

# F. Y. I.

for your information

## DRUG SEMINAR

A two-day program for parents, teachers and students entitled, "Drugs, Children and Education," will be offered Jan. 17 and 18 at William E. Orr Jr. High School, 1562 E. Katie Drive.

The seminar, featuring speakers from the police department, the District Attorney's office and the local medical

profession is sponsored by the Student Council for Exceptional Children at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Complete details on obtaining credit on attending the seminar and information concerning registration may be obtained from the Department of Special Education at UNLV.

## TAX COURSE

Are you ready for tax time?

The university of Nevada, Las Vegas, is holding a seminar Jan. 28 through Feb. 25 to help the individual, the small businessman and the professional person in the preparation of income tax returns.

This non-credit course, offered by the Continuing Education Division, is co-sponsored by the department of accounting and the College of Business and Economics.

The class will consist of 18 hours of instruction in recent developments in federal taxation and tax laws. It will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays on the campus.

The instructor, Ted McKelvey, has been an IRS agent since 1961. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wyoming.

For more details, get in touch with the Division of Continuing Education.

## USDA Increases Payments

An additional 77 project areas in 30 states have been selected to take part in the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, infants, and children (WIC), the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced.

Approximately 156,800 women, infants and children are expected to participate in the 77 projects. The program in the 77 areas is expected to cost the Department about \$16.7 million in food, administrative, and clinic expenses. About 27 of these newly-selected projects are in areas which previously operated a Supplemental Food Program -- another form of food distribution program for especially vulnerable groups.

With the announcement, 48 states, Puerto

## For School Food Programs

Rico, and the Virgin Islands have been selected to take part in the pilot program. The combined caseload is about 640,000.

The WIC program is administered by USDA's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), through co-operating State agencies. The program provides cash grants to make available supplemental foods to pregnant and lactating women, and infants and children up to four years of age. The system of delivery may include the distribution of supplemental foods at health clinics, issuance of food vouchers redeemable at retail stores, or any other approved method which a cooperating State health agency may select.

Pregnant and lactating women, infants and

## Crime Trip

by Dennis Cobb (Rancho H.S.)

With the date set for mid-January, the D.A.Y.C.C. and Youth Affairs are planning a joint trip to Los Angeles. This trip will be an idea gathering expedition in the area of crime prevention, particularly in relation to vandalism.

Approximately eight students will make the trip. This group will be equally representative of the Youth Affairs Office and D.A.Y.C.C.

In the mid-sixties, the City of Los Angeles successfully started a crime prevention program that focused on vandalism. Through the incorporation of this "See it-Report it" program, vandalism in Los Angeles was crippled to the point of being a skeleton of its former scale.

The trip to Los Angeles will hopefully enable the City of Las Vegas to put a damper on its own problem of vandalism. Many thousands of dollars worth of public and private damage is incurred yearly by the residents of the Las Vegas Metropolitan area. This "See it Report it" program is being considered for application here and this trip will give us details on how it's done.

## Antibiotics Ineffective For Common Cold

Physicians report that patients sometimes insist on a "shot" or a prescription for an antibiotic to "cure" their colds. Neither is likely to help a cold or cold symptoms.

"Different germs cause different diseases," a group of physicians writes in an article in Patient Care magazine, a publication for physicians. Antibiotics attack diseases caused by bacteria. However, the common cold is caused by viruses, and so far no cure has been found.

The physician-authors give several reasons for not taking antibiotics when they aren't warranted:

-- Antibiotics don't know the difference between harmful and helpful bacteria that commonly exist in the body. They kill them all permitting other illnesses or side effects to occur.

-- Bacteria becomes resistant to antibiotics after they have been exposed to them long enough. As a result, when you are really sick with a bacterial infection, the antibiotic may no longer be effective.

-- Antibiotics sometimes cause allergic or toxic reactions which may be harmful or even dangerous.

-- Antibiotic therapy is expensive. Spending

\$10 to \$12 for a course of medication that is useless against the common cold simply doesn't make sense.

The doctors advise cold-sufferers to take aspirin, plenty of fluids and rest. Patients with large amounts of nasal discharge can relieve their discomfort by using a 0.5 percent phenylephrine HCl (Neo-Synephrine HCl Intranasal) for up to three days, the doctors report.

Other diseases with symptoms similar to those of the cold may be caused by bacteria, and thus treatable by antibiotics. Such a diagnosis can be made by a physician, however, after a thorough examination.



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