

Education

SCHOOL TALK

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Newly Appointed Directors

During the summer, a number of administrative changes took place within the Clark County School District. Dr. Paul Goodwin, the director of junior high schools during past years, received a promotion to the Associate Superintendent for the Division of Student Services. This is an important division for the School District, a division that handles programs involving alternative schools and special education which only illustrates two of the tasks assumed by Dr. Goodwin. Congratulations Paul, and good luck in the new position.

To fill the vacancy at the junior high school level the district appointed Lou

Silvestri. Lou was the principal of Cannon Jr. High School and, through his leadership, established Cannon as one of the outstanding junior high schools in the state. This school originated one of the first programs in computer awareness for junior high school students. Unique management programs for other instructional areas were designed by Silvestri and his staff, and more importantly, Silvestri provided the type of administrative leadership that fostered high morale, both with the faculty and the students. Now this educator is the newly appointed director of all junior high schools.

Today the School District has organized nineteen schools in the junior high school category. Some of the schools have sixth grades, some have ninth grades, all sponsor programs for seventh and eighth grades. In discussing with Silvestri his priorities for the coming year, he quickly reported: "I would like to see all of our junior high schools develop programs which will challenge every student regardless of their potential and to build an open communication link with the communities they serve". He went on to suggest that the junior high school years are those formative years in every child's life, when students learn who they are

Univ. of Arkansas, Pine Bluff Alumni to sponsor "Soiree '86"

The University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) Alumni Association will sponsor "Soiree '86 - A New Teacher Welcome" on Friday, September 5, 5-9 p.m. at the Moulin Rouge, 900 West Bonanza Avenue.

The social activity will serve as a vehicle for the introduction of new teachers to the leadership and citizens of the predominantly Black West Las Vegas community. The Clark County School District extended contract

Valley High School Procedures Clarified

Despite efforts to inform Valley High School parents and students about double session schedules and procedures there still seems to be some confusion.

Only the Valley High School building will be closed during the 1986-87 school year--the name remains the same. Valley's building is being overhauled as part of a districtwide asbestos abatement/fire safety retrofit program. During the entire school year, Valley will share Chaparral High School's facility on a double session schedule. Neither school will occupy the building at the same time.

It is important to note that Valley High School will retain its name and identity while sharing the Chaparral campus during 1986-87.

Chaparral will use the building for its school program from 6:40 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. and Valley will hold classes in the same facility from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Separate administration quarters have been established to serve Valley parents and students. The headquarters for Valley High School are located within Chaparral High School on the second floor of the east side of the main building.

Although Valley's administration is housed within the Chaparral building, they maintain a separate address which is 3970 East Viking Road, Las Vegas, NV 89121.

If all this still seems confusing you may make a direct inquire at the Valley High School office by calling 799-5450.



ALUMNI GROUP PLANS TEACHER WELCOME--L-R, Ray Willis, Trudy Rainey, Roy Ware and Verlia Davis, members of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) Alumni Association, finalize plans for "Soiree '86 - A New Teacher Welcome." The social gala, to introduce teachers new to Clark County and welcome returning teachers back to school, will be held at the Moulin Rouge, 900 West Bonanza, Friday, September 5, 5-9 p.m. Tickets at \$10 each include hors d'oeuvres and entertainment. Call 452-9962.

and start to make serious plans for their future.

The junior high schools have a capable leader--a person who is enthusiastic and sensitive to the needs of parents and students, and certainly an asset for positive education at this school level. Positive education at this school level.

We extend our congratulations to Silvestri and know that his leadership will stimulate the same type of atmosphere throughout all junior high schools that he fostered at Cannon Junior High School.

offers to nearly 25 Black teachers this year.

UAPB, a traditional Black institution, was originally known as Arkansas A.M.&N. College. After its recent merger into the Arkansas University System, the name was changed.

The New Teacher Welcome will feature a disco, live entertainment, free food, and a special program to officially introduce the new teachers. Performing live will be Las Vegas lounge entertainer and keyboard artist extraordinaire Henry Shed, a former high

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