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Call (909) 899-0650 if you think education is important. One of the great things about writing this column is that we get an opportunity to dialogue with people from coast to coast (and internationally) about all sorts of topics. Usually calls and letters are specifically about a particular column or about assistance with an education issue.

In an effort to get a better gauge on our efforts, we are asking readers to continue calling us at (909) 899-0650. You can call this number at any time (24 hours a day) and leave a message or write us at HILTON: HIGHER EDUCATION, 3179 N. Garey Avenue, #101, Pomona, CA 91767.

In addition to the above mentioned types of calls, we are conducting a very informal reader survey about the African American press.

It is our opinion that this press and its writers and publishers represent the very best that any press has to offer. And the Lord knows that you can always find plenty of mistakes throughout daily and weekly newspapers.

It only takes a minute to pick up the phone and dial (909) 899-0650. What are two or three local or national education issues or outstanding educators? Call and let us know.

Put our number (909) 899-0650 on your desk or in your phone book and call us periodically so that we know that we are on point or need to re-focus.

Are there high school or college students who you would like to say nice things to or about in a national kind of way? Keep in mind that HILTON: HIGHER

EDUCATION is a nationally syndicated column.

Which African American paper do you read and what makes it different from other newspapers? Let us know. Does it cover education adequately? Which columnists or features do you enjoy reading the most? how are we doing?

In the past, when we asked ivy league students to call us, several did. When we asked teachers to call us, several did. Do white folks read African American newspapers? We think so. Give us a call at (909) 899-0650.

If a reader is interested in writing a guest editorial for HILTON: HIGHER EDUCATION (450-500 words), give us a call and then send the essay.

All Black people are not African Americans, but we are all Africans. We should love to hear from people from Africa, the Caribbean, Asia and Europe. Give us a call. What is your opinion of issues in the U.S.? And what are pressing issues back in your home countries?

Give our number and this article to at least two other people and ask them to call. Which region of the country is most serious about educating the African community? The East Coast, the South, the Midwest, the West Coast?

In conclusion, we are excited about hearing from you and strengthening this network. Tell a friend about the African press. And call us at (909) 899-0650. Leave a message 24 hours a day.

Those of you who have called before, call us again.

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COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA ENROLLMENT TOPS SYSTEM

The Community College of Southern Nevada, with a Spring state supported enrollment of 18,243, has the largest student population of any university or college in Nevada according to figures released by the University and Community College System of Nevada, President Paul E. Meacham said recently.

Combined with students taking not-for-credit classes, the CCSN student population soared to 23,213.

Full time Equivalent students, the formula used by the legislature to determine state funds allocated to the college, grew by 11.3% over the record Spring semester of 1992. (One FTE is equal to one student taking 15 or more credits. Total FTE is the number of credit classes enrolled divided by 15).

"As the figures show," Dr.

SECONDARY SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION UNDER WAY

Registration is under way for secondary summer school classes, which will be offered at eight Clark County School District campuses from June 14 through July 28.

Students may register now with their school counselor or on June 9 and 10 at the campus they plan to attend.

Summer classes will be held Monday through Thursday from 7:30 to 11:40 a.m. at Chaparral, Cimarron-Memorial, Clark, Green Valley, Rancho, Valley, Western and West Las Vegas satellite. An additional evening program will be held from 4 to 8:10 p.m. at Chaparral.

The cost is \$80 per one-half credit, or \$160 for a full credit.

Meacham said, "from the Fall of 1991 to the Fall of 1992 the UCCSN FTE grew by 1780 while the CCSN grew by 1173 or 66% of the system total growth. Yet our budget last year was cut 11% over what we should have been allocated according to our FTE.

Last year, through sacrifices by faculty and staff, we educated 2,000 more FTE students than we were paid for.

"Two things are apparent. One, students are recognizing the fact that CCSN is a first time, first choice, first class institution and, for both academic and economic, are coming to the CCSN in record numbers each new semester. Two, it will become increasingly difficult for us to handle these record enrollments without at least a return to our base budget. Without full

A variety of courses in key subject areas, including English, social studies, humanities, science, and math, will be offered, although classes may be added and deleted depending on the number of students who enroll. Elective and enrichment courses might be available if at least 20 students enroll in a particular class.

Such classes include computers, typing, art, foreign language and driver education.

Secondary summer school is open to all Clark County students in grades nine through 12, including students who attend private schools. Some courses are also available for seventh and eighth graders.

funding, we may not be able to maintain our open door policy and register all students who wish to attend.

"That would be a Nevada tragedy, and seriously impair the economic development of all of Southern Nevada," Dr. Meacham said.

The CCSN has grown into a full multi-campus institution with campuses on Cheyenne Avenue in North Las Vegas, West

Charleston in Las Vegas, and College Drive in Henderson. Each campus offers core classes to residents of all four Southern Nevada counties with extension centers that cover a 42,000 square mile service area. Executive offices are now in a centralized location at 820 Shadow Lane in Las Vegas to allow faculty, staff and students equal access to executive administrators.

NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL OF AFRICAN PHILOSOPHY

This past Monday on Donahue the discussion was about Jesus Christ: Is he black or white and does that really matter? Most of us accept the fact that Jesus Christ is white but the fact is that the brother was just that, a brother. But where does the misconception come from and how is it perpetuated?

The misconception comes from a racist ideology which said that the greatest man to walk the earth had to be white because no black man has ever done anything noteworthy. It was promulgated by the media. Back in the day the media was word of mouth, then came print media and followed today by broadcast media. All these mediums have served to distort and warp the image of this man called Jesus.

My point here however, is not to talk about Jesus and his distorted image but to talk about a recent meeting of the Las Vegas Chapter of the Black Panther Party (BPP). Yes, you read right! The BPP is back and this Monday past it also held an introductory meeting for the community. Hundreds of fliers were passed out but no more than 30 people showed up. Why is that? Could it be because this is for, by and about you that you want nothing to do with it, or could it be that the media's propagandized version of what the Panthers were all about was so effective that the image of a Black Panther was and is terrifying? What ever the reason is the media has played a significant role in formulating your thoughts and ideas.

The Black Panther Party was as American as those rapists, murderers, pillagers and slaveholders affectionately called "the founding fathers." They too were tired of being misrepresented and oppressed. So they exercised their rights as human beings first, Americans second and endeavored to change their condition. But this isn't the understanding you have. You were told that they were militants and hate mongers and the media image presented you was so infectious that you ran for cover when a panther crossed your path.

Today I challenge you to find out for yourself, allowing another man to paint a picture of you. There's a panther in each of us, we're just to scared to admit it: Pick up the book *Seize the Time* and read for yourselves then maybe the next time the BPP holds a meeting more of you will be there. Until next week this has been the Minister of Information.

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