

Library presents life, times of China's first emperor Ch'in Shih

"Project Emperor I," a multimedia presentation depicting the life and times of the first emperor of China, is sponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District in the annual Know-Show, an information-systems technology mini-conference. "Project Emperor I" is the magnum opus of presenter Dr. Ching-chih Chen, associate dean of Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science in Boston.

The Know-Show will be conducted Thursday and Friday at the Clark County Library, 1401 E. Flamingo Road. The fee for the conference is \$30, including two meals and a champagne reception.

Over 2,000 years ago, Ch'in Shih Huang-Ti conquered various warring states to create the Chinese nation. During his 15-year reign from 221 to 206 BC, 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.

Ch'in created a vast terra cotta army to guard his tomb. In 1973 the discovery of his 7,000 life-sized warriors and horses captured the imaginations of people all over the world. This spectacular excavation is considered one of the most magnificent and significant archaeological finds of the century. In her innovative technology integration project, Dr. Chen utilizes many of the hybrid computer and optical technologies to present and interpret the terra cotta figures.



Lecturer Dr. Ching-chih Chen

The schedule includes registration all day Friday beginning at 10 a.m.; "Project Emperor I," 1-4 p.m.; director's program, 8 p.m.; and champagne reception 8:45 p.m. On Saturday the conference continues at 8:15 a.m. with a continental breakfast; "The Impact of Electronic Publishing on Libraries," by Bela Hatvany, founder of Silver Platter computer information systems at 9 a.m.; "Networking CD-ROMS," by Anthony Ferraro, vice-president of Bowker Electronic Publishing, 9:45 a.m., with CD-ROM demonstration to follow; buffet lunch, 11:45 a.m.; "Burning Questions" panel discussion, 1 p.m.; "The Role of Librarians in Affecting Change in the Information Industry," by Harold Way, executive for UMI, 2 p.m., product review to follow; and "Telefacsimile: Library Technology for the '90s," by Dawn Talbot, from the Information Center for Magnetic Recording Research, 3:45 p.m.

Call 733-3652 for registration information.