# Education

### First Annual Black Students Awards **Banquet At UNLV A Success**

In order to illustrate, and ultimately highlight a growing commitment to support as well as acknowledge outstanding achievements of local Afro-American undergraduate students in Las Vegas, the newly organized University of Nevada Las Vegas Alliance of Black Professionals sponsored the First Annual Black Student Awards Banqueton Apr. 17 on the UNLV campus.

Jackie Newton, Academic Advisor for Athletics, and Co-chair for the banquet, claims this event was necessary for various reasons: "We (The Alliance) feel we need to encourage black students to seek achievement in other areas

besides entertainment and athletics." She went on to comment how this ceremony, the first of its kind ever held on the campus, was created not only to acknowledge outstanding black student achievement, but to actually inspire Afro-American black students. "We (The Alliance) want to cause them (the students) to feel they can achieve more than they have ever dreamed," she continued.

More than 100 attendees, including thirtysix students and numerous parents, in addition to key academic and athletic faculty and staff personnel, were present at this event.

Recipients of academic

achievement awards ranged from single parent students with double majors to Afro-American student athletes.

the winners of the outstanding student awards were Anthony Holm and Janice Watkins.

Holm, a senior political science major, concentrating in international relations, said receiving the award made him feel "inspired"

"This award inspires me to never forget my mission for my people", Holm

When asked what his mission is, Holm replied, The mission is to make people recognize that despite some basic misconceptions, we Blacks are equal in every respect".

Holm claims "depth, understanding, and reason" reflect his conscious applications at guaranteeing his mission is accomplished.

Janice Watkins, a Radiological Technology Major, was estatic. "I'm overwhelmed. I'm truly thankful to be the first of many to come. It's a great honor."

#### 1985 CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL SECRETARY EXAMINATION SCHEDULED

LaRene Watts, Office Administration/Automation, has announced that Clark County Community College, will serve as an examination center for the 1985 Certified Professional Secretary Examination to be administered Friday and Saturday, May 3 and May 4.

Clark County Community College will be one of the more than 250 centers for the two-day, six-part examination which will be taken by approximately 5,600 secretaries throughout the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Malaysia and Jamaica.

To date, 18,398 secretaries have earned the CPS rating by passing the six parts of the examination; Behavioral Science in Business, Business Law, Economics and Management, Accounting, Office Administration and Communication, Office Tech-

The examination is open to all secretaries who meet specific educational and secretarial experience requirements. Applications for the 1986 CPS Examination are now being accepted by the Institute for Certifying Secretaries, 301 East Armour Boulevard, Kansas City, Missouri 64111-1299.

#### **EOB SEEKS SUPPORT FOR "HEAD START"**

"Head Start" - The Preschool Education Division of the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark Coun-- needs your support!!!

second annual fundraiser will be held at the Nellis 'Boardwalk", 3125 S. Nellis Blvd. (north of Boulder Highway), with the theme, 'Head Start Celebrates its

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Ellington, Donald Flagg, Bruce A. Ford, Lezlie T. Funchess, Stephanie A. Givens, Marques Goodwin, Gary Graham, Karen L. Hall, Preston A. Hampton, Fay M. Harris, Anthony Holm, Tiffanee Johnson, Tamara H. Jones, Mary L. Lamb. Patrick Lawrence, Steven McDonald, Michelle L. Matthias, Shirley J. Morris, Gregory D. Pace, Valerie J. Perkins, John Rhodes, Regina Robinson, Valerie Scott, Heather Seymour, Friendia Simp-

Outstanding student nominees included: Mark Dixon, Jesse Ferrell, Karen Hall, Anthony Holm, Trena Hull, April Johnson, Laverne Mayfield, Nathaniel Washington, Janice Wat-kins, Brenda Whitfield, Glenn Williams.

son, Frederica Stafford,

award recipients listed: Anthony Holm and Janice 20th Anniversary on 'Cinco de Mayo". There will be drawings, games, ethnic foods, activities for the kids, and entertainment galore, plus many other surprises.

Since this is the 20th anniversary, Head Start would like to recognize all persons who attended the program between 1965 and 1975, at this celebration. Past Head Start graduates are asked to identify themselves at the sign-in table.

The public is invited to ioin in the celebration from 12 noon until dark. The entire family is welcome there will be something for

Head Start is a non-profit organization designed to offer preschool training to children from low-income, economically disadvantaged families. The purpose of this activity is to raise monies for additional educational experiences for these children 3-5 years of age, and for their parents.

The Economic Opportunity Board is calling on its friends in the community to donate their services and support. Space is available for displays at minimal cost.

On Sunday, May 5, the make this an annual event, and along with other activities designed to bring Afro-American achievements to the forefront, it appears that complete

The Alliance has plans to

recognition of black academic achievement may be on the horizon at UNLV. This was a consensus of some in attendance.

Academic Achievement Award Recipients were: Mildred Anderson, Eugene Bowen, Ellerie T. Boxx,

> Cynthia Taylor, Tracy Viveretta, Janice Watkins, Steven Wicks.

Outstanding student Watkins.

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