

BLACK WOMAN ACHIEVES EDUCATIONAL FIRST



Corene Flowerette Walker Casselle was awarded the first Doctorate in Education degree ever conferred by the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, during impressive graduation ceremonies held in the beautiful, multi-million dollar Aladdin Theater of Performing Arts in Las Vegas on the 21st of May, 1977.

Dr. Casselle, an educator and published education writer, has taught in the Chicago, Ill. and Las Vegas, Nevada public school systems for the past decade. She is a recognized reading specialist, with experiences ranging from the primary grades on through the college area, including a period as a trainer of other professionals in the reading disciplines.

Dr. Casselle is a native of Chicago, Ill. and the daughter of Mr. and Ms. Lawrence E. Walker of that city. She is a product of the Chicago public school system, having attended Henry Horner, Wendell Phillips, and the Harvard Elementary schools and Parker High School. Dr. Casselle received her initial degree from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Ill. in 1964. After spend-

ing two years in Brazil, S. A. as a member of the Peace Corps, she returned to Illinois and teaching. She gained her Master Degree from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana in 1970. After relocating in Las Vegas during 1973, Dr. Casselle returned to her graduate studies at U. N. L. V. while teaching in the Clark County Public School District.

When the doctoral program was started at U.N.L.V. Dr. Casselle was accepted as a candidate in the initial group. During her final year of study and dissertation preparation, Dr. Casselle was awarded a fellowship from the National Fellowships Fund headquartered in Atlanta, Ga. In conferring the terminal degree upon Dr. Casselle, U.N.L.V. president Dr. Donald Baepfer noted that, '... this represents an academic milestone in the history of U.N.L.V. . . .'

Dr. Casselle is married to internationally noted artist and poet, Beni Casselle. They have two children, Lawrence Walter Kwakou and Anika Fani. Dr. Casselle's sister, Ms. Sarah Walker of Chicago attended the impressive ceremonies with their proud parents and many friends.

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OPENING NITE A SMASH FOR SMOKING JOE
Pictured are Joe Frazier, Sandra Albert and Sammy Sands.

The VOICE and company were royally entertained at the premiere of the Smoking Joe Frazier review presented by the Hacienda. Joe smoked us over with his warmth and innocence; his repertoire of songs included 'Tear Feeling Blues'; Stevie Wonder's 'I Wish', and

his sensational rendition of 'I Did It My Way.' The show commences with three versatile dancers; Debra, Pamela, and Sharon and the Fabulous F3-60, Michele, Carol and Fonzi. With an abundance of talent, they captivated the audience

PURSELL RESIGNS

William Pursell has submitted his resignation after only six days on the job as Public Administrator to Clark County Chairman Thalia Condere. Pursell was appointed May 17 to fill the vacancy created upon Nat Adler's sentencing for a felony conviction. Even though Pursell ran for election to the spot in 1974 losing only to Adler and actively sought the recent appointment, he now feels he doesn't have 'benefit of the financial or physical resources to do the job in the manner I feel necessary to fulfill my pledge.'

Chairman Dondero expresses surprise and disappointment in the announcement. 'The Commission was unanimous in the selection of Bill and we were happy that at long last, the functions of that office were in capable hands. I feel that he did not realize the adverse effect the position might have on his highly successful insurance business and that caused his change of heart.' 'However,' Dondero continued, 'he apparently feels that the short period of one and one-half years he would serve in office before he would have to seek reelection would not justify the initial investment for facilities, equipment and personnel he would be forced to make before any income would be realized from the position.' The Chairman concluded that the matter of acceptance of the resignation would be placed on the June 7 agenda for Commission consideration.

throughout the entire show. It should be noted that all of the fantastic footwork was choreographed by Henry Le Tang of New York.

The VOICE applauds you Joe as you are really 'Smoking.'