

Poinsett

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not to be politically active during college, but to study and strive for a Phi Beta Kappa key.

This last bit of advice sparked quite a reaction among the audience, many who said they felt it was essential that black college students be a part of any political movement in order to maintain their blackness and students' traditional vanguard role. Several students said they felt they had an obligation to the black community. Poinsett agreed but stated this obligation should be fulfilled after graduation.

He said he gave the same advice to his daughter, a University of Chicago medical student, and his son, a third year electrical engineering student at the Illinois School of Technology.

In a public policy studies class, Poinsett said *Ebony's* summer issue on black-on-black crime caused two major conferences to be held, in Oakland, California and on the east coast. He said the problem of black-on-black crime is especially close to him since he lives on the far side of Chicago which is plagued by black muggers. He said, to solve the problem, "something needs to be done about unemployment and poverty."

In a brief discussion about presidential candidates, Poinsett said President Jimmy Carter came in with all "lullabies and promises" and has proved to be a great disappointment. He said Ronald Reagan visited Johnson Publications and gave the impression that "once he got off script, he was lost." Poinsett said he expected Reagan "to have some smarts," but was disappointed.

He said he does not give

candidate John Anderson any serious consideration, but was thinking of casting a protest vote against Carter and Reagan.

Students mentioned that Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr., and Jesse Jackson supported Carter and that Andrew Young had been quoted as citing the increase in CETA (Comprehensive Education and Training Act) jobs, federal judges, and the passing of a Fair Housing Bill as advances of grassroots blacks.

To this, Poinsett responded that King was a dear friend of Carter, who "Carter has the good sense to..." He said he does not respect King's opinion in politics. He called Jackson a shrewd opportunist who is hard to figure out because he "plays on all forces."

He added that CETA jobs did not affect massive unemployment, that no one has been arrested for Fair Housing violations and that the appointment of 52 black federal judges means little to the hungry. Nevertheless, he said he will probably swallow his pride and cast a Carter ballot because "staying home or writing in a candidate is no answer."

When asked if the answer was an independent national black political party, Poinsett said he didn't know how productive it might be. He said he formerly advocated the idea but now sees it as unrealistic because he doesn't believe a "black political party can make much difference in the black cause." He said the majority of blacks will not join a black party.

Poinsett, whose father was a janitor, was raised in a family of six. He went to the University of Illinois on the G.I. Bill and emerged with a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in philosophy. He has been with *Ebony* for 25 years.

Poinsett said he is currently working on an article about prominent blacks in the Labor Movement.

Poinsett was sponsored by Duke's Black Student Alliance



LISTENING INTENTLY to remarks being made by James P. White, representative of The American Bar Association who declared that the Association is pleased with the development and schedule of the NCCU Law School are: Gov. James B. Hunt, William A. Clement, chairman of the NCCU board of trustees, Judge Richard C. Erwin and Harry Groves, dean of the school.

Count Basie, Lena Horne To Receive Britannica Awards

CHICAGO — Two stars from the world of entertainment, Count Basie and Lena Horne, will be among the nine men and women from North America to be honored with 1981 Encyclopaedia Britannica Awards for Achievement in Life.

Ms. Horne will receive her award for Achievement in the Performing Arts, while Basie will be presented with the award for Achievement in Music.

The awards will be presented at a formal dinner in Chicago October 2.

Mortimer Adler, chairman of the Board of Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica, made the announcement of those who will be honored for significant contributions within their particular fields of endeavor.

This is the fourth year that Britannica has presented these awards. The 1981 recipients are:

Governor John Y. Brown, Jr., Achievement in Business/Public Service; Presently, governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky; formerly, chief

tucky Fried Chicken, Inc., owner of Lum's franchised restaurants, and the Boston Celtics professional basketball team.

George S. Halas, Achievement in Sports; Acknowledged "father of professional football" as player, coach and owner of the Chicago Bears for six decades.

Yousuf Karsh, Achievement in Fine Arts; Internationally prominent photographer whose works are represented in permanent collections in New York, Chicago and throughout the world.

Henry Rosovsky, Achievement in Education; Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University, and author.

Eric Sevareid, Achievement in Journalism; Former television commentator, radio news broadcaster and war correspondent for CBS News for four decades.

Tennessee Williams, Achievement in Literature; Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright whose plays have included *The Glass Menagerie*, *A Streetcar Named Desire*,

The Rose Tattoo, and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*.

Rosalyn S. Yalow, Ph.D., Achievement in Science and Medicine; Second woman ever to win the Nobel Prize in Medicine (1977); presently, chairman, Department of Clinical Sciences, Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in New York.

The selection of recipients for the 1981 Britannica Achievement in Life Awards was made on the basis of notable contributions in the fields of public service, business, the arts, science, medicine, sports and education, and whose attitude and accomplishments exemplify the ideals of Britannica — authority, excellence, and human enlightenment.

Among those who have been honored in past years include Henry Aaron, Steve Allen, Pearl Bailey, Lucille Ball, Frank Borman, Ellen Burstyn, Dr. Michael DeBakey, Ella Fitzgerald, Benny Goodman, Hubert Humphrey (posthumously), and James Michener.

William "Count" Basie is the leader of a band that is rightfully called "the most explosive force in jazz." Basie was born in Red Bank, N.J., and in the 1920s he began his career by playing in Harlem nightclubs. Soon after, he went on tour with a theater unit and when the tour broke up in Kansas City, he joined the Bennie Moten Orchestra. When Moten died in 1935, he took over as leader.

It was the beginning of his rise to prominence with a band known for the blues and rhythmic pulsation. The Basie Band has performed in nightclubs and movies, on radio and television and at concerts including one at Carnegie Hall in New York in 1939. The Band was voted "the greatest ever" in a Musicians' Poll in the 1956 *Encyclopedia Yearbook of Jazz* and has won numerous other awards through the years, including *Esquire's* Silver Award and various readers' and critics' polls conducted by *Down Beat*, *Metronome* and *Playboy* magazines.

Lena Horne's career in show business began at the tender age of sixteen when she was taken by her mother to audition for a job as dancer in the chorus at Harlem's famous Cotton Club. It was there that she first encountered a number of outstanding jazz musicians, including Duke Ellington, Count Basie and Cab Calloway.

After leaving the Cotton Club to join the Noble Sissle Band as a dancer, Sissle began to train her as a singer and it was in this area that she was to gain her greatest fame. She sang with the Charlie Barnett Band and then at Cafe Society, a New York nightclub before leaving for Hollywood and an engagement at the Little Troc. While performing there, she was spotted by a talent agent and put under contract at MGM, for whom she eventually made about a dozen musicals.

Ms. Horne also performed in three all-black film musicals, "Cabin in

Dr. Fitts To Complete Term As Ass'n Head

DURHAM — Dr. Howard M. Fitts, chairman of the department of Health Education at North Carolina Central University, will preside at the September 23-26 meeting of the North Carolina Public Health Association in Charlotte to complete his term as president of the association.

Dr. Marvin A. Schneiderman, Associate Director for Science Policy of the national Cancer Institute, will be the keynote speaker for the first General Session of the annual meeting. Other speakers for the convention include Dr. Hugh L. Tilson, director of the North Carolina Division of Health Services, and Dr. Sarah T. Morrow, the state's Secretary of Human Resources.

N. Carolinian Is Honored

Clyde Pulley of Goldsboro, educator and former candidate for Lieutenant Governor, has been selected for inclusion in the Third Edition of *Who's Who Among Black Americans*. The journal recognizes 13,000 prominent black men and women from every sector of the country in industry, government, human services, and entertainment.

Pulley is a columnist and special correspondent for several eastern North Carolina newspapers, the *Afro-American*, and black newspapers in North Carolina, including *The Carolina Times*.

"the Sky," "Stormy Weather" and "The Wiz." In addition to concerts, theaters and nightclubs, she has appeared as guest performer on a number of TV shows. Among the many awards Ms. Horne has received is a Doctorate in Humanities awarded her by Howard University.

Second Black

(Continued from Front) At this time, the petite, brown-eyed lieutenant will decide if the military is a lifelong career.

"This will be my first unit assignment and if my experiences are very

Dear Consumer

Social Security: It's to Your Benefit

By Esther Peterson

Nearly one out of seven persons in the United States receives monthly social security checks. Most of us, nearly nine out of 10 workers, in fact, are earning protection under social security.

Since the inception of social security in 1885, many changes have been made to improve the protection for ourselves and our families. Monthly cash benefits are now paid to disabled and retired workers and to survivors of covered workers.

Depending on your circumstances, benefits may start, stop, go up, go down, or you may be eligible for a special minimum benefit. If you are over 65, you are probably eligible for Medicare — if you are under 65, you may be eligible if you become disabled and are entitled to social security benefits for two consecutive years or more.

Social security cash benefits depend on work credit accumulated, which is measured in "quarters of coverage." The exact amount needed for cash benefit eligibility depends on your age. If you stop working under social security before you've earned enough credit, you can't get benefits later. But the credit you have already earned will stay on your record and you can add to it if you return to work under social security.

Having enough credit, however, means only that you or your family can get checks. The amount of your check depends on your average earnings over a period of years.

While most jobs are covered by social security, special rules apply if you work in someone's home do-

positive and good, I could very well decide that the army is the only way of life," said Knighton.

There are problems associated with military, but according to Lt. Knighton, "they are no different from any of those encountered in everyday life."

"I've run into some problems. Some have been racial, but I've handled them and it has left no bitter feelings about the military. Learning to fly has been an experience of pleasure and pain, and I will never forget it," she said.

Lt. Knighton stated she was "shocked" by some of the "pink slips" she didn't think she deserved during the program, and expected others when her performance was not particularly good.

Hunt Urges

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ing housecleaning, gardening or babysitting; if you are a student employed by your school or college; if you own, operate or work on a farm; if you are a member of a religious order; if you have a job where you get cash tips; or if you are an employee of a state or local government or a nonprofit or international organization. Special rules also apply to those who work or are self-employed outside the United States.

Two methods are used for calculating benefits: one for those who reached age 62, became disabled, or died before 1979, and a second method for those who reached age 62, became disabled, or died after 1979. So that no one will be disadvantaged, the law has a provision requiring that retirement benefits for workers who reach age 62 between 1979 and 1984 be computed using both methods, with the worker being paid the higher benefit of the two calculations. Benefits for workers who become disabled and survivors of workers who died in 1979 or after are figured only under the new method.

As you can see, there are many complexities in determining social security benefits. But I am happy to report that there are many helpful people nearby who can explain the aspects of social security that apply to you and provide other information or help with problems.

The Social Security Administration has over 1,300 offices conveniently located throughout the country. (Check your phone book under "U.S. Government" for the office nearest you.) Representatives from these offices make regular stops in neighboring communities.

"An adult is one who has ceased to grow vertically but not horizontally." Anonymous

years.

He referred specifically to his work with Erwin on the State Board of Education and when Erwin was a state representative from Forsyth County.

In 1977 the Governor appointed Erwin to the State Court of Appeals, where "he is generally recognized as one of the finest judges in our entire judiciary," Hunt said.

When he stood for election to the judgeship in November, 1978, Judge Erwin won more than sixty per cent of the vote, becoming the first black to be elected to statewide political office in North Carolina this century.

Governor Hunt urged the Judiciary Committee and the United States Senate to move as quickly as possible to see the Erwin is confirmed for the Judgeship.

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