

# Space problems persist at library; meeting cancelled

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The fate of the UNLV library is still undecided. A meeting planned to discuss whether to expand or rebuild the library was cancelled last week.

Mary Dale Deacon, UNLV library dean, said the cancellation surprised her because space at the library is a very critical problem that needs to be addressed.

In the Sept. 18 issue of the Review-Journal, university President Robert C. Maxson said, "My preference would be to build a new

library and take the existing library and have it either as an annex to a library or convert it to offices and classrooms."

Deacon agreed. "What we would like to do is build a new building, but we realize that would be very costly," she said. "So if that is not an option for use, we have to look at ways to expand the existing facility."

With the rapid rise in enrollment, the need for a larger library is first on the agenda of problems the university administration has to deal with in the coming year.

"Probably no other unit on campus will come under more scrutiny," Maxson said.

Deacon said, "We have an idea that would buy us another 10 years."

She explained that the idea would entail the enclosing of the breezeway and moving the entrance there. This would make room to move the reference area downstairs to the first floor, which would free up space on the second floor of the round building for a larger book collection.

Deacon said the expansion would cost about \$700,000, which is not cheap, but is cheaper than a new building.

She estimated that in the next 15 years, the library will need 200,000 square feet of usable space and in today's dollars that would cost around \$25 million.

"I can understand the concern of our administration in wondering whether they could raise that amount of money," Deacon added.

Another idea that Deacon is studying is the use of a few small satellite libraries.

She said they could take a discreet portion of the collections and segregate them into a major branch science library or a social

science and humanities library. She said this would help alleviate some problems and maybe work better than what they have now, which is very confusing.

Whatever the administration comes up with will be a welcome solution, Deacon said, and hopefully it will be soon. "The library needs to grow as fast as the rest of the school to keep up with the demand for books and study space by the students," Deacon continued.

"Our students have more clout than I do, because if they express their concerns our administration will listen," she said.

## Parking spaces eliminated

The construction of the new Alumni Building will begin on Oct. 12, in preparation for this construction, a fence to define a staging area will be erected. The fence will encompass the parking lot just north of the Harmon Ave. campus access and will eliminate approximately 35 parking spaces.

There will no long be an access from Harmon Ave. to the parking spaces located in front of Archie C. Grant and the Alta Ham Fine Arts Building. Those parking spaces will have to be accessed from the Southbound Maryland Parkway entrance to Lots B and C. The eliminated spaces will be located in Lot C.

## Awareness week to start Oct. 16

UNLV will be participating in the prevention of alcohol abuse by promoting "Alcohol Awareness Week," Oct. 15 to 21.

Activities on the UNLV campus will coincide with similar efforts nationwide during National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAAW). Events will stress education and the individual's ultimate responsibility in making well-

informed, responsible decisions. Now in its sixth year, the national campaign is sponsored by the Inter Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substances Abuse Issues, which represents student affairs professionals across the country.

"Alcohol Awareness Week" will include the distribution of information, displays, films and activities aimed at prevention through

individual responsibility in connection with alcohol use.

Information on responsible drinking will be available October 16 through the 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the Donald C. Moyer Student Union. A DUI (Driving Under the Influence) car crash scene will be staged on campus. Films, speakers and "mocktail" parties will take place in the Residence Halls.

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