

SCHOLARSHIP

A total of \$1,500 in scholarship money was recently awarded to University of Nevada, Las Vegas students by the UNLV Women's Club.

Recipients who each received a \$500 award are Margaret DeAsis, Nancy Forni and Stephen Knight.

DeAsis, a 23-year-old music major, has achieved a 3.88 grade point average during her three years at UNLV. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Keller of Las Vegas.

Forni, a senior with a 3.99 grade point average, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Forni of Batavia, Illinois.

The 21-year-old Forni, an education major, is vice president of Phi Kappa Phi national honor society and is a member of Phi Lambda Alpha honor society for underclassmen and Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society for education majors. She was also recognized in "Who's Who in American Colleges."

Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Knight of Las Vegas, will be a sophomore in the fall. Originally from Joplin, Missouri, he hopes to major in pre-law from UNLV.

The UNLV Women's Club, which just last year opened its membership to men, is devoted to performing social services within the community and raising scholarship money for UNLV students.

Most money is acquired through holiday projects, donations and concessions at University plays in the Judy Bayley Theatre.

To become eligible for a club scholarship, UNLV students must be a sophomore with a minimum 3.0 grade point average and must demonstrate financial need.

"READY SWITCH"

Nellis AFB, Operation "Ready Switch" has become a word of the past, earning a place in Air Force history as one of the largest peacetime aircraft relocations. The final group of F-111A aircraft departed today for their new home at Mountain Home AFB, Idaho.

Colonel Reginald R. Davis, 4474th Tactical Fighter Wing (Provisional) commander, assumes command of the 474th Tactical Fighter Wing Friday, August 5, from Colonel Maurice E. Seaver, Jr., finalizing the conversion of the wing from F-111A to the F-4D Phantom II aircraft. Colonel Seaver will remain here with an assignment to the USAF Tactical Fighter Weapons Center.

Ready Switch, originally announced in November 1976, involved the relocation of aircraft from three bases--F111As from Nellis, F111Fs from Mountain Home and F-4Ds from Lakenheath RAFB, England. The Department of Defense move was made to strengthen NATO forces in Europe.

The arrival of 20 F-4Ds, previously assigned to Lakenheath RAFB, on April 5 marked the first major undertaking of operation Ready Switch. Initially, 18 F-111As left here on June 6 for Mountain Home.

The F-111 aircraft was originally assigned to Nellis in July 1967. The 474th Tactical Fighter Wing deployed to Southeast Asia during Operation Constant Guard V in September 1972 and returned in July 1975. The unit was the only F-111 wing to see combat in Southeast Asia.

During the move, Nellis-based F-111As transferred to Mountain Home, while F-111F models moved to England and the F-4D Phantoms II came to Nellis.

Young American Medals for Bravery

Carson City--Gov. Mike O'Callaghan Tuesday, August 2, 1977 called for nominations of Nevada youths for the national Young American Medals for Bravery and Service.

O'Callaghan said nominations should be sent to his Carson City office. He said youngsters can be sponsored by Nevada civic groups and service clubs, as well as individuals.

"Nevada youths can measure up to any in the nation," the governor said. "I hope the public will respond enthusiastically to this program, so that our deserving youngsters can vie for the national recognition."

Deadline for entries is October 21. O'Callaghan said he will forward nominations to Washington D. C. throughout the two and one-half months prior to the national deadline.

Medals to the award winners for outstanding courage or service in 1976 will be presented by President Jimmy Carter. Winners for 1975 were two Wisconsin teenage brothers who rescued 10 people from a burning van, and two boys from Virginia who pulled an injured woman from her burning home. No service medals were awarded for 1975.

O'Callaghan stressed nominations must be fully supported by documentation. He said sketchy descriptions and nominations lacking supporting material will not be considered by the national award committee.

National standards for Young American Medals require nominees must have been under the age of 19 at the time of their bravery or service but they may be older at the time of nomination.

The nominations must carry a full description of the candidate's character and service or act of bravery, including times and places. Supporting statements by witnesses or other knowledgeable persons must accompany the nominations.

National standards also require biographical sketches of the candidates and copies of their birth certificates or other authentic evidence of time and place of birth.

According to national standards for the Young American Medal of Bravery, nominees must have "exhibited exceptional courage, attended by extraordinary decision, presence of mind and unusual swiftness of action, regardless of his or her own personal safety, in an effort to save or in saving the life of any person or persons in actual imminent danger." Nominees for the bravery medal need not be a citizen of the United States but "habitually reside in the United States, its territories or possessions."

Nominees for the Young American Medal for Service must be a U.S. citizen whose character and service "have been worthy of public report." The report must have been through the public press and acknowledged either by public officials or by civic, educational or religious groups.

The medals are not given for bravery or service in the Armed Forces but youths in the military are eligible if their nominations are based on acts performed outside the realm of military duties.

Sickle Cell Month

Washington, D.C. July 29 -- Senator Birch Bayh (D.-Ind.), a member of the National Advisory Board for the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, said today that the Senate Judiciary Committee today voted to recommend full Senate approval of a resolution declaring September National Sickle Cell Month.

Bayh, a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee who sponsored the resolution along with Senator John Glenn (D.-Ohio), said today that the resolution is an important first step in fostering public awareness of the sickle cell trait and sickle cell anemia, which claim the lives of thousands of black Americans annually.

"There has been a great deal of attention given to the sickle cell disease in recent years, but we have a long way to go in the area of medical research and public education about the disease," Bayh said, "It is imperative that, through the combined efforts of medical science and an informed public, we mount a concentrated drive toward the eradication of this disease."

Bayh said the full Senate is expected to approve the National Sickle Cell Month resolution next week.

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