China's first emperor subject of multimedia program

The University Library Society, the support group for the James R. Dickinson Library, will present "Project Emperor I," a multimedia program depicting the life and times of the first emperor of China, on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in UNLV's Moyer Student Union Ballroom.

Due to the support of Tola Chin, owner of Chin's Restaurant in Las Vegas, the presentation will be free and open to the public. Persons interested in joining a May 28-June 10 deluxe culinary tour of China and Hong Kong, led by Chin and professor Charles Levinson of UNLV's William F. Harrah College of Hotel Administration, are encouraged to attend. A briefing on the trip will follow the multimedia presentation.

More than 2,000 years ago, Ch'in Shih Huang-Ti conquered several warring states to create the Chinese nation. During the First Emperor's 15-year reign, from 221 to 206 B.C., he implemented a unified written script, connected strategic points of the Great Wall, standardized weights and measures, developed an extensive transportation system, and built his magnificent tomb at Mount Li near Xian.

Support for producing "Project Emperor I" came from several grants, including a major one from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The project — which applies the latest in microcomputer technologies — consists of videodiscs which contain videotaped, filmed and still images of the site and its artifacts, as well as taped interviews with 10 experts on the reign of the emperor.

For more information, call 739-3286.