

Education

SCHOOL TALK

By Dr. Marshall C. Darnell

Memorial to Richard Rundle and Dewey Ray Buckles

"Yea, a man may say,
Thou hast faith, and I have
works: show me thy faith
without thy works, and I will
show thee my faith by my
works." James, Chapter 2,
Verse 18.

Richard Rundle, a student of Jo Mackey Sixth Grade Center, and Dewey Ray Buckles, both residents of Las Vegas, were tragically killed on March 31, 1987. Richard was a student waiting for the bus which would carry him to the Jo Mackey Sixth Grade Center, Ray Buckles worked at a nearby apartment complex. Both of these individuals in a desperate moment gave their lives that someone else might live.

Not until several days after the accident occurred would the entire story come to light. Initially, Richard was observed pushing his friend away from an oncoming vehicle. That same car struck him and took his life. Ray, working several feet away, observed what was happening, leaped across a wall in a gallant effort to save the two young students. He gave his life in an effort to save another.

Each day heroic acts of this type occur all across the world. Individuals without any other motive than personal concern and love for their fellow humans place themselves in the path of death. We will hear the story on the evening news or maybe read their personal act in a local newspaper or magazine, but what they have done many times gets lost in the every day struggle that we all experience.

The students at Jo Mackey Sixth Grade Center lost a classmate. He was the epitome of what every parent would want for a son and every educator would want as a student.

Ray left behind a family and friends and he too will serve as a reminder to all of us of the goodness which can be found in mankind.

How often we have heard the story of the "noninvolved bystander." There are horror stories which tell of individuals who have needed help and people have simply passed them and looked the other way. This is not something that is unique to this century, it pervades all of man's history. We seem to dwell on these stories, but the true heroism and dedication that some individuals like Richard and Ray displayed, is lost.

This article is dedicated to these two Las Vegans who showed great compassion. They are heroes of this time, they served to inspire us all and to remind us that people in this city care — care about each other and about the place in which we live. My condolences are extended to the families and may they know that while many persons live a lifetime without making a sacrifice, Richard and Ray made a place for themselves in the hearts and minds of all of us. They made the supreme sacrifice by helping another.

They will be remembered, for their death can never erase what they did.

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MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT UNION PLAZA

The Las Vegas Alliance of Black School Educators, Inc. (LVABSE), in co-sponsorship with the Clark County School District (CCSD) and the Hispanic Educators' Association (HEA), will present the fifth annual Multicultural Education conference and luncheon April 30 through May 2 at the Union Plaza Hotel.

The theme of this year's conference is "The Changing Face of America: Impact on Education." Conference workshop presenters will include distinguished local educators, community leaders and nationally known guest speakers.

Primary goal of the conference is to study the contributing factors which have influenced the swift movement of immigrants to the United States, and to

identify multicultural approaches and teaching strategies which can be implemented in grades K-12. Another focus of the conference will be to explore strategies which promote an effective learning environment for foreign-born students who enroll in school.

Participants are eligible to receive one professional growth credit. The conference and for-credit course also meets the state multicultural education requirement.

Cost of the workshops and luncheon on a for-credit basis is \$40. Cost of the luncheon only is \$15. For reservations and information contact Eva G. Simmons, conference chairperson at 799-5484 or Joanne Pughsley, co-chairperson at 799-7470.

LVABP To Host 3rd Annual Outstanding Black Students Awards Banquet

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas Alliance of Black Professionals will host its third Annual Outstanding Black Student Awards Banquet on April 22 in the Moyer Student Union,

Fireside Lounge at 7:00 p.m.

This year's guest speaker will feature Mr. H.P. Fitzgerald, one of Las Vegas' first Black pioneers of education, and the first Black principal

CCSD LAUNCHES AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM

A board-approved AIDS education program is currently being implemented for students in grades 6-12. The program includes televised inservice training for teachers and principals. Films for students have also been selected.

A brochure containing the Surgeon General's Report on AIDS and a cover letter from the superintendent of schools outlining the district's overall AIDS education program, will be mailed to parents and guardians in early April.

In the cover letter for the mass mailer, Superintendent Bob Wentz said: "AIDS is a health threat of enormous magnitude. While research is being conducted worldwide to find a cure, the outlook for

the near future is not good. Education about AIDS can help protect our community from this disease," he said.

Wentz emphasized in teaching children about AIDS that "the district's approach will be to stress abstinence and monogamous relationships within marriage."

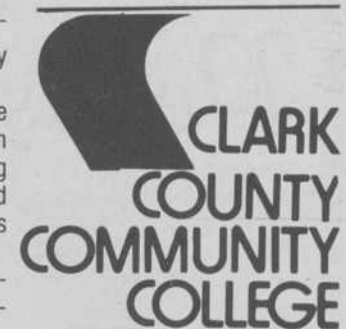
AIDS education materials which have been approved for use in CCSD include films, lesson plans, pamphlets, and books, all of which were recommended to the school board by the Sex Education Advisory Committee.

Effective April 23, the district will begin AIDS education instruction in the classroom at grade levels 6-12.

of Kit Carson Elementary School.

Tickets for the event are \$10.00, for which a portion will go towards establishing a scholarship loan fund and short term emergency loans for needy students.

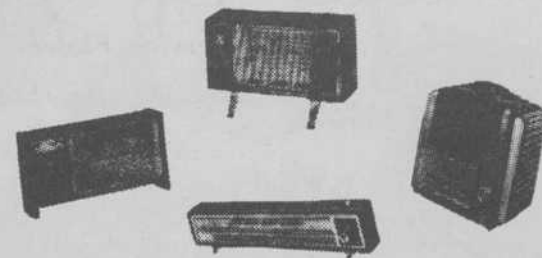
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