

Education

CLARK COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

CCSD Supt. Wentz Outlines Budget Cuts

Clark County School District Superintendent Bob Wentz delivered a speech recently on closed circuit television to CCSD employees. He outlined his position on impending budget cuts within CCSD. Emphasizing that the district has already made \$6,728,802 in cuts in their 1982-83 operating budget, Wentz said, "It has become clear that the Clark County School District is going to be forced to make still further budget cuts."

"We are faced with cutting approximately five million dollars from this year's operating budget. A cut of this size will probably eliminate a couple of hundred positions."

Wentz indicated the district's administra-

tion is reviewing the entire operating budget, "from top to bottom." He said that one basic guideline is being used when searching for cuts. "We will try not to cut direct instructional programs, or direct student extra curricular activities that remain in operation at this time."

Wentz insisted that the school district is not wasting money, saying, "We are thrifty. We are not a wealthy district. Having served as superintendent of three other school districts in the United States, I am impressed with our district's fiscally sound budget."

During the televised speech, Wentz referred to a chart of comparative per pupil school district expenses. The

chart showed that CCSD has the lowest per pupil expenditure in the entire state of Nevada. "During 1980-81 our district spent \$1,941 per pupil. As you can see from this (chart), our expenses are less than every other school district in Nevada — far less than some."

Wentz told school district employees he would report again in the near future and ask for employee input on the actual list of cuts being proposed. "Before we go to the Board of School Trustees for final consideration of our proposed cuts, we will come again to you, our staff. At that time, if anyone has a preferable alternative, we will take time, make a cost analysis, and give it full

consideration before taking the recommendations to the School Board for final action."

Wentz ended his ten-minute talk asking employees to be patient. "We all need to work together on this. Most of all, let's not let the problem confronting us hurt our work with the children in our schools. For all of us, that should be the bottom line."

School District Gears For 4th Annual College Fair Nov. 3-4

The Clark County School District Counselors' Association will hold its Fourth Annual College Fair on Nov. 3 and 4, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the South Hall of the Las Vegas Convention Center.

More than 75 universities, colleges and technical institutions will be represented offering students financial aid, admission, scholarship and gen-

eral information. Additionally, all military branches of service will have representatives present to provide information and answer questions.

High school juniors, seniors and their parents are invited to gain timely insights into the world of college preparation by attending this informative College Fair.

CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

From the Office of AFFIRMATIVE ACTION & MINORITY AFFAIRS

ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNSELOR

By Louella J. Reed, Counselor CCCC

One of the most common questions heard throughout the hallways of Clark County Community College is "I wonder if I should see a counselor?" More times than not this question is prompted by a student's lack of adequate and/or correct information. Without sufficient knowledge and data, the student is not able to make good decisions, and often short-range as well as long-range goals are interrupted.

In many instances, a student's inability to make good decisions results in setbacks for future academic and career planning. Even though this situation exemplifies the need for personal assistance by someone in a guidance profession, the word "Counseling" is very often misunderstood. Typically it is interpreted to mean "problems." The Counseling staff at Clark County Community College views these problem situations as "questions." The prevailing attitude of the counselors is to understand that many events associated with the college experience are developmental in nature.

"College" is a challenge that can be met by work. Learning can be joy in work particularly when that learning applies to one's goals.



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Today's world calls for training and education more than ever. Competition is high and economic survival becomes the reward for ongoing career planning, experiential learning, and above all the commitment to succeed. College offers an edge and an opportunity. To make it worthwhile, one has to take the time to understand it. The Counseling Department at Clark

County Community College has a superb staff that offers a variety of assistance modes to both continuing and new students. The role of the counselor/advisor is to guide students in formulating their vocational and educational plans. They help students clarify basic interests, skills, and aptitudes in order that vocational and academic planning become integral parts of one's total educational endeavor.

The counselors also involve themselves with the social and cultural growth of all who attend the college. Many of the counselors are advisors to campus activity groups such as the Human Relations Club, Intramural Team, Student Government Association, etc.

Early planning is critical to one's success in college. If you are interested in joining us for the Spring, 1983 semester, a counselor is available to assist you. Please contact us at 643-6060, Ext. 455 or 456 for an appointment or drop in the Counseling/Career Center, Rm. 2206, Cheyenne Campus. Hope to see you soon.

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