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HBO comedian hosts talent show

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Music, laughter and drama filled B.N. Duke Auditorium on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. The talent show is an annual event that many students look forward to and participate in each year during NCCU's Homecoming week. Many of the students seemed very pleased with the performances.

It was hosted by comedian Carl Banks who has appeared on BET's Comic View and HBO's Def Comedy Jam. He performed and talked about subjects ranging from the L.A. riots to homosexuality. Following his performance Miss NCCU, Junelle Gist performed a monologue entitled "Ms. Pat" by George Wolf's *The Colored Museum*. She played the role of a prim black woman who has been brainwashed to believe that slavery is wonderful.

Following her, NCCU student

Melvin Ingram sang "Give Us This Day" accompanied by Senior Class president Roderick Allison playing the trumpet. Erica McGray captured everyone's attention with her rendition of "His Eye is on the Sparrow". Next

Alvin "Kool Aid" Robinson, a junior from Charlotte, NC performed a stand up comedy act that really left many people in tears. He discussed issues ranging from problems with Campus Security to oral sex. Robinson says that he has seen many comedians on television that are not talented. "I got tired of watching everyone else on TV. that were not funny and I thought I could be funnier than them. Hopefully in the future I will be getting on Def Comedy Jam after I graduate from NCCU." The last two performances were by

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'If one HBCU can close, they all can,' -Miss CAA Maletha Dixon

By Catilla Everette
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"Set positive goals and begin your path. It does not matter what your goals are, as long as you have faith, belief, and determination you can achieve them." As these words fell from Miss Collegiate African American's lips, the crowd at B.N. Duke Auditorium was in awe.

Maletha Dixon visited NCCU's campus Tuesday, Nov. 15, as part of her campaign as Miss CAA. She will travel to each of the 117 Historically Black College and University spreading her aspirations for the plight of her people.

"My message to people, particularly the young, is for them to grasp their own basic principles and live by them," said Dixon. "By doing so, people can accomplish anything without limitations."

Dixon spoke of the importance that we, as a Historically Black College, must fight for the perseverance of all our HBCU's everywhere. If one HBCU can be closed, it can and will happen to all of them.

Dixon then performed an original monologue, "The Greatest Creation," stressing the importance of our female children and older women to see the beauty they possess.

The Miss CAA Pageant was begun by Frank Mercado in 1985. Mercado and members of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity of the University of Miami created the pageant to showcase and highlight the queens from Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The pageant is based on intellectual achievements, not outer beauty.

The pageant first aired on television in 1990 nationally with the hopes that it would help instill self-worth, pride, and the appreciation of black beauty and intellect as a role-model for black children and black people in general.

Dixon attended Jackson State University on an academic scholarship and Charles F. Moore Scholar stipend, awarded for high academic honors. She was on the National Dean's List, listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, chair of the Student Advisory Council and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. In between touring the HBCUs, Dixon works as an accountant on Kansas City, MO.

The program ended with presentations from SGA President Tonya Hicks

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Mmmm! Mmmm!
Thanksgiving day again!!!



Art by James Osler

Academic Support Center offers hints, help on surviving finals

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With final exams just around the corner, students need a place where they can get quality studying done. The North Carolina Central University Academic Support Center provides students with an alternative place to study with experienced tutors in academic areas.

Tutors are available in English, French, Spanish, biology, math, history, public administration, and accounting. Both of the available counselor-tutors are NCCU graduates.

The director of the Academic Support Center, Ann Edmonds, describes the center as "a conducive place to study when students are out of class. The center has an open-door policy."

Located in the L.T. Walker Complex, Room 311, the center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. If requested, tutors are available after hours.

The staff services about 250 students weekly. Sophomore Domic Thomas said he prefers going to the center instead of the library because they provide tutors and books.

Spanish tutor Felicia Brim said,

"I enjoy tutoring and I like to see my students making progress. I don't mind taking 1-2 hours out of each day to tutor."

Sonya Laws-Scott, the athletics counselor-tutor, assists athletes and nursing students. She said, "With finals approaching, the center has an excellent work environment, and computers are also available for students."

In addition to extending the

hours beginning Dec. 1, the center will offer specific programs to help students prepare for final exams.

James Henderson, the counselor-tutor for non-athletes and a professor in public administration, gave some hints for studying for

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