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LENORA FULANI & RON DANIELS:
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We sincerely hope that the African American press does not miss this golden opportunity to either endorse or at the least profile Ron Daniels and Lenora Fulani, two U.S. presidential candidates, regularly until November.

These profiles would serve to educate readers to their positions and platforms, much in the same way that George Bush, Bill Clinton, Jerry Brown and Ross Perot have commanded headlines in both the African American and non African American press.

Although both Fulani and Daniels have outstanding columns that run in the Pan African press, at this time HILTON: HIGHER EDUCATION will do a three part column that will serve to supplement their stated positions.

Readers will quickly see that Fulani and Daniels are veteran politicians with slightly different ideologies. But both have consistently stood firm on their programs.

We strongly encourage students, voters and prospective voters to keep both eyes on the political ball. (714) 899-0650.

Six years ago when I still lived in New York, I began taking Dr.

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Lenora Fulani seriously. A few years ago, I became acquainted with Ron Daniels.

Although I can not claim to know either one very well, we do know each other and what I do know of them, I like. It is too bad I can not say they like each other, however.

In fact, in 1988, I had no problem promoting Lenora's presidential candidacy just as today I have no problem agreeing with much of what both of them are still saying. But why don't they like each other?

Both Lenora Fulani and Ron Daniels claim to be representatives of independent politics, but just how independent are they really according to their critics? According to Lenora's camp, Ron Daniels is more interested in derailing her than with actually running for president.

They said, "Although he has a long track record of political action, none of his organizations ever ran a serious electoral campaign or built anything lasting.

"Therefore Daniels stays safely within the tradition of the official LEFT-talking loud, but not making any real changes." So the criticisms of Daniels goes.

Ron Daniels counters by saying that Lenora's party, the New

Alliance Party is not "really a Black led party", but rather a "multi-million dollar cult" run by a white man living in the Bronx with a "very checkered history".

Dr. Fulani refers to that man, Dr. Fred Newman, as the founder of social theory. Ron Daniels is alleged to have said that social therapy is used "to recruit people into the movement" and for that reason "borders on being unethical."

Beginning to sound a little bit like crabs in a barrel? Perhaps, but it has always been my position to look for positive messages rather than harp on perceived weaknesses. And it is my firm belief that these two individuals are two of the most positive and constructive politicians around. I strongly agree with Lenora when she proclaims, "I don't believe in unity if what unity means is protecting Black leaders from criticism, from challenge and from dialogue, while our children are dying." Or did Ron say that?

I also agree with Ron that "the critical issues and concerns of Native Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, poor and working people and the concerns of the broad progressive movement must necessarily be incorporated into the Black Agenda platform." Or did Lenora say that?

ENROLLMENTS ARE UP AT HISTORICALLY BLACK SCHOOLS

Enrollment at the nation's 105 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) increased 16 percent, from 223,000 to 258,000, between the 1986 and 1990, according to a report released by the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities, 1976-90 concluded: "At least some of this

recent increase has been due to a larger proportion of black students choosing to attend HBCUs. But over the entire 1976 to 1990 period, the racial/ethnic student composition at HBCUs has diversified."

According to the report:

• The 1986-1990 rise in HBCU attendance (all races) shows a 29 percent increase in woman's enrollment, while

men's enrollment rose less than one percent. The proportion of non-black students attending HBCUs rose from 14.5 percent in 1976 to 18.5 percent in 1990.

• Black enrollment at HBCUs rose 10 percent (1976-1990) compared to 20 percent at other institutions. The proportion of black students in higher education who were attending HBCUs dipped from 18.4 percent in 1976

to 16.5 percent in 1986. In recent years the trend has reversed; in 1990, the proportion of black college students attending HBCUs rose to 17.2 percent.

The report is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Mail Stop: SSOP, Washington, D.C. 20402-9328, for \$6.50. The stock number is 065-000-00511-5. Phone orders should call (202) 783-3238.

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SIX YEAR OLDS GET EXTRA HELP TO PREPARE FOR FIRST GRADE

Approximately 300 six-year-old students are receiving additional classroom instruction to help them get ready for first grade.

These students attended kindergarten last year but their teachers felt that a little extra instruction would be beneficial before they entered first grade

August 24. Called the Pre-First Grade Intersession Program, this three-week program began July 27 and will continue through August 14. Students receive three hours of instruction per day, and classes are taught at all sixth grade centers and two elementary schools, Walter Bracken and C.P. Squires.

Shirley Barber, principal at Mabel Hoggard Sixth Grade Center, said, "Students in this program frequently come from educationally unstimulating environments with economic circumstances that prevent them from experiencing activities that most first graders have enjoyed."

The Pre-First Grade Intersession Program assists students who are educationally at risk of failing and eventually dropping out of school.

The program helps students adapt to new surroundings and

lays the groundwork for success in school.

Each class consists of one teacher, one instructional assistant and a maximum of 25 students. Parents are also an integral part of this program. They are required to attend training sessions about how to help their children at home with school assignments and are given home learning kits as part of the program.

The Pre-First Grade Intersession Program is funded by the Clark County School District.

Bill Nave  saved these

kids from drowning, but he's not a lifeguard.



Verleeta Wooten found several new stars, but she's not an astronomer.

And Ivan Neal put out a lot of fires, but he's not a firefighter.



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