

NEWS CLIPS

CENTRAL STATE ALUMNI TO MEET IN LAS VEGAS

The Orleans hotel will host Central State University's 31st Annual Off-Campus Conference July 18-20. The agenda for the conference piggybacks on the national alumni president's call to assist the school during its current financial and operational crisis. "We, now more than ever before, must stand tall, speak up and give generously to support our alma mater," said National Alumni President Luther Towers. "Even with these challenges, I believe that we can make 1997 a banner year," he said. "The key to our success lies in us, as an alumni, becoming more actively involved with recruitment, fund raising, institutional development, public relations and political activism. Located in Wilberforce, Ohio, Central State is one of the nation's foremost historically black colleges. The university, which is more than a century old, boasts more than 60 fields of study.

SURVEY SAYS BLACKS, WHITES SEE RACE DIFFERENTLY

In the wake of President Clinton's race reconciliation effort, findings from the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies 1997 National Opinion Poll revealed that reaching a consensus may be difficult given the gulf between black and white perceptions. Whites thought race relations in their own communities were fairly good, but poor elsewhere. Blacks saw race relations in their own communities as the same as in the nation - fair to poor. Whites believed that some discrimination against blacks continues and that police are more apt to harass blacks than whites. Blacks believed that discrimination against blacks is common and police harassment is rampant. Whites saw blacks as the same or better off than they were five years ago. Blacks saw no improvement. A majority of whites felt that poor blacks were to blame for their condition and that blacks should not receive preferential treatment. Among Blacks, opinion was divided. Conducted in early spring, the survey polled the views of 850 blacks, 100 Hispanics and 850 members of the general public about race, politics and social policy.



RAINBOW/PUSH COALITION TO HOST TOWN HALL MEETINGS

A town hall meeting on "Race and Public Policy" will kick off the first annual Rainbow/PUSH Coalition conference July 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Chicago Hilton & Towers Hotel. The event will bring together some of the country's top researchers, educators, civil rights leaders and public policy-makers to discuss racial justice before a national audience. The conference, "Equal Educational Opportunity: Opening New Markets" (July 30 - Aug. 2), will close with another town hall meeting, "Vision 2000: The Road to the White House," as the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. and political pundits will discuss the three-year road to the White House and congressional politics. "There are critical issues facing the nation," said Jackson. "Whether it is the inequalities in funding schools for our children versus the funding of the jail-industry complexes or the corporate out-sourcing of jobs and economic opportunities, Rainbow/PUSH intends to have a voice." For more information and convention registration call (773) 373-3366 ext. 253 or 262.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPORTS ON NATION'S CHILDREN

A report, "America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being," issued by the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics provides a composite picture of the well-being of the nation's children. The study used 25 key indicators, including their behavior and social environment, economic security, education and health. This is the first in a planned annual series that will monitor the status of the nation's children as required by Presidential Executive Order 13045. Positives include: fewer children are uncertain about where their next meal is coming from; more parents are reading to them; more are enrolled in early childhood education programs and graduating college; childhood immunization rates increased and infant and child mortality decreased. Conversely, illicit drug use and cigarette smoking among adolescents are up and more youth, particularly black males, have become victims of violent crime since 1980. In 1993 1.6 million children were either abused or neglected; children from families with annual incomes below \$15,000 were 22 times more likely to experience abuse and neglect than those from families with \$30,000 annual incomes.



Photo special to Sentinel-Voice

Motown recording artists and Las Vegas' own 702 are featured on the "Good Burger" sound track.

702 hits the big screen, sorta

Las Vegas' own 702 recorded the first single to be released from the "Good Burger" movie soundtrack.

The Motown recording group's song, *All I Want*, laces old school, Jackson Five-era melodies with contemporary R & B.

The song also appears on the group's debut album, *No Doubt*. The single, available July 29, will also feature a B-side remix of the group's gold single *Get it Together*.

"Good Burger" is a Paramount/Nickelodeon film set for release July 25. The movie stars Nickelodeon/Good Burger

television stars Kenan and Kel.

Discovered by Michael Bivins, New Edition member and Boyz II Men founder, 702 sports their hometown area code as their name. With two gold singles and a major touring opening in tow - including opening for New Edition, Keith Sweat and Blackstreet - they have gained a foothold in the music industry.

The group will promote the movie and soundtrack in various cities. They plan to tour with MCA recording artists Immature beginning late August.

College scholarships slated for EC students

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Thanks to the new Higher Education Enhancement Act (HEEA) program, outstanding high schools students in Las Vegas' Enterprise Community now have the chance to excel in college.

The Clark County Commission approved Tuesday an Interlocal Contract granting the Community College of Southern Nevada (CCSN) \$150,000 to provide scholarships to Enterprise Community students.

"Often times, youth from the Enterprise Community do not have the financial resources to obtain higher education," commission chair Yvonne Atkinson-Gates said.

Gates said the scholarships will remove educational barriers. "The only way to change a community is for young people to be given the educational opportunities to become productive citizens."

The Enterprise Community includes nine census tracts within the North Las Vegas,

West Las Vegas, East Las Vegas and Meadow Village areas.

Students will be selected for the HEEA program based upon need, residency, high school achievement and community service. They will be tutored throughout the length of their scholarships.

Upon completion of degree and/or course work, students will be required to perform community service.

Clark County, the cities of Las Vegas and North Las Vegas, the CCSN and other organizations will comprise the selection committee.

The Southern Nevada Enterprise Community (SNEC) Program was launched in December 1994 when President Clinton designated the city's urban core an Enterprise Community. Along with the designation came a \$2.95 million grant for economic and social revitalization.

Gates thanked the CCSN's Richard Moore for providing

the vehicle needed to educate the kids. She also praised the trailblazing efforts of Bobby Siller, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He was involved in the initial discussion of how to use the money, she said.

The SNEC Program was structured in five funding categories: Economic and Small Business Development Incentives, Education and Job

Training, Child Care Assistance, Community Policing/Public Safety and Business Development.

Individuals interested in this program can call the CCSN at 651-4536.

For more information on the SNEC Program call the Clark County Community Resources Management Division at 455-5025.

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