

Education

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

School District Reflects Year's Accomplishments

Now that the 1980-81 school year has closed, it seems an appropriate time to reflect and evaluate. What do the students, teachers, counselors, assistant principals and principals think about the last school year? Generally, they speak positively about District programs, policies and about each other.

"It's been one of the best years I've ever had," said Dr. Hazel Sherman, principal of the Matt Kelly Sixth Grade Center. "It's a pleasure to come to work."

Almost without exception, those questioned cited the Clark County School District's newly adopted

attendance policy as a major factor for their happy school experiences. "This year has been very smooth," said Orr Junior High School secretary, Luanne Legg, "and the new attendance policy has a great deal to do with it, too. The kids seem to care more about coming to school and there have been less requests from parents for early releases."

These sentiments were echoed again and again. Sue Robinson, assistant principal at Rancho High School affirmed it also, saying, "We've had an increase in GPA's (grade point averages) and conversely, the new attendance policy has

eliminated that student element which is less inclined to study and more apt to be disruptive."

The attendance policy, for grades 9-12, limits excused and unexcused absences to 18 days per semester. Students who exceed that number are dropped from the school roles and lose that semester's work and credits.

Even at schools which are not directly effected by the attendance regulations, student attendance is up and attitudes are improved. Said principal Sherman, "Although it doesn't effect us directly, it's had a spin-off effect. Parents are more cognizant of

the need for their children to attend so that they can learn."

Parents attitudes and involvement has seen a positive turn this past school year. Berna Jo Gaylor, teacher at Clarabelle Decker Elementary School and winner of the Clark County Economic Education Award for the second consecutive year, attributed another successful teaching year to her student's parents. "They have been very helpful. They volunteered to work in the classroom and help with other activities. I believe they are genuinely interested in the children's education."

"Parent confidence is up," added Sherman. They have recognized our commitment to the highest quality of curriculum and instruction."

Everyone in the educational community has been involved, in one degree or another, with implementing the District's attendance and dress codes. JoAnne Dyck, counselor at Basic High School, comments that there are always some small fraction of malcontents — both students and parents. "It was really worth it, though," she emphasized, "most of the parents appreciated it when we called to let them know their child had missed school."

Teachers, too, believe the renewed "back to basics" emphasis is constructive. Gaylor said, "I think we are seeing a return to the time when children come to school with a good attitude and eager to learn. The change in society's values and attitudes have shifted. For a while we were too per-

missive but now we are going back to the other way."

When all is said and done, it is the personal rapport between teacher and student which matters most. At the Clark County School District, teachers care. They show it and their students respond with outstanding work, inspiration to excell and with love.

This warm relationship forms the solid foundation for District-wide and individual school achievement. Students, teachers, parents and administrators have worked together this year to realize the fruition of community projects, school beautification, exemplary student achievement and a reflowering of the performing arts. And, next year promises to be even better.

CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TELESTUDIES

Being in the military can be pretty exciting when you've been fortunate enough to pull duty at a large Air Force base that also happens to be set on the outskirts of America's most popular entertainment and gambling mecca.

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HONOR SOCIETY

The honor society of Clark County Community College recently held initiation ceremonies for 117 candidates welcomed into their local chapter of Phi Lambda Alpha.

First and second year students having just completed a minimum of 15 semester hours of credit in the past semester or 30 cumulative credits with a grade-point average of 3.50, or better qualify for membership.



(Left to right) DAVID HOGGARD, director of Science and Technology at CCCC, Robert Lyle, instructor at CCCC and Frank Brusa, former principal at Vo Tech are shown with one of the planes to be used as instructional equipment in the Airframe and Powerplant classes to be taught this fall.

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