

Education

EDUCATION REFORM "TOO MUCH TALK, TOO LITTLE ACTION," SAYS NSEA

CARSON CITY — On the fifth anniversary of the much-noted education reform report, "A Nation At Risk," Nevada's teachers are not satisfied with progress made in improving our schools.

"What we have witnessed over the past five years is too much talk and too little action," said Chris Ciunchigliani, president of the Nevada State Education Association.

Giunchigliani went on to say that in spite of all the media attention generated by the report, neither the federal government nor more state governments have made the financial commitment necessary to make significant improvements in our nation's schools. That is certainly true in Nevada, she added.

"Although we rank 11th in the nation on per capita income, we rank 44th in the nation on per capita spending on education," Giunchigliani pointed out. "We rank 46th in the nation on class size, and figures which will soon be released by the National Education Association indicate we have fallen to 22nd in the nation on average teacher salary."

"These statistics are dis-

heartening," Giunchigliani said, "but not nearly as alarming as witnessing firsthand some of the problems in our schools."

Giunchigliani said she has been in a first grade classroom with more than 35 students. She has been in schools where there are not enough textbooks and where mimeograph paper is doled out on a rationed basis.

"Our teachers are doing a good job with what resources they have," Giunchigliani said. "But nobody who cares about the future of our children or our state should be satisfied. They should, in fact, be quite concerned."

Giunchigliani went on to say that NSEA has developed a set of proposals for improving our schools. The Association's "blueprint" was first published in 1984 and was updated in 1986.

"A number of our proposals would not cost any additional money," Giunchigliani said. "Our non-fiscal recommendations include such items as giving teachers greater authority over discipline, promotion policies and curriculum development, testing prospective teachers before they receive their teaching licenses and eliminating unnecessary interruptions into instruction time."

"But we cannot afford to kid ourselves that we can improve education without more money," the NSEA president concluded. "As 'A Nation at Risk' clearly stated five years ago, 'excellence costs.' Unfortunately, our policy makers have virtually ignored that warning."

News From Sunset Hi

Sunset High School proudly announced the following students who attained a 4.0 academic average for the third report quarter.

Seniors: Heather S. Boyle, Marc A. Chevalier, Veronica M. Cunningham, Michelle L. Jackson, Richard Pipkins, Leslie J. Randal, Sharmayne C. Sanchez, and Carolyn A. Welch.

Juniors: Mary K. McGuire.
Sophomores: Jennifer L. Lopez.

All of these students were honored recently at a luncheon hosted by the Sunset High School administration.

Twenty-five Sunset High School students completed high school graduation requirements at the end of the third quarter report period:

Angela Ann Austin, Jodi Lynn Baum, Gena Kay Bell, Briana Michelle Bennett, William Michael Conklin, Tony Gregory Delany, Kimberly Diane Elmore, Helen Vivian Garrett, Karl Heinz Kluemper, Cassandra Matos, Christopher Michael Maupin.

Dung Hyong Nhuyen, Stephen William Nickerson, Edward Robert O'Brien, James Russell Painter, Marae Denise Patenaude, Tammy Renee Powers, David Aaronrupp, Shanna Marie Solberg, Thomas Jay Smith, Gary Wayne Van Allen, Richard Thomas Webster, Charlotte Williams, and Roxanne Wilson.

GOLDEN GRADS ASKED TO RESPOND

"Graduates from the Las Vegas High School Class of 1938 that have not yet received information from the school regarding participation in the 50th year Graduation Ceremony, are asked to call Las Vegas High School at 799-7832."

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES NEW PROGRAMS

Dr. Frank Hennessy, vice president for Academic Affairs of National University, announced that official approval has been received from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges to expand the degree programs offered at National University's Southern Nevada Campus.

New programs approved by WASC include the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science degree, the Master of Science in Administration degree, and a Master of Arts in Management degree. The campus in Southern Nevada currently offers a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master of Business Administration degree.

Dr. Douglas Mathewson, Chancellor of the Southern Nevada Campus, stated, "We are pleased to offer Las Vegas and the adjoining communities these new programs. Since our initial request to WASC two years ago, we have received

numerous inquiries about these degree areas." Dr. Mathewson said, "The dynamic growth in the Las Vegas valley area has greatly expanded the adult educational needs of the community. The demands of today's business and industry are putting more emphasis on employees having not only a bachelors degree, but frequently a masters degree for advancement."

The third largest private university in California, National University has 12 campus locations throughout California, Southern Nevada and Costa Rica. At the campuses in California, degrees are offered in a wide area of subjects including psychology, airway science, education, business and computer science. National University also has an accredited School of Law in San Diego.

Founded in 1972, National focuses on the educational needs of working adults holding classes in the evening on a one-course-a-month format.

STUDENT DONATIONS GIVEN TO SUPPORT SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

Student council leaders from each Clark County School District junior and senior high school turned over contributions totaling \$4,175 to the school board and urged community wide support for passage of the school bond issue.

Speaking before the April 14 meeting of the school board, student leaders took turns at the podium handing over their school's donation to Jan Biggerstaff, clerk of the school board.

During the presentations, high school student leaders announced plans to conduct their own voter registration drives. It is estimated 60 percent or more of all high school seniors will be 18 years old and eligible to vote in the May 24 school bond issue referendum.

Private sources of donations to the campaign are vital because public funds cannot be used to support passage of a voter referendum. Other recent contributors to the school bond issue campaign include: the Latin Chamber of Commerce, Las Vegas Area COUNCIL PTA and the Japanese-American Club. A coalition of businesses, headed by Kenny Guinn, Chief Executive Officer, Nevada Savings and Loan Association, donated \$50,000 as seed money to kick off fund raising for the campaign. Initial contributors also include: Nevada Power Company, Citibank, and Valley Bank.

While public funds cannot be used to seek passage of the issue, the school district does provide factual information to anyone who requests it.

The Ten Year School Building Program proposes construction of 77 schools at a cost of \$674,000,000. A distinguishing feature of the program is that it will result in no tax increase. If approved, the portion of the tax rate for school construction would remain unchanged.

District officials would anticipate construction to commence after the first of 1989, pending voter approval at the polls on May 2, 1988.

Southwestern Utah. The all-day program features talks by distinguished scientists and is designed to encourage the students' interest in scientific fields.

FIVE AREA STUDENTS RECEIVE EG&G SCHOLARSHIPS AT "SCIENCE NOW" PROGRAM

Five high school seniors have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships by EG&G, Inc. at the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) fifteenth annual "Science Now" program in Las Vegas.

The scholarships were presented by Peter H. Zavattaro, General Manager of EG&G Energy Measurements, Inc. and Dale L. Fraser, General Manager of Reynolds Electrical & Engineering Co., Inc., both subsidiaries of EG&G.

The recipients are:

—Jason K. Watson, a senior at Basic High School, Henderson.

—Matthew E. Hamilton, a senior at Edward W. Clark High School.

—Graham K. Cooper, a senior at Edward W. Clark High School.

—Evan K. Palmer, a senior at Las Vegas High School.

—Jonny O. Wee, a senior at Valley High School.

Dr. John Farley, Dr. Stan Smith, and Dr. Ernie Duebendorfer, all faculty members at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, selected the scholarship winners based on courses taken, results of achievement or aptitude tests, autobiographies, grades, and letters of recommendation.

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