

# NSU Tour Thills Youngsters



Mrs. Brown's fourth grade class of Westside Elementary School are pictured on campus of Nevada Southern University during a tour of NSU last month. Officer Jackson of the Las Vegas Police Department who accompanied the group on their exciting field trip provided the photographer responsible for this excellent picture of the students as well as numerous other pictures of the tour.

Under the guidance of Mrs. Cook, the class's student teacher, the youngsters toured various buildings on campus including the Art Gallery where much interest was exhibited over the Architectural Photography Display there.

Other special treats that highlighted the event was a visit to the Stuffed Animal Museum at the invitation of Dr. Burt Babero, a personally conducted tour of the Library by Mrs. Hansford, and a delightful and unexpected entertainment session when Dr. Howard Chase performed several piano selections just for their personal benefit.

It was a marvelous experience for the children who returned to school, slightly tired, but with a clearer picture, a broader understanding, and the desirability of higher education, particularly at Nevada Southern University.

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## STUDY OF FAIR HOUSING LAWS REVEALS NEED FOR OPEN OCCUPANCY DRIVE

DETROIT - (NPI)--A study of open occupancy laws across the country has revealed that only three states require fair housing without any ifs, ands, or buts.

In the nation's 14 other states with fair housing laws, only a "small segment" of the housing market is affected, the study showed.

The three states going all the way legislatively on open housing are Alaska, Michigan, and Oregon. Of these three states, only Michigan has a sizable population.

MOST OF THE 17 states with open occupancy laws are in the North. No Southern states are in the list, although Maryland, a border state, recently approved an open occupancy bill affecting solely housing to be built in the future--and only some of that. The bill awaits the governor's signature.

States with fair housing laws are Alaska, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Wisconsin.

NOTABLY ABSENT from the list is Illinois, whose commission on human relations made a study of open housing laws in other states in an effort to promote the passage of such legislation in the Land of Lincoln.

The survey noted these similarities in fair housing legislation in the 17 states:

1. All the laws affect publicly assisted hous-

ing.

2. Almost all the statutes exempt from their coverage properties owned and rented by religious, educational, and fraternal institutions.

3. All but Maine and New Hampshire affect banks and other lending institutions, home builders and tract developers, and the services and offices of real estate brokers.

4. All but Connecticut and New Hampshire affect real estate advertisements, and only in Maine does the fair housing law not apply to sales of property.

5. All but Alaska, Michigan, and Oregon have exemptions from their open occupancy laws which limit their effectiveness.

CALIFORNIA, for example, exempts buildings with three or fewer units from its Rumford Fair Housing Act.

Wisconsin exempts owner-occupied single-family dwellings along with owner-occupied apartment houses and rooming houses with four or fewer units. According to the survey, Wisconsin's law "specifically exempts so many housing categories that its total coverage may not approach one-third of the total housing market."

Maine's law is even weaker. It covers only rental properties, and even then it exempts the rental of a unit in an owner-occupied two-family house and owner-occupied one-family dwelling which rents four or fewer rooms. To top it off, Maine provides no enforcement machinery

for its fair housing law.

ON A MORE hopeful note, nine of the 17 states now prohibit discrimination in 100 per cent of all residential property advertised for sale and in most rental housing. Those states are Alaska, Colorado, Connecticut, Indiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island.

The trend, according to the study, is "in the direction of comprehensive statutes which substantially cover the housing supply and which apply alike to the brokers, mortgage lenders, builders, and home owners."

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