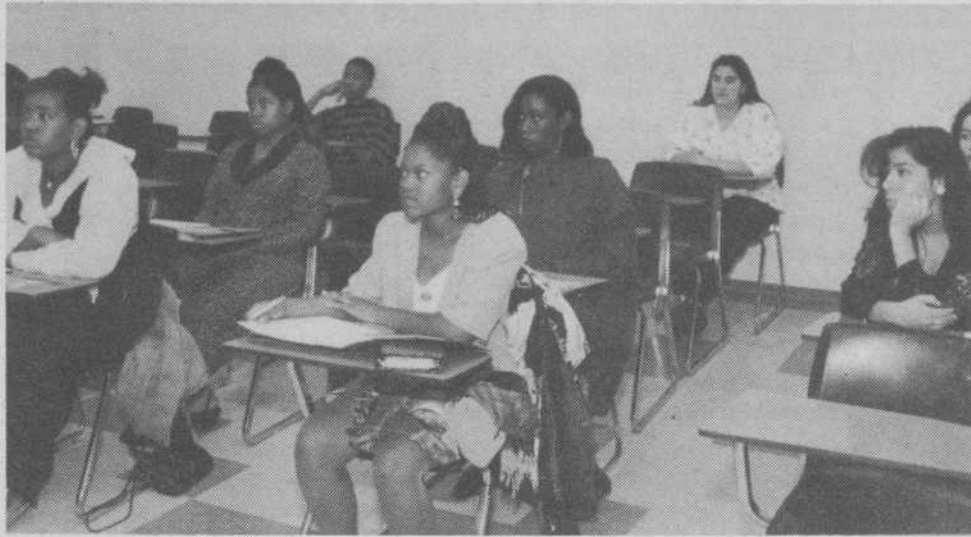


# 17th ANNUAL SEPIA FASHION SHOW TO BENEFIT "DELTA SCHOLARS" PROGRAM



The 17th annual Sepia Fashion Show will be held Dec. 4th as a benefit for 12 local high school students known as "Delta Scholars."

The Las Vegas Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Sorority Inc., now in its 27th year, sponsors workshops each year for high school students through the Delta Scholars scholarship program. And while thousands of dollars have been distributed throughout the years, the program is geared toward helping prepare participants for life after high school.

Various professionals in the community recently participated in several workshops for the students. Topics included: financial aid; study and test-taking skills; applying for colleges and survival on a college campus; AIDS and substance awareness; career development and imaging.

"We try and tailor the program to suit the students needs based on the interest they express," said Ava Foster, a sorority member who has been working with Delta Scholars since 1988. "This year they're all inter-

ested in going to college, but most of them want to stay in Las Vegas, so it's more important to get information from the local colleges. Last year all but one of our scholars left Nevada."

Marie Wakefield, president of the local sorority chapter, said she believes community members have to show a commitment to helping students reach their education aspirations through more activities such as the benefit fashion show, but helping to educate students locally is just as important.

"Students have an opportunity to gain some invaluable information for college preparation and survival in the Delta Scholar program," Wakefield said. "We realize all students are not college bound; however, we encourage them to tap into their strengths and become productive citizens."

Francesca Lopez, a Cimarron Memorial high school senior and Delta Scholar, said she plans to become a chemical engineer and she enjoyed the career development workshop most.

"It was great because all of our mentors were professionals of different walks of life and it was inspirational to see all the different things we could become, not just a doctor or educator. They also gave us pointers in how to get there," she said.

Other Delta Scholars are Cheyenne High School students Patricia Garcia, Gari Lindsey, Lekesha Macklin, Kimberly Perkins and Latasha Webb; Toni Beatty of Rancho; Alicia Betz of Green Valley; Lorena Herrera and Telma Lopez of Vo-Tech; Leland Marlon of Las Vegas High School; and Karina Rios of Cimarron.

Students helped sell ads for the annual Sepia Fashion Show Revue souvenir booklet which will be distributed at the event at the Hartland Mansion. Cocktails are at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., and the exciting traveling fashion show begins at 8 p.m. The 1993-94 presentation, "The Romantic Look '93," will show the mood of American and European designers. For ticket information, call 2554145.

# REVEREND JESSE JACKSON SPEAKS TO NEVADA PARTNERS GRADUATES



Photo Left to Right — Robert Maxey, CEO of the MGM Grand Hotel and Theme Park, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and Mujahid Ramadan, Executive Director of Nevada Partners

By Sonya Headen

Reverend Jesse Jackson was the guest speaker for the Nevada Partners graduation ceremony November 5, 1993 at the Nevada Partners Life Skills Center. Jackson was a 1988 Presidential candidate, founder of the Rainbow Coalition, and the host of the "Jesse Jackson Show."

"This is a great honor for our graduation," said Mujahid Ramadan, Executive Director of Nevada Partners. "Nevada Partners is visual expression of Rev. Jackson's 'keep hope alive, if you can conceive, you can achieve.' Nevada Partners is achieving."

"This program is very important to me. Unemployment and the lack of drive in our society is

not a problem, but a condition. If you have a job, you can help yourself from the inside out. Job training solves the problem. Each individual is responsible for solving his/her own condition. I am proud to be a Nevada Partner," said Rev. Jackson.

The Nevada Partners Organization is a joint venture between the private and public sector. Its primary function is to help disadvantaged and at risk youths and chronically unemployed adults find jobs. The goal is to invest and participate in the community's efforts and educational endeavors by providing participants with training and career options, while helping to develop positive work habits in a culturally diverse working population.

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the closing of the center. In a neighborhood where 80% to 90% of the households are headed by a single-parent, Hal said the center provides a form of surrogate friend or temporary escape from a negative home life.

Assistant center director, Terry Rabb, echoes Hal's sentiments. Rabb said the program has been very successful at making a difference in the lives of neighborhood children. "In the tutoring program, we've seen D's go to A's," said Rabb. He continued, "We've seen school attendance go up and basic interest increase." Use of the center's recreational facilities is tied directly to school performance and participation in the tutorial program. Rabb summarizes the purpose of the center as merely

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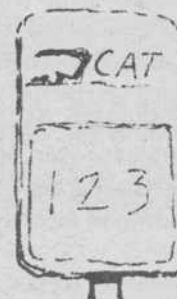
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