

Education

Education Is Power

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During the last three weeks this writer has been on a much needed vacation in the Midwest. The main purpose of this trip was to have been rest and relaxation and to catch up on some reading.

On my second day in the relatively small town of Muskogee, Oklahoma, I discovered that a group of ladies, the Phi Delta Kappa Sorority, was planning an enrichment program for Black youths. This program was to be held in a church.

Being an educator myself, I offered to help in any way I could, and found myself totally involved in consulting, advising, and actual instruction.

The sorority had put together a program to aid the Black students in their quest for a more substantive education. The program included classes in music appreciation, reading instruction, math instruction, spelling, speech, language development, literature, Black History, and science activities.

About eighty eager Black students were involved in the program that was conducted by teachers who volunteered their time and expertise to make the program work. Never before has this writer seen so many Black students so eager to learn during their summer vacation.

Why mention a program place half-way across the country from our thriving city? We mention this because we feel that a program of this type is badly needed here. We have thousands of Black youngsters here who could benefit from such help. We also believe that there are organizations and/or individuals who would sponsor such a program.

What could such a program do for our children? It could help them maintain their already-acquired

CLARK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Donald W. Reynolds Foundation Gives Gift To CCCC

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation of Fort Smith, (Ark.) has announced a gift of \$32,250.00 to the Clark County Community College to fund a state-of-the-art journalism laboratory.

Communication and Arts Director, Dr. Herman Van Betten said, "the Reynolds Foundation gift is of enormous significance to the College's communication curriculum

development, and a gift of importance to the citizens of Nevada who will benefit by studying journalism at CCCC.

Ten text editing devices and two printers will be purchased immediately for use in 1983-84 classes in Interpreting the Day's News, Gathering and Writing, and a special section of English for journalism students.

The availability of the text editing equipment will enable the College

to train and thoroughly prepare students for a career in journalism as well as provide student training for editing College publications.

Implementation of the program will make it possible for the College to participate in assisting Nevada's newspaper, and other journalistic endeavors, in maintaining the high degree of professional that exists in the community-at-large.

NEW ANGLE AT THE LIBRARY

There are plenty of good reasons for going to the library -- great novels, rare journals, valuable reference books and Polaroid instant cameras that can be borrowed free of charge.

What are cameras doing in the public library? "As of today, they're part of our circulating collection," said Beverly Carlino, community relations coordinator. "Like our books, magazines and records, they're here for the public to use and enjoy."

The Clark County Library District is participating in "Check This Out," a program providing free instant cameras to public libraries throughout the United States. The cameras, which are from the Sun series, feature built-in electronic flash and one-button operation. Sponsored by the Customer Service Division of Polaroid Corporation, the program is being offered in cooperation with the American Library Association.

At the Flamingo Library, persons 18 years or older with a valid library card may borrow a camera for up to eight days. Patrons must supply their own film.

Through the library's "Check This Out" program, you can take photos of your weekend in the mountains or your day at the shore. When friends come from out of town, you can send them home with a handful of memories. Or, you can document your hobbies or illustrate school projects. For further information, call 733-7810.



The Hyatt Regency O'Hare was the site of the first "Greek Leadership Conference", called by eight national presidents of Greek-Letter sororities and fraternities. More than two hundred organization officials met in a weekend of plenary sessions and workshops around the theme of leveraging the combined strength of half-a-million college trained men and women through networks for communication and action. Dave Gupta (L), host of the Hennessy "Greek Mixer" Welcome Reception, greets conveners, Dr. Edith Francis, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority; Joe Mattox; Janet J. Ballard, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and Ozell Sutton, President, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Schieffelin & Co. is the sole importer and distributor of other fine wines and spirits.

skills in several academic areas. It could help to provide the proper extrinsic motivation, in a non-threatening way, for our students to study more in order to learn more when the public schools open again in the fall. It could help our children realize the importance of getting an education. It could prevent so much forgetting that usually takes place during the summer months, and finally it could provide an opportunity for our Black children to be engaged in some productive activities instead of roaming the streets during the summer months.

We firmly believe that, it not this summer, then possibly next summer, some organization and/or

individuals should begin some sort of summer program to help our Black children. If this is already being done, we hope that it can be expanded next summer to take in more children.

We realize that such a program might call for sacrifices on the part of those of us who work in the field of education, but we also believe that the sacrifices made at this time or in the future will be beneficial to our Black children and to society as a whole.

If further information concerning this or any similar program is desired, please feel free to contact the writer.

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