

National Center For Deaf-Blind Youths And Adults - Free Meal Applications Going Home With Students

Dr. Robert J. Smithdas, Director of Community Education for the National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults, will be an exhibitor at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology in Las Vegas, Nevada from September 20 to September 24, 1971. As part of his responsibilities at the National Center Dr. Smithdas, who is deaf-blind himself, travels throughout the nation giving lectures on the rehabilitation of the deaf-blind. He is also an accomplished poet and is the first deaf-blind person to earn a Master's Degree.

The National Center for Deaf-Blind Youths and Adults was created by Congress to give training and service to deaf-blind people from all over the United States. The National Center, located in New Hyde Park, Long Island, New York, is sponsored by the federal government and is operated under contract by The Industrial Home For The Blind, Brooklyn, New York. Its Director, Peter J. Salmon, who is well known for his work with the blind and deaf-blind, was a close friend of the late Dr. Helen Keller, for whom the National Center was a lifelong dream.

Dr. Smithdas is arriving in Las Vegas on September 16 and is accompanied by his assistant, Mr. Sanford Gold. Dr. Smithdas will welcome inquiries from the press, schools and other interested groups during his stay. He may be contacted through Mr. Gold and will be staying at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

NOTICE TO UNLV FRESHMAN

All freshman entering the University of Nevada, Las Vegas this fall are required to write a diagnostic essay before registering for classes.

Dr. John C. Unrue, freshman composition director, said students may complete this requirement by visiting the English Department office on Thursday or Friday of this week or Tuesday of next week in Room 176 of the Interim Office Building at UNLV.

Next Wednesday will be the final opportunity to write the examination. A session has been scheduled that day in Room 103 of the Social Sciences Building from 1 until 3 p.m.

Essay topics are available in the English office. No appointment is necessary and there is no fee for the exam.

A remedial English course will be provided for students whose examinations indicate serious writing deficiencies.

Every needy student in the Clark County School District will receive free meals this year, and forms to qualify families will be sent home with students shortly after the start of school, according to Orra Westover, Director of Food Services.

Parents need only return one completed form to the principal of each school in which they have children enrolled. Based on income guidelines set by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the principal will decide whether the family is eligible. A family of five, for instance, counting all members of the household, qualifies for free lunches for students if the total gross income from all sources is below \$4,530 per year.

The sack lunches are being provided under contract by Szabo Food Service Inc. of California. Each lunch will be balanced, will include milk, and will provide one-third of the minimum daily nutritional needs of a child.

Lunches will be available for purchase by students participating in the elementary school voluntary integration program and by all junior and senior high students, but the School District has yet to reach its goal of providing a lunch to every student who wants one.

Elementary students in Henderson, Virgin and Moapa Valleys and Indian Springs will have hot lunches available from their school kitchens. So will students attending Lomie Heard and Paradise Elementaries in Las Vegas.

Szabo sack lunches will be available for purchase at C. V. T. Gilbert, Jo Mackey, Madison, Matt Kelly, Kit Carson, Kermit Booker, Marion E. Cahlan, and Lois Craig Schools in Las Vegas.

Students at Gene Ward, Myrtle Tate, and Cyril Wengert Schools, the three new elementaries opening this year, will be able to buy experimental hot lunches delivered frozen to the school and heated in convection ovens before being served to students.

In all other schools only free and integration lunches will be available.


Plans are being drawn now for a central food preparation facility capable of providing lunches to all students who want them. The facility should be ready by February, and at that time the School District will decide whether to prepare meals on its own or contract with a catering firm to use the central kitchen.

Students who buy lunches will pay 40¢ in elementary schools and 45¢ in junior and senior high schools.




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