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# THE HILLTOP

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## University Custodian Appreciated by Students

By Kellie Carter  
Contributing Writer

William A. Carmon, 63, has worked for the University for over 30 years and has never been sick.

Carmon is a short, dark-complexioned, elderly man who cleans the halls in the School of Communications.

According to many, he wears a bright smile and a name badge every day.

"Hello, how ya'll doing? Ya'll have a good day now," he says to students in a sweet fatherly voice.

"I enjoy working at Howard University," Carmon said. "It's a good environment with good people."

Carmon said he believes that God has given him a gift.

"I can see when students are down," Carmon said. "The most important thing is to make a person laugh and bring cheer to them."

"It means a lot when somebody cares, we all need somebody we can talk to," he said.

Carmon says his parents and Godmother played a

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Photo by Harvey Jenkins

## Homecoming Begins

Homecoming began on Friday with the Mr. and Miss Howard pageant. Above, the annual Libation and Fireworks Ceremony took place on the yard Sunday evening.

## Jowers and Gainer Crowned Mr. and Miss Howard



Photo Chauna Bryant

Mr. School of Engineering, Jamal Jowers, and Miss Arts and Sciences, Tiffany Gainer, start their reign as Mr. and Miss Howard.

By Courtney K. Wade  
Hilltop Staff Writer

On Friday, the 2002 Mr. and Miss Howard Pageant held in Cramton Auditorium took guests back in time to the jumpin' and jivin', swingin' and singin' days of "Club Hilltop" in Harlem circa 1922.

Harlem Nights: the Essence of Elegance, the theme of the pageant, was reminiscent of the days of Billie Holliday, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, big bands and juke joints. The stage was decorated with two tables complete with flowers, silver ware and cloth

napkins. The opening act, 'Harlem, Here We Come' introduced all ten contestants to the audience while dancing and shaking in their shingled dresses and zoot suits.

Hosts for the evening were Miss USA 2002, Shaunta Hinton, Jeannie Jones, a Radio Personality from WKYS 93.9 FM, and Howard University Associate Director of Student Activities, Rasheem-Ameid Rooke. The trio kept the crowd entertained and informed throughout the night.

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## Bison Football Team Upsets Powerhouse, FAMU, 28-24

By Aisha Chaney  
Sports Editor

In what many thought would be a thrashing by Florida A&M, the Howard Football team defied the odds and pulled out a shocking 28-24 upset in a hard-fought battle at Bragg Stadium Saturday.

The Bison (3-2, 1-1 MEAC) had not beaten the Rattlers since 1993 and more importantly, never in Tallahassee.

FAMU, ranked 21st in the most recent Division I-AA polls, were coming off a stunning 31-13 home loss to South Carolina State and it appeared the Bison were just what the doctor ordered. But the Bison had another prescription for success.

Trailing 24-21 with 2:34 left to play, senior quarterback Donald Clark threw a 37-yard

strike to junior wide out Jonathan Brewer on 4th and 8, for Howard's final touchdown of the game.

"We were actually just trying to get the wind down, but the person we wanted to go to was covered and Jonathan Brewer had an opportunity to break loose," said Bison head coach Ray Petty. "He's probably the fastest person we have on our football team and he got across the field and made a big play for us."

The Rattlers (4-3, 2-2 MEAC) had one final chance but their hopes of a possible comeback ended when safety Vontrae Long intercepted the ball in the end zone on fourth down with 32 seconds remaining.

Even though the Bison committed six turnovers (2 interceptions, 4 lost fumbles)

and gave up 91 penalty yards (11 total penalties), the team refused to let that stop them and retaliated with a fierce defense and relentless ground attack led by junior Jay Colbert (7 carries, 128 yards, 1 TD) and freshman Keon Coleman (6 carries, 48 yards 1TD).

Coleman's touchdown, an 11-yard run that gave the Bison their first lead of the game 14-10, came with 10:40 remaining in the first half.

That lead quickly turned into a 24-14 deficit after Rattler quarterback Reggie Hayes (21-42, 337 yards) completed two touchdown passes of 31 and 19 yards to wide-outs Dennis Bonga and Rod Miller in less than two minutes.

Not to be outdone, Colbert broke loose from defenders for a 60-yard touchdown run (his longest of the season) to bring

the Bison to within three, 24-21 heading into halftime.

The Bison defense came out strong the second half and never let up, as they held the Rattlers scoreless. The defense was led by junior cornerback Brian Johnson (6 tackles, 1 fumble recovery), who had two key interceptions at crucial points in the game and senior All-American linebacker Tracy White (10 tackles).

"Big time players make big time plays and everybody out there was ballin' because it was a big time game," Johnson said. "It wasn't just me. They were calling a lot of blitzes so I was getting a lot of opportunities to run around and do a bunch of good things out there."

In addition to White and Johnson, linebackers Charles

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Photo by Lawrence Johnson

Junior cornerback, Brian Johnson, recorded six tackles and two important interceptions in the team's 28-24 victory over FAMU Saturday.

## Comedy Show Tonight in Cramton

By Nina Dennis  
Contributing Writer

Telling jokes for a living is serious business. Just ask the group of Howard students who booed Chris Thomas off the stage at last year's comedy show.

Not one to be intimidated by a challenge, comedian Damon Williams from "The Black Comedy Tour" is eager to please audiences at Howard University. "I usually get a warm reception wherever I'm onstage, but I do know that crowds can turn on you in a minute."

Williams, accustomed to performing for college crowds, has definitely seen his share of ugly situations. At Northern



File Photo

Damon Williams, who has appeared on BET's Comic View, will perform tonight at the comedy show.

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## School of Communications to Hold 30th Anniversary Gala Magic Johnson Among Honored Guests Scheduled for Thursday

By Meredith Moore  
Contributing Writer

On Thursday, the School of Communications will celebrate its 30th Anniversary, which will be marked by a gala award and fundraising dinner to raise capital to support the construction of a state of the art telecommunications building to replace the aging facilities at C.B. Powell building where the school is housed.

Howard University President, H. Patrick Swygert, says he supports the efforts to build a new facility so Howard students will have an edge in the highly competitive field of communications.

"Our students must have the most modern technological equipment and facilities to become fully competent and

competitive on a global basis," Swygert said.

Since 1971, the School of Communications has trained over 4,000 African-American students for careers in journalism, radio, television, film, public relations and communications arts and sciences.

More than 60 percent of the graduates from the School of Communications are working communications professionals.

The Dean of the School of Communications, Jannette Dates, is proud of the progress made by the school's alumni.

"We have prepared more communications professionals than any other historically black college or university in the world," Dates said.

Ashley McFarlin and Jamal Brown president and vice presi-



Photo by Harvey Jenkins

The School of Communications will have a 30th anniversary celebration dinner Thursday.


dent respectively of Communications student council will make presentations at the gala.

"We are excited about the

event," McFarlin said. "It is a good opportunity for the School

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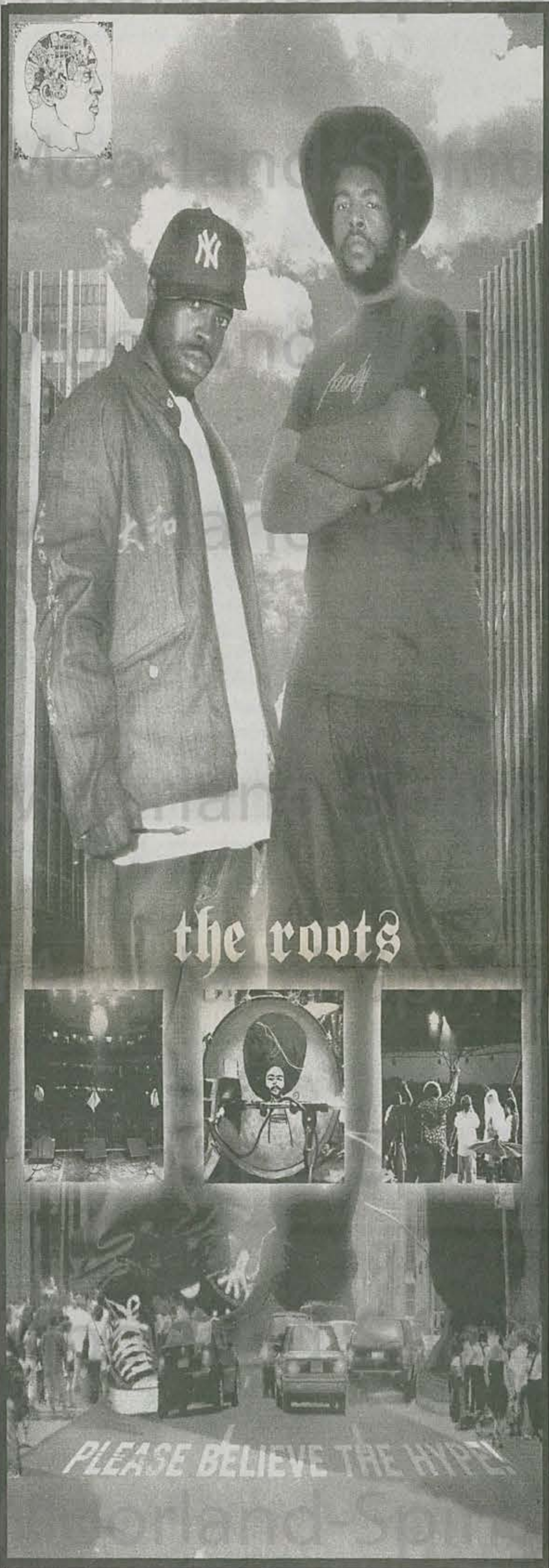
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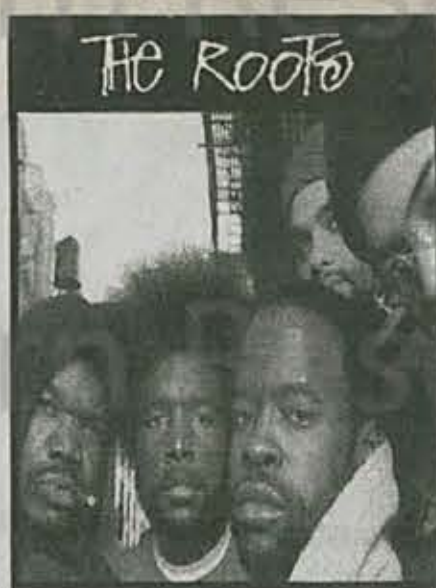
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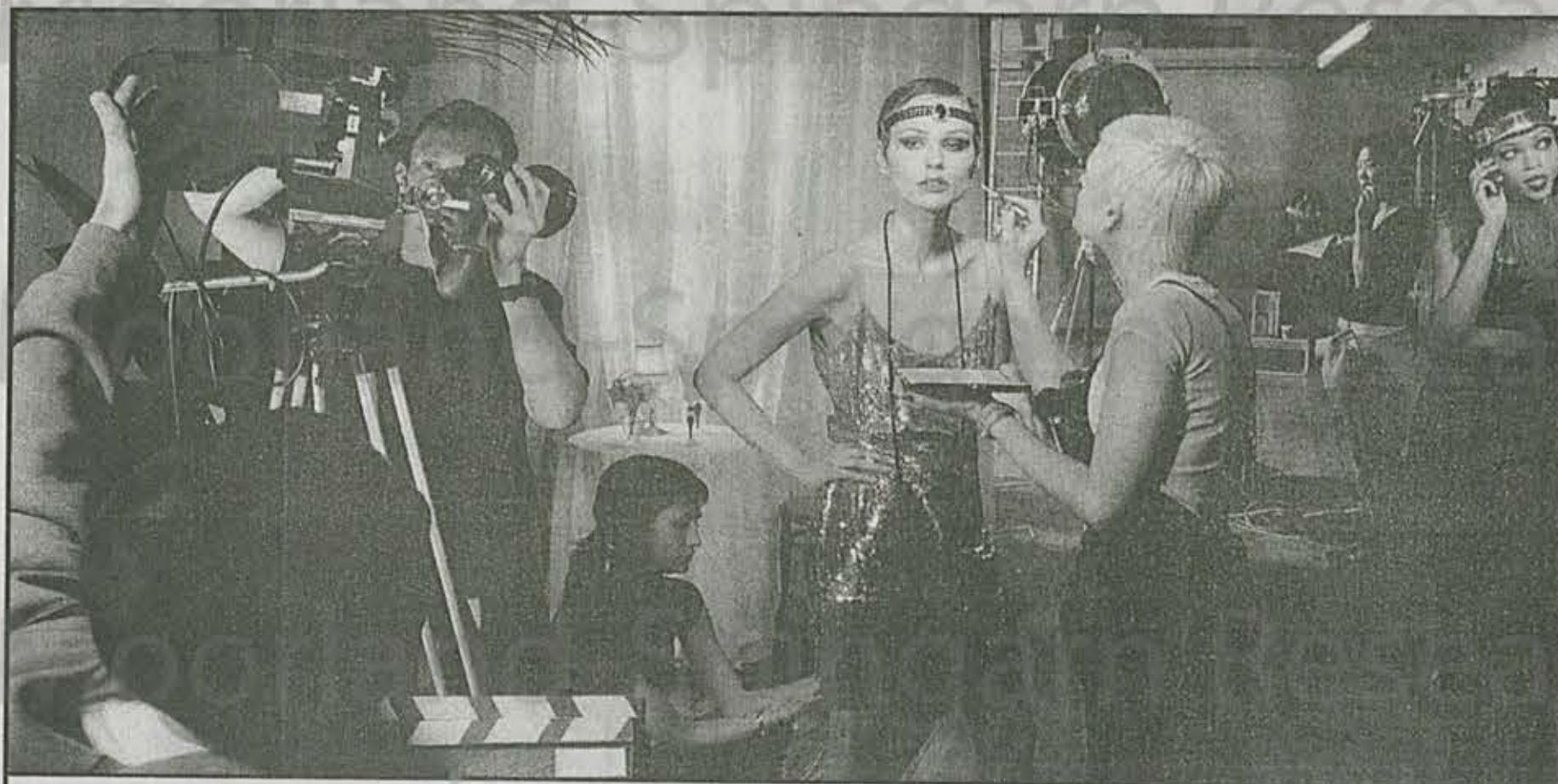
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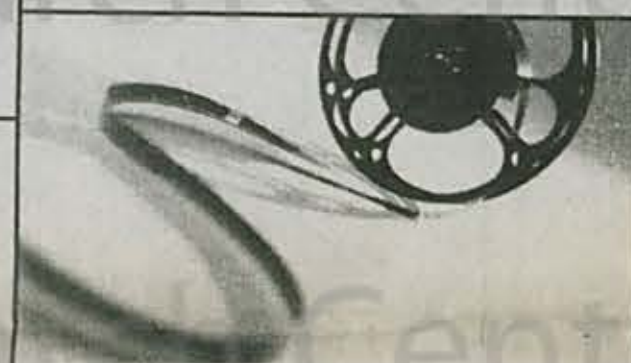
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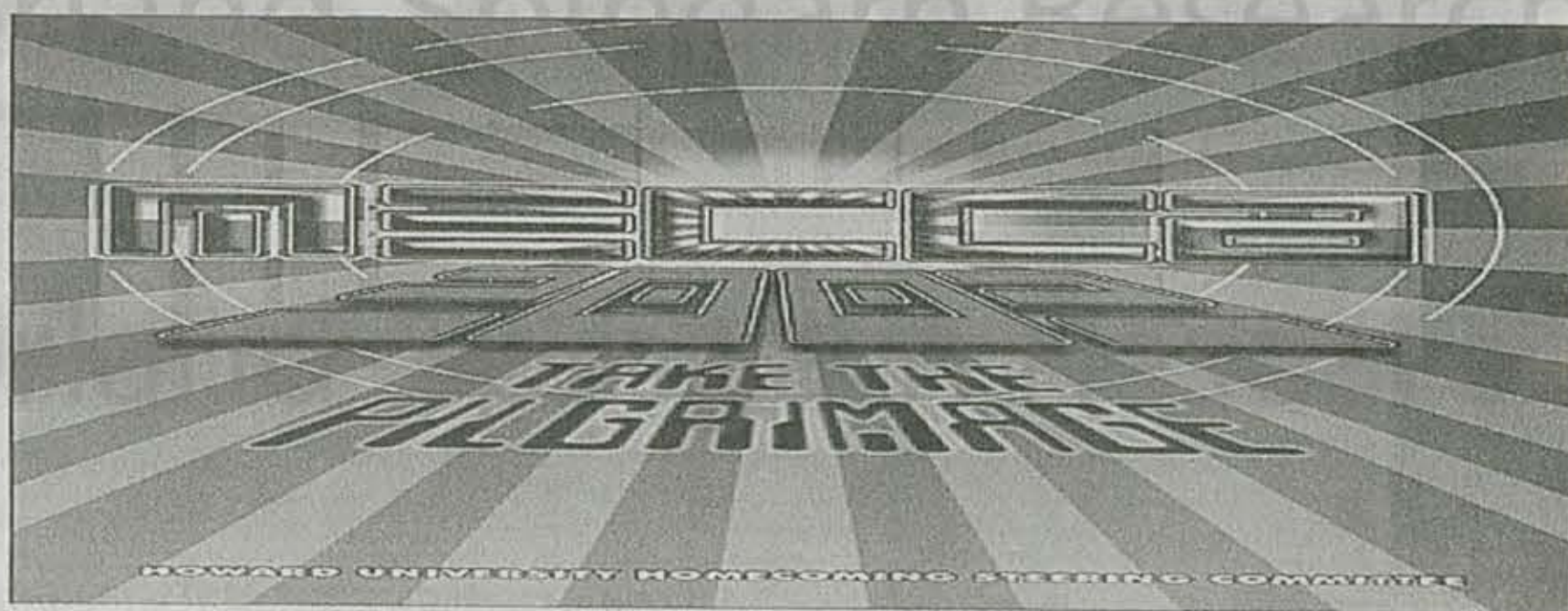
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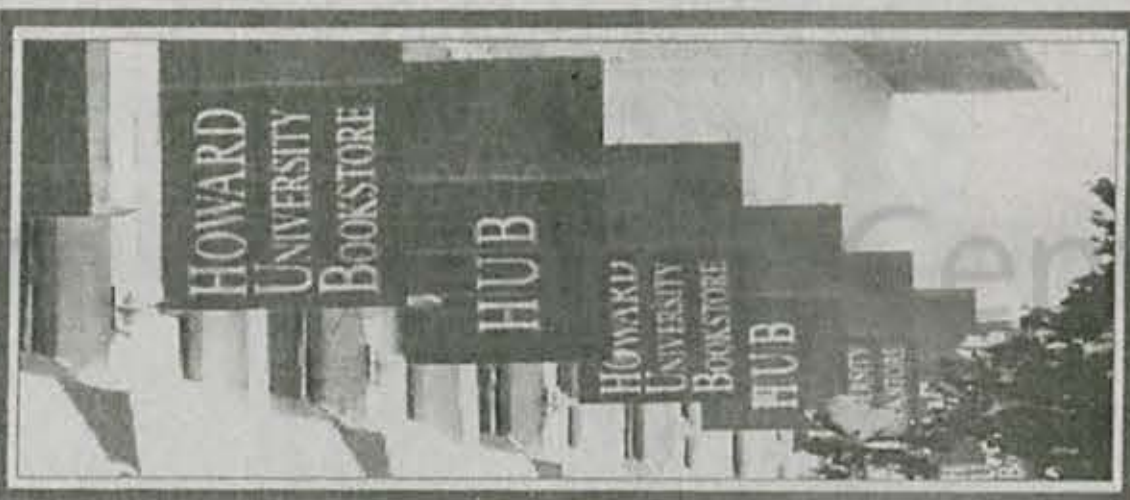
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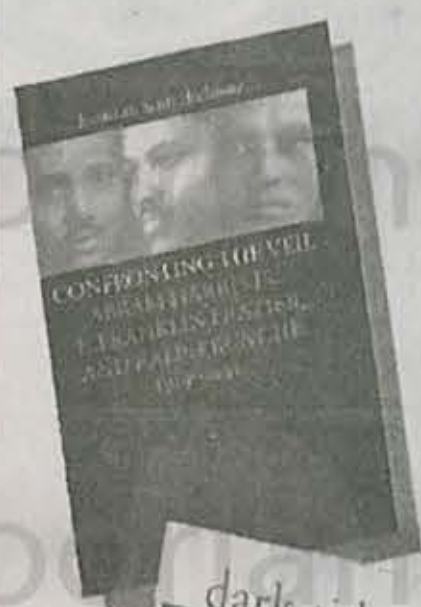
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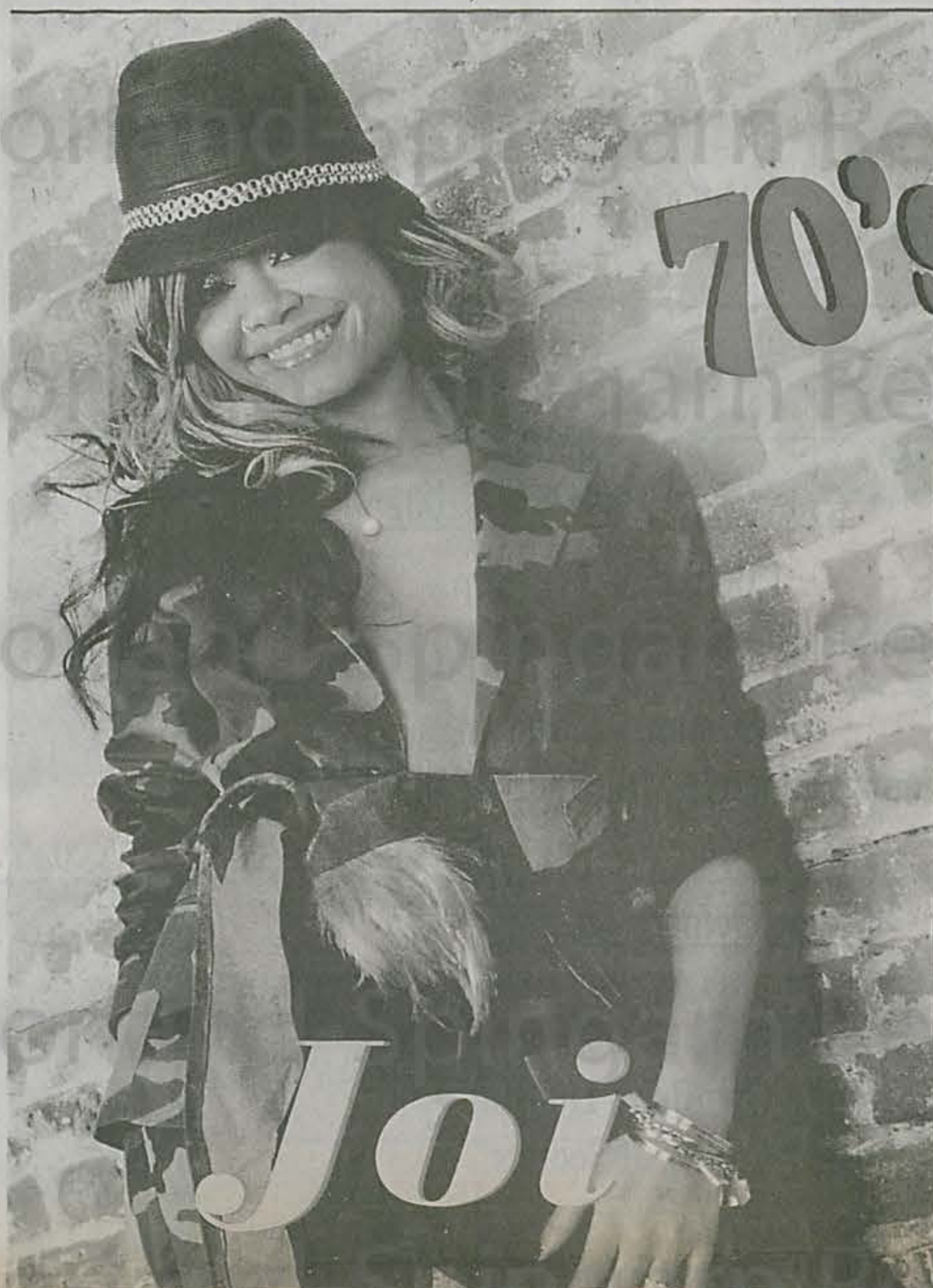
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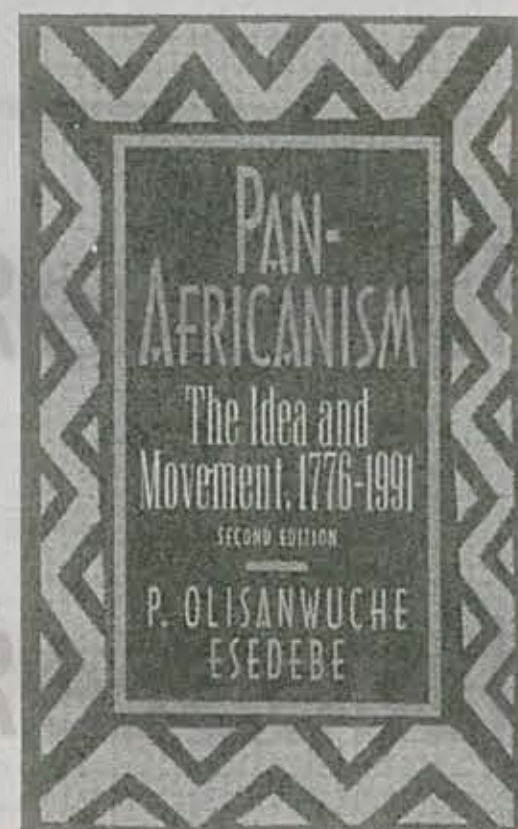
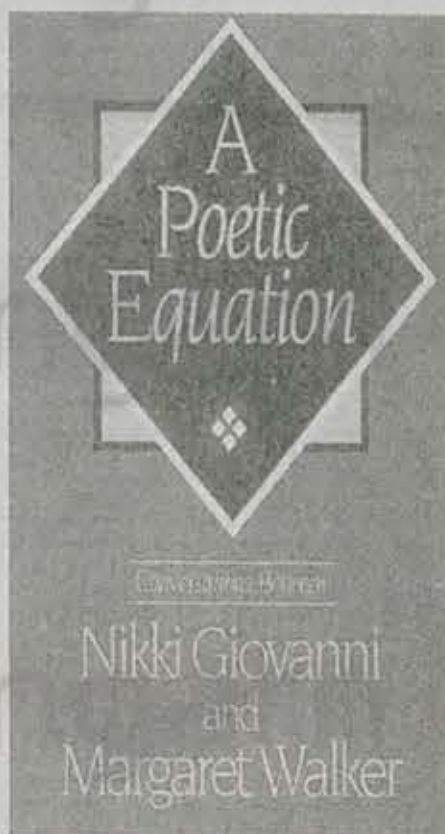
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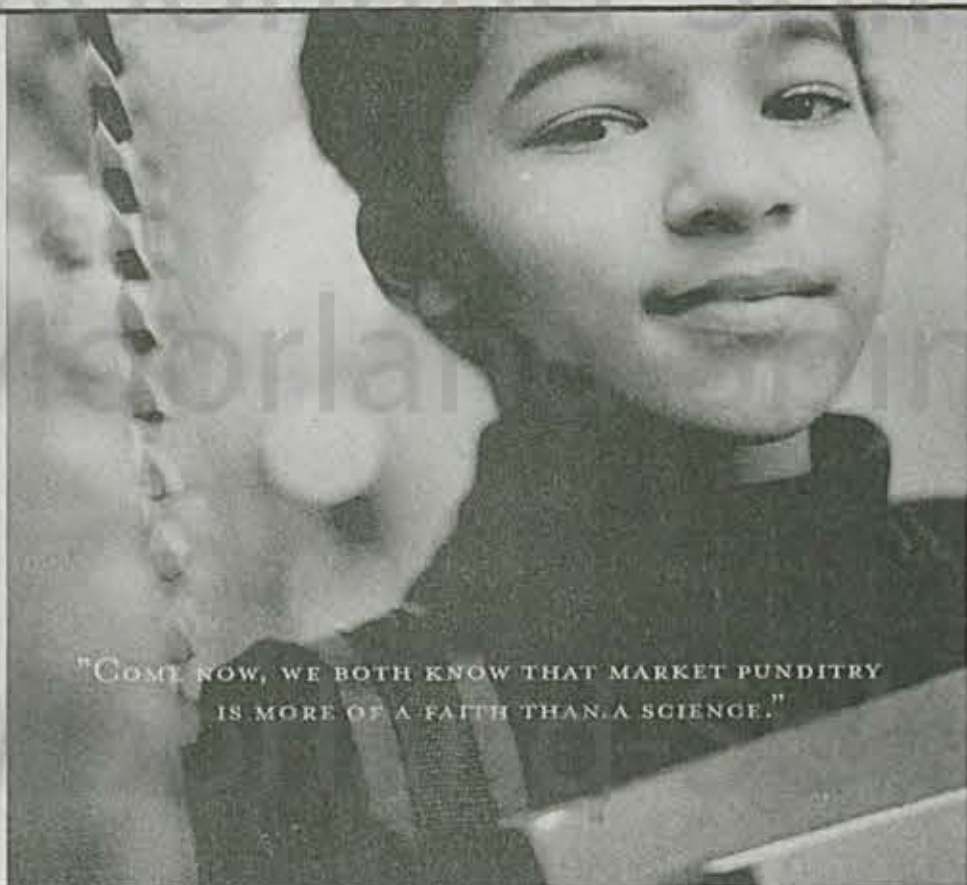
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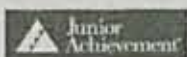
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# NEWS

## HERO from page A1

strong role in his life.

"There was plenty of love in the home. My godmother took me under her wings and was a big support and I always said that if I ever get the opportunity to share all that [I would] because I'm so blessed."

Carmon's sincerity does not go unrecognized by students.

Krissey Posey, a junior, public relations major admires Carmon.

"He's a really nice man that says good morning to me every time I walk through the door," Posey. "There were three people in front of me and he said good morning to all of us."

Tai Harley, a junior, and film major agrees and said, he's always encouraging students like myself to finish school and work hard. He always wishes us to have a good day, and he bought donuts and

sunny delight for all the students one day.

She continues by saying, "We need more people like him in the world!"

Not only students, but teachers also recognize Carmon's friendly gestures.

Lawrence Kaggwa, a professor in the School of Communications, commends Carmon's cordial gestures.

"He's one of the most friendly janitors I know, he feels comfortable with different people and bears no inferiority complex," Kaggwa said.

According to Carmon, his welcoming personality comes naturally.

"You want to just share and you can't do enough because you're always making room for more."

"Once you have all that within you, it'll become a habit. All I'm about is what's good and what's helpful for other people. That's my life," Carmon

said.

Carmon is one of 15 children, nine brothers and five sisters.

In order to get to DC, Carmon walked from Woodbridge, VA to 18th and T Street in NW Washington, DC, in one day, and taught himself, his brothers and his cousin to read and write by using the newspaper.

He has been married to his wife, Janice for over 37 years. They have five children and eight grandchildren.

"Once God puts His love in you, you don't have time to get sick, you don't have room," said Carmon.

"People bring sickness on themselves by the way they think," Carmon said.

He knows he doesn't have a problem dealing with people and he feels he has been a big help in a lot of areas.

## COMEDY from page A1

Illinois University, he witnessed students throwing bottles onstage at a few unskilled amateurs. Despite the occasional raucous behavior of younger spectators, he's says he's looking forward to a great show.

The Chicago native has been in the comedy business professionally for 10 years. He got his start soon after viewing Eddie Murphy's "Delirious" special. "It was purely inspirational," he says.

Williams' list of credits includes appearances on BET's "Teen Summit," "Apollo Comedy Hour," Comedy Central's "Comic Justice" and "Good Day Chicago." He previously hosted BET's "Comic View", Apollo night at "All Jokes Aside" in his hometown, and served as House M.C. at the "TNT Comedy Hook" in Lansing, Illinois. He also works on the Doug Banks afternoon radio show on WEJM, or

106 Jams in Chicago and toured with "The Kings of Comedy."

So, how does such a seasoned veteran stay in high demand by crowds nationwide? Williams, who gets his topics from a variety of sources like popular culture, current events, and personal issues, stresses the importance of staying fresh on material and tailoring his subject matter to fit the audience.

In response to War against Iraq Williams said Bush should focus on home issues.

"If I ran into President George Bush, I would tell him to quit worrying about going to war and focus on the economy over here. My wife just got downsized," Williams says chuckling.

The comedian claims he enjoys hip-hop, but is disturbed by its negative influences on today's youth. He believes rappers should use their talents in more positive ways. Artists like Common, Mos Def, Malik Yusef and Slum Village are his favorite,

but dislikes demeaning songs like "Move Bitch...get out the way."

It's the ability to be humorous without compromising his morals that keeps Damon Williams popular. While he understands

Howard University's policy to forbid cooking and burning candles in dorm rooms for safety reasons, he laughs when it comes to the part about ironing restrictions.

"No ironing in bedrooms? Everybody should think about wearing linen, so then it won't matter," he jokes.

Williams will appear Tuesday at "Apollo at the Mecca" in Cramton Auditorium along with comedian "Chocolate," who has also appeared on "Comic View." The show will combine talent and comedy and is to feature Howard students as well. Festivities kick off at 7p.m., with tickets on sale for \$12 general admission and \$10 for students.

## BISON from page A1

Woodall (5 tackles) and Michael Ajayi (6 tackles) put the pressure on Hayes, forcing him to make some bad passes.

Cornerbacks Rontarius Robinson (5 tackles), Rashad Frazier (5 tackles) and Serge Sejour (4 tackles) played key roles as well, as they harassed the Rattler wide-outs, preventing them from catching any balls in the end zone in crunch time.

Junior defensive back Anthony Shackelford had his first career touchdown early in the game when he ran back a blocked punt by teammate Jamar Smith 31 yards for

Howard's first touchdown.

Clark finished the game 9 of 15 for 99 yards and ran 18 times for 86 yards.

"We always knew that if we came out with the type of scheme where we would just come out and fight, then we'd be able to play to the best of our ability and give it a game," Clark said.

Four of Howard's starting offensive linemen missed the game due to injuries (Glen Vinson, Mark Owens, Richard Dorceus, and Willie Shine), but their second unit all turned in outstanding performances.

Petty moved senior tackle Marques Ogden to center, a position he had never played before. Clark and Ogden had

problems early in the game because of the little time Ogden had to prepare in practice, but they soon found their chemistry and it stuck with them the remainder of the game.

"All the guys that were in there really stepped up and played exceptionally well for the amount of time they had to prepare," Clark said. "To come down to Tallahassee in this hostile environment, they really did a great job."

The Bison look to improve their win streak to three this Saturday at Homecoming in an important match-up against cross-town rival Morgan State, who is coming off a huge 30-13 upset over North Carolina A&T.

## HOWARD from page A1

Steve D. Mobley, Jr., the pageant coordinator and sophomore legal communications major, carefully selected judges from a variety of backgrounds from radio and television to pageant winners.

According to pageant protocol, 60 percent of the judges must be of the Howard community and 40 percent of the judges must be Howard student leaders.

The talent portion of the pageant was quite unique and refreshing.

"Can a brotha get some grits with that?" was not a request shouted at the waiters of Club Hilltop; rather, it was a poem performed by Geonard Butler, Mr. School of Communications.

Marletta Boyd, Miss School of Business, became the "Empress of Blues," Bessie Smith in order to perform an interpretive dance piece to India.Arie's song, "Ready for Love."

Cedric Sanders, Mr. College of Arts and Sciences, theatre arts major, acted out his sleepless nights on stage with his song, "I Can't Sleep."

Miss School of Education, Kyra Kidd, used her talents and models to work the runway with her personal fashion designs that will soon be create her clothing line.

"I like the theme of Harlem Nights and the diversity in talents and personality among the contestants," said Robert Boone, a junior political science major.

Ebony En Vogue was the portion of the pageant where contestants modeled their eveningwear and showed their flair for fashion and style. Although the stairs proposed an obstacle to some, the judges and audience members were

allowed to observe how well the contestants handled unbalanced situations.

The idea of keeping one's cool while under pressure crossed over into the Poise and Purpose portion. Contestants stood at the top of a stair platform and answered random questions, which were delivered by "the voice," or Olu Burrell.

Although the questions were repeated once, the contestants were restricted to a one-minute response.

Some audience members found the questions puzzling. One contestant was asked, "Each spring only 18 to 20 percent of the student body votes in the HUSA elections. How would you use your reign to solve this problem?"

Miss School of Communications, Jessica Johnson, returned to the platform to answer another question since her initial question was similar to the one she had answered in her school pageant weeks earlier.

The Mr. and Miss Howard University pageant would be complete without remembering the reign of Mr. and Miss Howard University 2001-2002, Alex Dixon and Kamiah Muhammad, with their final walk. They both recognized the people who were influential to the success of their reign.

After about a thirty-minute intermission, poems, "Chocolate Milk" and "Four Letter World" by host, Rasheem-Ameid Rooke and senior English major, Olu Burrell respectively.

"Backstage, we all knew it would be a tough decision because we were all great," said Mr. School of Communications, Geonard Butler.

The third runner up for Miss Howard University was Nia Wallace of the College of

Pharmacy. The second runner up was Marletta Boyd of the School of Business. For Mr. Howard University, the second runner up was Cedric Sanders of the College of Arts and Sciences, and the first runner up was Darryl Lockett of the School of Business.

At the end of the evening, Jamal I. Jowers and Tiffany C. Gainer were crowned Mr. and Miss Howard University 2002-2003.

Mobley researched the Harlem renaissance extensively and used his findings to replicate Club Hilltop from the vernacular and music to the costumes and props.

"Last year's pageant was a big production. I wanted my pageant to be even bigger," said Mobley.

Mobley said the theme was a homage to Howard University. "This year we're turning 135 years old and that was a time of great black history."

This year's judges were: Larry Brown, Jr., Undergraduate Student Assembly Coordinator, Christie Davis, Ms. Maryland 2000, Angela Foreman, Howard University Student Support Services Counselor, Lesli Foster, CBS News Correspondent Channel 9 Washington, DC, Olivia Fox, Radio Personality from WKYS 93.9 FM, Shayla Jackson, ABC Off-Air Producer, Chris James, WHUR 96.3 FM "Quiet Storm" host, Derek Kindle, Howard University Student, Sarah-Elizabeth Langford, Miss District of Columbia,

T. Nicole Merritt, Vice-President of the Howard University Student Association, and Vallyn Smith, Miss Howard University 2000-2001.

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of Communications capital campaign."

Earvin "Magic" Johnson, basketball Hall of Fame superstar and entrepreneur will be honored at Thursday evening's function.

Dates said Johnson was selected because of his overall impact on communications, particularly in the black community.

"His focus for the past five or six years has been on diminishing the digital divide by getting African Americans more involved in the Internet and helping them to understand how communications can be a tool to help improve their lives," Dates said.

The School of Communications will also present CNN News Anchor Fredericka Whitfield and Ebony magazine associate publisher Jeff Burns with the Alumni of the Year award at the Gala Dinner.

Fredericka Whitfield received her bachelor's degree

in journalism from the School of Communications in 1987 and is currently a news anchor for "CNN Saturday" and "CNN Sunday."

Prior to working with CNN she was a correspondent for NBC news in Atlanta. Whitfield has also received the 1991 Groit Award, the Society of Professional Journalists "Rookie of the Year" Award and a Sigma Delta Chi Award. She is being recognized by the University for her outstanding contributions to broadcast journalism.

Jeff Burns graduated with a dual degree in marketing and communications from Howard in 1972. He is presently associate publisher and senior vice president of Ebony magazine.

Burn's honors include the Communications Excellence of Black Audiences (CEBA) Award; the National Council of Negro Women's Business Award; the New York City Howard University Alumni Association's Alumni Achievement Award. He is being recognized at the gala for his contributions in print jour-

nalism.

The celebrations for the 30th anniversary will also include a Symposium titled, "New Voices, New Perspective and New Challenges in Communication Theory, Research and Practice: Influences, Convergences and Consequences." It will be held at the Ralph Bunch International Affairs Center on Wednesday.

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