

# Education

## SCHOOL TALK

By Dr. Marshall C. Darnell

Occasionally one has an opportunity to view comments from others that certainly have a profound message. This is the case with the article which has been written by Annie Barclay who is a data management specialist with

the Clark County School District. In commenting on technology and its use, Barclay has made a succinct and forceful statement about the uses for technology and those who should receive the training. Her message is for all of us.

### Technology Will Dominate the Future

Not since the advent of free public education has a single issue presented such a challenge to either guarantee true equality of opportunity for all, or to institutionalize the status quo. A true commitment to equity in education when dealing with technology is critical to the future of our nation.

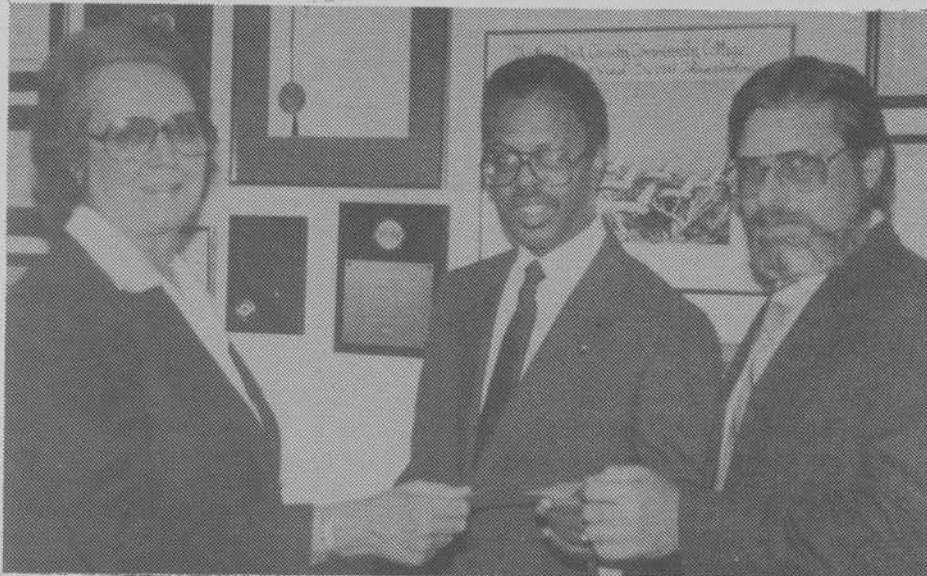
Computers are color, voice, and status blind. They make no distinction among races, nor respond any differently to regional differences. We in education have the power to guarantee special technology training. This training will enable many who are outside the mainstream of middle America to deal with a new and emerging career opportunity.

Computers can be blind to handicaps. Their software may compensate for the physical limitations of their users. They can accommodate weaknesses in learning abilities. We have the power to guarantee that entire segments of our physically or intellectually

impaired community can find meaningful and rewarding careers using technological aids. Their place as productive citizens in tomorrow's society can be assured if we serve as advocates for these individuals. The technology to assist these citizens has surpassed our efforts to help them utilize such assistance. We must diligently explore technologies that will help our special needs population assume their role as confident tax-paying members of tomorrow's society.

Computers are not gender conscious. We have the power to guarantee that both men and women will have equal access to careers dominated by the new technologies. Attention must be paid to the elimination of conscious or unconscious gender bias in technological education. The "women are not mechanically inclined" mentality, that has in the past kept us from nurturing an interest and delight in technology among females, is outmoded. Not only are

## CCCC Receives First Contribution for Adult Learning, Arts, Activities Center



UNS Regent Joan Kenney presenting check to Paul Meacham, President of Clark County Community College and Douglas Wall, President of the ASCC.

University of Nevada System Regent Joan Kenney presented a check for \$1,000.00 to Paul Meacham, President of Clark County Community College and Douglas Wall, President of the Associated Students of the College. This donation is the first contribution received for the CCCC Learning for Adults, Cultural Arts and Student Activities Center proposed for construction on the Cheyenne Campus. The Center has been named the LA CASA project and will house a new adult learning/conference center, a cultural theatre/music/arts center, an adult fitness/wellness center and a student center/multi-purpose cafeteria.

many females mechanically inclined, but no such inclination is a prerequisite for mastery or utilization of technology. Many females display excellent logic or problem solving faculties.

There are many explanations for the fact that there are some school districts which have computer labs and quality computer education classes, while others have no program in place. A great deal is decided simply by space availability. Whatever the reason, the bottom line is that newer, more affluent school districts usually have programs, and less affluent school districts do not. The result is an access to information based not on interest or ability, but on neighborhood economics. That is the current reality. It is a current problem that could have a frightening impact upon future reality.

In short, we must provide equal access to technological education among all students if tomorrow's productive citizens and leaders are to be representative of all people. It is our decision to make today. We must decide now whether equity in education today can be translated into equal opportunity tomorrow.

### Westside School Reunion Planned

A class reunion is being planned for all students and teachers who were at the West Side School, located at 300 West Washington Avenue, between 1957 and 1959, according to Mrs. Betty Scott Henderson, coordinator of the affair.

The reunion is planned to be held on Saturday, February 14, 1987 at 2321 Jansen Avenue in Las Vegas. Mr. Henry J. Moore and Mr. H.P. Fitzgerald, teachers at the school during this period will be present to greet the former students, their friends, relatives, and spouses or escorts.

Door prizes will be awarded for categories such as the most children, grandchildren, least amount of hair, greyest hair, least children, just to name a few. Food will be prepared by Miss Judy Simpson, and each person attending is asked to donate \$1.00 to cover the cost of food and beverages.

For more information and details, please contact Betty Scott at 649-7070 at home or 649-4276 at her office. Also,

### Vo Tech Hosting Open House

In conjunction with National Vocational Education Week--February 8-14, 1987, the public is cordially invited to attend open house activities at the Southern Nevada Vocational Technical Center, 5710 Mountain Vista Drive on Monday, February 9 from 7-9 p.m. This year's theme is Building America's Future.

The Center provides programs for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Sophomores concentrate on academic subjects with an opportunity for pre-vocational course work. Juniors select a two year vocational program and, as seniors, continue satisfying graduation requirements and vocational training.

Students can earn a high school diploma and vocational certificate as well as prepare for college.

Fifteen vocational programs are offered at the Center. They include: Airframe and Powerplant Mechanics, Auto Body, Auto Mechanics, Carpentry, Clerical, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Data Processing, Drafting, Electronics, Graphic Communications, Health Occupations, Refrigeration, Secretarial, Science and Telecommunications.

### Open House at ATTC

In celebration of National Vocational Education Week, February 8-14, the staff of the Area Technical Trade Center would like to cordially invite all interested people to attend an open House, Tuesday, February 10, 1987, at 7 p.m. The Trade Center is located at 444 West Brooks Avenue, approximately one mile west of the Community College off Cheyenne Road and Commerce Street.

Entertainment will be provided by the Gibson and Robinson Junior High Orchestras and assorted desserts will be served by the Culinary Arts students. Tours of the facility will be conducted by students enrolled in the Hotel Operations program.

Come and observe the technical training program at ATTC, where high school students prepare themselves for a promising future. Building portable classrooms, working in local hospitals and extended care facilities, rebuilding diesel engines, making hotel room reservations, and preparing gourmet meals, is all part of a routine day for students at the Area Technical Trade Center.

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The affair is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.

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