

# Library has community 'flippin' for flapjacks

Dean says library's current goal is \$500,000 in private donations

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Piles of pancakes and plenty of sunshine helped make Sunday morning's Celebrity Pancake Breakfast benefit for the UNLV libraries a success.

The all-you-can-eat breakfast drew nearly 2,500 hungry participants at \$2 a head to watch local celebrities and politicians flipping flapjacks and passing out pats of butter in the parking lot of Tam Alumni Center.

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. and lasting until noon, the Celebrity Pancake Breakfast was an attempt to draw the attention of students, faculty and concerned citizens to the problems of growth currently facing the James R. Dickinson library.

"The Celebrity Pancake Breakfast is the kickoff for fundraising and increasing public awareness," said Matthew Simon, dean of libraries. "We want to raise the awareness of the public that UNLV needs a new library. We are encouraging people to write to their state legislators and representatives to let



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The Celebrity Pancake Breakfast was held Sunday as part of a fundraising effort.

would double the size of the current library.

"The library is the heart and soul of the university," said President Robert Maxson, who helped on the serving line. "When you do things like this, not only do you raise money, but you also make friends for the library."

Sen. Richard Bryan said the library plays an important role for Las Vegas residents. "It is important that the community recognizes the library is a resource that enhances both learning and the quality of life."

Other notables attending the breakfast included: Rep. Jim Bilbray, a UNLV graduate and former student body president, Secretary of State Cheryl Lau, Sens. Sue Lowden and Bob Coffin and County Commissioner Thalia Dondero.

Sunday's pancake breakfast was sponsored by the University Library Society and the UNLV Interfraternity and Panhellenic Council.

"We really appreciate their help," Simon said of the volunteers.

"They have bent over backwards. They sold tickets, set-up and staffed the entire event."

them know what the university's needs are."

The first problem that must be addressed is the current library's growing lack of space for new and existing materials, Si-

mon said.

"We've simply outgrown the building," he said. "We have run out of space for new books and we have run out of seating. People may not realize it, but the cam-

pus has doubled in size since the library's last addition was built."

Simon said the library's current goal is to raise \$500,000 through private donations for the planning of new facilities that

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