

Education

CLAUDE I. HOWARD HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER OPENED

On September 25 at 3:00 p.m., Clark County Community College celebrated the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting for the recently constructed Claude I. Howard Health Sciences Center at the intersection of West Charleston Blvd. and Torrey Pines Dr. in the City of Las Vegas.

The dedication of this learning and medical center was the culmination of the work and efforts of both the private and public sectors. It exists today because of the combined endeavors of a committed philanthropist, the Nevada State Legislature, the faculty and staff of Clark County Community College and the University of Nevada School of Medicine, as well as the foresight of the University of Nevada System (UNS) Board of Regents. The 80-acre site, located in one of the fastest growing portions of the Las Vegas Valley, was donated to the University of Nevada System in July 1974 by the Bureau of Land Management. It remained dormant until 1987 when the State Legislature allocated funds to equip a 22,000 sq. ft. building which was proposed to be built by local businessman, Claude I. Howard.

With the funding allocated and the building being built, Dr. Paul Meacham, president and Dr. Alison McPherson, the Associate Dean of Science and Health held discussions with Dr. Owen Peck of the UNR Medical School as to the planned facility becoming a medical health care facility and a medical education center in conjunction with the courses offered by the College.

The College's Dental Hygiene, Medical Records Technology, Nursing and the Respiratory Therapy programs were transferred from the Cheyenne Campus to the new Health Sciences Center.

In addition, a Family Practice medical clinic is being operated under the auspices of the School of Medicine. This is the first situation where a medical school and a community college have combined to provide both academic training to their students and health services to the State's Medicaid patients. The Health Sciences Center will help to meet the needs of people seeking health care and will help in



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reducing the cost of that care. It will also free space on the College's Cheyenne Campus which will be put to use for general instruction classrooms.

This unique teaching/medical care facility is a part of the revolutionary changes being experienced by the health care industry. It was also developed in response to the market forces prevalent not only in Southern Nevada but throughout the nation. The health care business is extensive, employing

6.2 million people in the mid-1980s. In terms of dollars it is also big business. The country spends \$360 billion a year on health care, which amounts to 11 percent of the Gross National Product (GNP). The rapid increase in the population of the Las Vegas Valley means that there are more people seeking care. The medical advances have reduced the number of people who die young; people are living longer and are requiring medical care.

The Claude I. Howard Health Sciences Center is ready to serve the people of the Las Vegas area.

STUDENTS COMMIT TO STAYING DRUG-FREE

A special anti-drug program will be held at Von Tobel Junior High School Thursday, September 29, sponsored by the Von Tobel chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving and Drugs.

At 11:15 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. students will participate in the release of balloons into the sky, signifying their commitment to a drug free life. Later, at 1:15 p.m., former professional baseball player Don Newcombe will speak to the student body at a special assembly. Newcombe will relate his experiences as a for-

mer substance abuser.

North Las Vegas Mayor Jim Seastrand, CCSD Drug Education consultant Ron Ross and some parents will attend the 12:10 balloon release.

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LOCAL STUDENTS EXPERIMENT WITH SOLAR ENERGY AT CONVENTION

Students from eight local high schools will have their solar energy projects on display during the International Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Photovoltaics Specialists Conference (IEEE) at the Riviera Hotel.

The commercial exhibitors attending the convention will judge the projects and the winning projects will be announced at an awards program at 3 p.m. Thursday, September 29 in the Riviera Hotel Convention Center.

Each of the high schools is given a supply of photovoltaic cells and a \$150 stipend for materials. Students, along with a supervising teacher, construct a solar power project.

All participants will receive certificates, and the school with the first place project will receive \$750.

The school with the second place project will receive \$500.

Dr. Bernard Hamilton Attends Conference

Dr. Bernard Hamilton, principal, Walter Bracken Elementary School and Dr. Carolyn Reedom, principal, Estes McDoniel Elementary School, were among 20 principals from across the U.S. invited to attend the "Partners for Success: Business and Education" conference held recently in Oregon as guests of the Tom Peters Group. The principals were brought together to share their successful strategies for teaching at-risk students which have resulted in vastly improved achievement.

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