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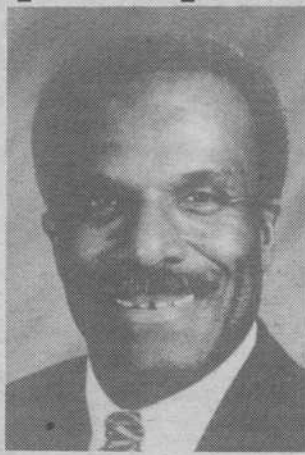
High school principal honored by alma mater

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Chadron State College presented The Distinguished Alumni Award to Michael Kinnaird, principal of Advanced Technologies Academy, during spring commencement in Nebraska.

In 1994, Kinnaird was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at his alma mater for his outstanding basketball skills, making this the second time he has been honored by the school.

Kinnaird is no stranger to national recognition, as he was selected Nevada Principal of the Year in 1997 by the National Association



MIKE KINNAIRD

of Secondary School Principals and Met Life Insurance, and also received the Milken Foundation Award that is presented to

educators who have left lasting impressions in their field. The Clark County School District's Excellence in Education Hall of Fame made Kinnaird a lifetime member this past April.

Kinnaird got his start in Jeffersonville, Ind., where his mother still resides. After graduating from Chadron State in 1969 with a major in social science, Kinnaird taught for two years in Las Vegas.

He then earned a master's degree in secondary education from Northern Arizona University and tried his hand in administration. Kinnaird gained enough clout

as principal of Brinley Middle School for 12 years to be asked to help design the building and curriculum for Advanced Technologies Academy, the first custom magnet school in Clark County.

Kinnaird's accomplishments don't stop there.

About two years ago, he was appointed by then-Gov. Bob Miller as chairman of the Commission on Educational Technology for Nevada. Kinnaird also served as president of the Clark County Association of School Administrators and the Las Vegas chapter of Phi Delta Kappa Education Honorary.

Minority enrollment up in UC system

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — University of California officials are expecting a slight increase in the number of underrepresented minorities enrolling this fall, the second year without affirmative action.

Most of the gains would be made among Hispanic students, who will make up 9.1 percent of overall enrollment, compared to 8.9 percent last year. The figures released Tuesday reflect the number of admitted students who have indicated they plan to accept their offers.

The number of black students expected to enroll was virtually unchanged, from 751 to 755. Hispanic expected enrollment was rising from 3,190 last fall to 3,391, an increase of 6 percent. American Indians, also considered an underrepresented minority, showed a decrease in expected enrollment, from 200 to 148, a drop of 26 percent.

Overall, underrepresented minorities make up 15.4 percent of the 27,800 students who plan to attend this fall.

At the same time, the proportion of Asian Americans has increased to 37.7 percent, up from 35.2 percent last year. White students also increased to 37.7 percent, 3.7 percent higher than last year.

University of California regents voted in 1995 to abolish race-based admissions. The changes went into effect for undergraduates last fall, leading to sharp decreases in black and Hispanic admissions.

Black and Hispanic admissions rebounded this year, an increase credited to strong recruitment and a more comprehensive application review. Admissions of blacks, Hispanics and American Indians fell only 27 students short of the total for fall 1997, the last year of affirmative action.

Although overall numbers were up, the percentage of underrepresented minorities accepting offers of admission dipped slightly, from 57 percent last year to just under 56 percent this year.

Library District to present 'Reading is a Fine Art'

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Who needs surf and sun, when you could have books and air conditioning?

The 1999 Summer Reading Program, *Reading is a Fine Art*, sponsored by the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District and the Friends of Southern Nevada

Libraries begins Saturday, June 5.

Children's author/illustrator Yoshi, Ronald McDonald, and the Southwest Airlines mascot will appear at the kickoff celebration Thursday, June 10, at 5 p.m., at the Clark County Library Theater, 1401

East Flamingo Road.

All kids have to do is read and they can win fabulous prizes. Among the prizes for elementary school participants are cookies, a free pass to Lied Discovery Children's Museum, a temporary tattoo, a Gold Medal and entry into a

drawing for a free BMX bicycle and helmet.

Teens also have a chance to win such illustrious prizes as free food, movie passes, CD's, Nike bags and T-shirts, music keyboards, and entry into a drawing for a computer and a free round trip to SeaWorld in San Diego, courtesy of Southwest Airlines.

The program ends July 31.

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During the Fourth African-African American Summit in Harare, Zimbabwe, Dr. Leonor Johnson heard an appeal for pencils and paper for African schools and resolved to make a contribution during this Summit, she told reporters.

She solicited friends and colleagues around the country to purchase solar-powered scientific calculators for students in Ghana.

Students in a second-grade class in Kentucky saved money and organized others, collecting enough for 150 calculators.

Teachers and students at an Arizona community college collected another 125 calculators, and she personally collected 58 calculators, Johnson said.

Sullivan's African initiatives have always included an education component.

His Opportunities Industrialization Centers, and the International Foundation for Education and Self Help (IFESH) — which sponsors the Summits — have pledged to build more than 1,000 schools throughout the continent (200 schools have already been built in Africa or are under construction), and have trained thousands of bankers and teachers as well as young students.

Nevada State Bank creates MBA scholarship fund at UNLV

According to Richard Morgan, dean of the College of Business and the William S. Boyd School of Law, Nevada State Bank has donated \$30,000 to create the Nevada State Bank MBA Scholarship Fund at UNLV.

Students enrolled in master of business administration programs (MBA) will be the prime recipients of the fund, which provides initial financial support for the Nevada State Bank Annual MBA Scholarships. Scholarship recipients will be selected from applications submitted through the UNLV Student Financial Services Office. The dean of the College of Business will approve final selection.

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