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Homecoming Means: Ram Jam, Step Show, Fun Comedian Brings Laughter To Ram Jam

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Hilarious, full of energy and did we mention extremely funny, are only a few statements to describe Arnez J, who was the featured comedian at the Homecoming Ram Jam '96 show.

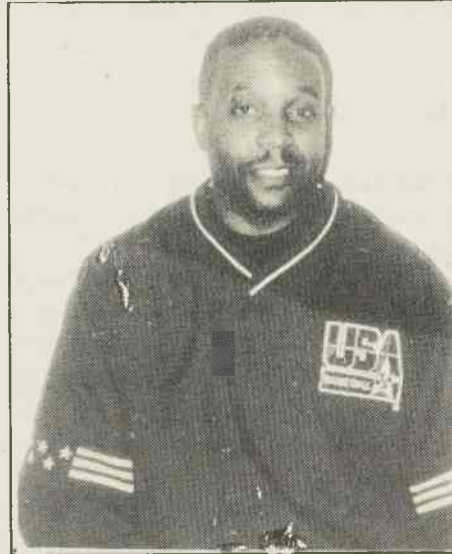
Down to earth and straight forward comedy is what makes Arnez J such a good comedian and definitely a crowd pleaser.

Not only did he please the crowd, but Arnez J was pleased with the response he received from the crowd as well.

"I was pleased with the show and thought A Tribe Called Quest and the Lost Boyz did a good job," said J. He went on to say he's "not really into rap but felt very pleased with the performances of the other artists."

Arnez J, who is originally from Atlanta, Georgia, has been doing stand up comedy for six years. He has had the opportunity to work with comedians such as Bill Bellamy, Bernie Mack, Martin Lawrence, Joe Torrey and Adele Givens.

When asked about plans for any



Arnez J

upcoming projects he replied, "I just signed a contract for an untitled television show where I will be the star attraction and a comedy special is in the works."

With his talent and strong ability to keep the crowd in stitches, we're sure that whatever Arnez J has in store for his future career, he will definitely go far.

Kappas Disqualified From Homecoming Step Show

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The Delta Chi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi, Fraternity, Inc., was disqualified from the Homecoming Step Show, sponsored by SGA.

"The Kappas were disqualified because we told them, 'if you get other schools to help you step, then all the members of your chapter must step' and all the Kappas didn't step," said Dr. Barbara J. O'Neal, assistant vice chancellor for Student Affairs.

"Miscommunication, was the problem," said Ervin Kershaw, senior computer science major and Delta Chi's vice president.

According to Kershaw, there are only four members in the Delta Chi Chapter: Christopher McDougal, senior; Richard Bellamy, senior; Antonio Milendez, senior; and Ervin Kershaw. Only three of them are members of the step team. McDougal is not a stepper. "It was decided, within the organization, that he would not step," said Kershaw. "So he did the music."

Members of the fraternities and sororities were given a copy of the rules and regulations which stated that all members of the chapter must

PARTICIPATE in the step show. "So we thought since he was doing the music, he was alright," said Kershaw.

After four weeks of practicing with the help of their Kappa Kid, Cantrell Newton, and their brothers from UNC-G, the Kappas gave an outstanding performance. At the end of their top-notch performance, O'Neal and members of the SGA told them they were disqualified.

"We were real upset," said Kershaw. "Considering we told Jeffrey Alston, SGA vice president, that Chris would be doing music and he said that was fine, as long as his name was on their roster and what his job was."

According to O'Neal, the problem was the confusion over the difference between "participation" and "stepping." When asked whether the words "participation" and "stepping" were made clear in the rules and regulations, O'Neal replied, "We didn't officially put it in."

She said she takes full responsibility for the different interpretations and that the next time it will definitely be in black and white. She added, "Stepping

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"Ram Jam '96" Rocked Homecoming

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Lost Boyz, Arnez J and A Tribe Called Quest rocked Ram Jam '96, October 5 at Winston-Salem's Lawrence Joel Veterans Coliseum.

With a crowd turn out far better than last year's, hip-hop fans anticipated the arrival of the show's star attraction. Concert attendees were definitely ready to get "their groove on to the head nodding beats" of Tribe and the Lost Boyz.

Although the wait was long for the opening act, Buster Brown of 102 Jamz, tried to keep the crowd live during (what seemed to be hours long) intermissions.

Finally, comedian Arnez J, of HBO's Def Comedy Jam and BET's Comic View, started the show off with a

very funny act, full of energy, keeping the crowd laughing. Funny is as funny does and Arnez J was definitely funny.

"Representin' puttin' Queens on the map and flowing with style that's very versatile," the Lost Boyz finally took the stage and turned the coliseum out with their hit songs, "Music Makes Me High," "Rence," "Lifestyles of the Rich and Shameless," and "Lex, Coupes, Beemers and the Benz," just to name a few songs on their debut album, Legal Drug Money.

Even though the Lost Boyz weren't the headlining act, they rocked the crowd. Mr. Checks, Freaky Tah, Pretty Lou, and Spigg Nice filled the coliseum with a head nodding flow that wouldn't let you stay in your seats.

They did it to us "Ince Again," coming out strong as ever, A Tribe Called Quest, the headlining act ripped the stage. Demanding crowd participation in every

song that they performed, Tribe performed their most popular hit, "Bonita Applebaum," but with a different twist to it.

Not only did Tribe rock the stage with hits from their current album, Beats, Rhymes and Life, like "Ince Again" and "Stressed Out," they also performed hits from "Back in the day on the Boulevard of Lyndon." "Old skool and new skool" hits from Tribe filled the coliseum.

After rocking the stage, Tribe said their thank you's and pretended to be ending the show. When the crowd started to leave their seats and exit the coliseum, Tribe rushed back on to stage and performed "Award Tour," and "Check the Rhime," driving the unsuspecting crowd wild.

Ram Jam '96 definitely was a crowd pleaser. Ram family members only hope Ram Jam '97 will be "da bomb" too.



A Tribe Called Quest