program with the help of campus police chief David Hollenbeck.

Hendrick said he would also like to improve intramurals and see each sport as co-ed.

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