

# Education

## NEA Hails Passage of Rights Law As Victory for All Americans

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The National Education Association hails the passage of the Civil Rights Restoration Act by the House of Representatives March 2 as a victory for the rights of all Americans.

"We urge President Reagan to reconsider his veto threat and sign this crucial bipartisan legislation which reaffirms the nation's commitment to social justice," said NEA president Mary Hatwood Futrell.

The measure, which passed 315 to 98, overturns the effects of a 1984 Supreme Court decision (*Grove City v. Bell*). The Senate approved the bill in January, and President Reagan has threatened to veto it.

The bill reverses a decision in a case brought by Grove

City College in Pennsylvania and restores the anti-discrimination provisions of four civil rights statutes whose broad-based coverage was narrowed by the Supreme Court ruling.

The high tribunal ruled in 1984 that a federal law barring sex discrimination at schools receiving federal aid applied only to the "specific program or activity" at the college that received federal funds, not to the entire institution.

Later, the Justice Department declared that the Supreme Court's narrow interpretation would be applied to other laws: Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975.

Hundreds of civil rights

## Learning Center for Children Opens

**PARENTS BE AWARE:** An Educational Supply Store is open for business. Having an educational supply store increases the chances of developing your children's learning abilities through workbooks and educational games.

The owner and her husband are former students of Las Vegas schools; they know of the peer pressure and challenges the youth of Las Vegas go through.

Connie Harris has decided to try to help the parents better their children's education through her educational store. Connie has two children that attend public school in Clark County. "As

cases have been dropped since the 1984 Supreme Court decision, including several involving NEA members.

a parent I think that the schools are more crowded and more demanding for our children so, let's detect our children's learning disabilities by working with them at home in our free time," she says.

She invites all parents and teachers to visit the Learning Center, located at 3997 W. Charleston Blvd, in Westgate Shopping Center off Valley View. If there are any questions call 702-878-3135 and Connie will assist you in the right materials for your growing children or maybe for yourself.

## REGISTRATION FOR SUNSET HIGH SCHEDULED

Sunset High School is registering students for the fourth quarter on Friday, March 25, at 3:30 P.M. in the Hyde Park Junior High School cafeteria.

Students who are attending Sunset High School for the first time need to bring a transcript of grades and credits earned at other schools attended, and an official document stating that the student has been withdrawn from his/her previous school.

Students entering the Clark County School District school for the first time must also provide immunization documentation.

Courses offered at Sunset High School are for students who have either dropped out of school or who are unable to attend during the day school hours. In addition to traditional classes leading toward high school graduation, programs are offered for single parent, pregnant teen-

## UNLV MINORITY ENGINEERING ANNOUNCED

UNLV President Robert C. Maxson announced recently the creation of minority Engineering Program, which will recruit black and hispanic students into the university's Howard R. Hughes College of Engineering and help assure their success by providing scholarships and tutorial support.

Maxson also said the new program has received \$45,000 from three major engineering firms.

Holmes & Narver, Inc.; EG&G Energy Measurements, Inc.; and Reynolds Electrical and Engineering Co., Inc. donated \$15,000 each to start up the program.

"We are proud to be taking an active role in helping bring black and hispanic men and women into the ranks of professional engineering," Dr. Maxson said. "The generous support of these outstanding companies is enabling us to make a strong start on this very worthwhile project."

"The President noted that, 'The young men and women who graduate from UNLV

agers and young adults in grades 10 through 12.

Fees of \$5.00 for lab classes auto, art, crafts, drafting, foods, and woods are to be paid when registering.

Classes are held from 3:30 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. during the regular school year. Special attention is given to students who have full time jobs and to those students who are interested in obtaining employment.

For additional information please call the Sunset High School office at 799-4160.

with degrees in civil, mechanical, or electrical engineering, or computer science, will be well prepared to contribute to the growth of their community, state and nation."

Peter Zavattaro, president and general manager of EG&G Energy Measurements, said, "Since our company employs a large number of engineers, helping to increase minority participation in the engineering field is a natural goal for us. We believe this UNLV program has wide-ranging benefits — for the students, the community, and business."

The MEP is modeled after similar programs at colleges and universities nationwide, according to John Lujan, director of affirmative action at UNLV.

Lujan, who has been instrumental in the development of this program at UNLV, said he expects it to be in place by July 1. He outlined a number of services the program will offer. These include recruitment of black and hispanic men and women, financial aid and scholarships, tutoring service and study groups, summer employment, academic advisement, study rooms, student organizations, and freshman orientation.

Minority students in engineering who already attend the university will be incorporated into the program, said Lujan, who believes there are enough students already enrolled to form a nucleus group.

The MEP will be housed in the College of Engineering, which will be moving into the new Thomas T. Beam Engineering Complex this fall. Dean William Wells of the college said, "In addition to being the right thing to do, this program will help local and national employers who need to hire minority engineers. This is a big part of preparing minority students for careers in engineering."

Wells said the donated funds will be used to hire a program director and staff, provide scholarships, cover recruitment expenses, purchase office equipment, and help meet program goals.

He expects the first new students to be recruited into the program for Spring Semester 1989.

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