—Redskins

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injuries.

D.C. Police reported making 31 arrests during the celebration, most for disorderly conduct and vending violations.

Williams spoke to the throng from a platform at the end of the nearly two-hour parade.

Sprinkled with confetti, Williams hobbled to the platform with crutches, still ailing from a knee injury he suffered during the first quarter.

"I'm just glad to be a part of the world champion Washington Redskins and be a part of this city," said Williams, as the crowd chanted "Doug, Doug, Doug."

"I consider myself a real, real lucky person because, first of all, two years ago when I became a free agent there was only one football team that gave me an opportunity to play and that was the Washington Redskins."

Defensive tackle Dave Butz, at 37 the NFL's oldest player, told the crowd: "I'm the only one qualified to say this, but we came, we saw and we kicked their butts."

Coach Joe Gibbs, holding the Super Bowl trophy, added: "It took all 45 guys to get this and all of you fans - all of us together."

The Redskins players and coaches motored down the one-mile parade route in tourist buses, some waving and others holding up their index finger signifying "No. 1." The team's theme song, "Hail to the Redskins," blared from speakers throughout the festivities.

Before the parade, the team met congressional leaders on Capitol Hill. At a reception in Mayor Marion Barry's office after the parade, Williams posed with Barry holding a cake in the quarterback's likeness.

Federal and city workers received paid leave to attend the parade and some local school children given time off to take part in the festivities.

The black man was seen taking his bows on a District street corner. He seemed to be acknowledging some sort of unseen applause for some sort of an accomplishment – a victory well which was a long time coming and well deserved.

And perhaps he was in a way. From the pride clearly etched on his face he seemed to feel the Redskin's victory over the Denver Broncos this past Sunday was not only Doug Williams' but his own as well.

A myth, after all, has been shattered — forever.

Much has been said and written about Doug Williams, this quiet, unassuming man from Zachary, La. Media types have labeled him a hero and a champion and have called his appearance in Jack Murphy Stadium this past Sunday, historic. Those of prominence from President Reagan, who welcomed the champions, to the City Council, who jockeyed for positions Tuesday to honor the man next week, have stopped into the limelight to pay homage to this man.

Congressional leaders even got into the act with their own resolutions honoring Williams.

But it was the District's black community who took Doug Williams into their embrace and called him one of their own — when he wasn't in the limelight, when he wasn't a media star, when he was just a quarterback nobody wanted.

The black community knows that Doug Williams is not that historic figure that the media has painted him to be. He is a man whose professional skills they appreciate and felt should be used to the best of their ability. The black community appreciated his class, his quiet dignity, the positive image he displayed like a bright light on the killing, the mayhem, that the feeling of machismo which is all but eliminating our black youth.

This city's black community knew Doug Williams would silence the newspapers, the ones that said he couldn't win the big games, the people who booed him in Tampa Bay. They knew this when he arrived in D.C. a season ago.

They knew he would shatter the myth. They didn't need to broadcast it to the powers-that-be who have made the man a media star. They talked about it quietly among themselves, sending the word throughout the community like their African forefathers did when a person of worth was born.

The people in this city's black community knew that Doug Williams' wiley intelligence and sharpen skills would make a path for others to follow and create a precedence where there would be a black coach — someday.

They knew it when he hurt his back and proved it with a petition 16 blocks long (and at last report was still growing). They knew it when he stepped into the pocket during that first game of the season.

And they knew that Doug Williams would no forget them, would keep his perspective and with that touch of class and that quiet dignity pay homage to others. He did it Sunday shunning the fact that he was the first black quarterback to play in the Super Bowl. He was a quarterback for the Washington Redskins and he and his team won the Super Bowl. He was proud that he had a hand in it and that was that.

They knew it because they were one of them.

Perhaps it is fitting that all this happened in a city and to a team which had been one of the last bastions of segregation. And perhaps it is fitting that all this happened to a man like Doug Williams who appreciates his roots.

When the dust of celebration settles and the endorsements stop coming, Doug Williams will always belong to this city's black community. He has given their young something to hitch their star to, something to look forward to. No longer will there be 'I want to be like ...' and fill in a white quarterback's name.

Doug Williams has made us proud. His accomplishments, his victory are the accomplishments of us all.

We should all take our bows.

—College plan

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terms of public support for private colleges and universities," said Rawlings.

The governor's plan would replace the State Board of Higher Education with a new seven-member Maryland Higher Education Commission.

It would serve as a coordinating board for all colleges and universities in the state.

Also, the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland with the Board of Trustees for state universities and colleges, would be consolidated into the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland System.

Morgan St. and St. Mary's College would retain their own governing boards and the remaining 11 state public colleges and universities would be linked together under one governing board.

The plan would also merge the State Scholarship Board under the Commission and be renamed the State Scholarship Administration.

The Commission will also be headed by a Commissioner to be appointed by the governor who will provide a closer and more direct link between Maryland's higher education system and the rest of state government, according to the governor.

Information released from the governor's press office this week said the consolidation plan "represents an important opportunity to move Maryland to the top rank of higher education systems in the U.S."

The release also said the plan would improve the quality of the entire system and of each individual institution.

Concerning Morgan State U., the plan says the University of Maryland System would recognize the roles of the state's historically black institutions and, affirm the need for increased access for economically-disadvantaged and minority students.

The student financial assistance section of the plan states a scholarship, grant or loan issued under the plan may be used at any public or private institution higher education in the state that possesses a certificate of approval from the Commission.

The governor has included about $39 million in additional funding for higher education in the budget.

The University of Maryland was given $27 million, St. Mary's was given $380,000 and Morgan St. was given $200,000. State scholarships were enhanced by $3.5 million.

Discontent over the governor's plan prompted Rawlings to create a higher education plan of his own.

His plan calls for abolition of the State Board for Higher Education and establisment of the Maryland Commission for Higher Education.

His plan also calls for the powers and duties of the State Scholarship Board to be turned over to the SCHE.

Under the plan MCHE would appoint a commissioner for higher education who is the chief operating officer of the commissioner. The governor would approve the selection of the commissioner.

Under the student financial aid section of the Rawlings plan, a need-based student financial assistance program would be created. Aid would be given to students from low and moderate income families.

"The primary purpose of this program is to remove the financial barriers from students who seek a college education and to minimize student loan indebtedness, especially during the first two years of college attendance," the plan states.

There would also be graduate and professional Fellowship Program targeted for minority students in disciplines where minoriies are underrepresented.

The plan also calls for an Early Intervention Program whose purpose would be to raise the level of academic preparedness of minority students who go on to college.

Ideas for his plan were conceived when Rawlings and members of the Black Caucus went on a retreat last summer to discuss the governor's plan to reorganize the state's higher education system.

Rawlings, Chairman of the Health and Environmental Subcommittee under the Appropriations Committee, said he spent four months as a member of a special workshop on higher education with twelve other legislators including Lieutenant Governor Melvin A. Steingberg, discussing ways to improve the state's higher education system.

"I'm convinced the positions that have been embraced by the Black Caucus are sound and in the best interest of future higher education in the state," stated Rawlings.

Rawlings said the governor's proposal will foster tension in the higher education arena because the coordinating board and the consolidated board or University of Maryland System would "be at each other's throats."

He said the governor's authority to appoint the director of the proposedly Maryland Education Commission is unprecedented in the state and would "politicize" higher education.

—Arsonist sentenced

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the conflagration through the rear of the house. He was later captured on the roof.

According to court records, he had been harassing and threatening his wife for more than a year.

Last Tuesday, the case finally came to the courts. Robinson appeared and pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree murder and one count of arson.

State's Attorney Stuart O. Sims said Circuit Court Judge Arrie W. Davis then sentenced Rodney E. Robinson to three concurrent life sentences, plus 30 years for arson.

—D.J.'s marathon

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Regarding the situation that transpired, Durant said she knew Michaels was going to make a plea on behalf of the hungry but she didn't know it would be to this extent. "I didn't know about it," she said.

Durant said she was at first upset over the occurrence but that she is now glad that Michaels did what he did. "When I listened, I had second thoughts," she said.

Maurice Hulbert, the station's general manager also said he had no knowledge of the disc jockey's intent for the next 24 hours beginning at 6:15 a.m. Thursday morning until Friday, 6:15 a.m.

"I was at first going to place disciplinary action against him, but because of the response that he has received, I have reconsidered," said Hulbert.

"I will let him stay on for as long as he likes, but no longer than 24 hours. I will not let him stay on forever, the general manager said.

According to Hulbert, at press time, Michael's was still barricaded in the studio so that he would not be bothered or distracted.

All of the usual programming was being done from the production room with Michaels intervening at various points, reminding listenders to call Action for the Homeless numbers.

Norma Pinette, director of Action for the Homeless said they are thrilled with the response that has been given to Michael's efforts. "He has been incredibly supportive and wonderful," she said.

Pinette said she really hopes nothing negative will come out of this because Michaels has really been a great help to the cause of their mission. "We have never received a response like this."

William Newman a news spokesman at the station said he had called several media personnel to inform them of the telethon which Michaels would be conducting.

"He spoke with me about it and by him being the popular DJ that he is, I assumed they (Pastor Durant and Mr. Hulbert) knew about it," he said.

While the station general manager, program director, and other personnel were apparently in the dark about the full scope of the endeavor to motivate the public to have a heart for the homeless, all seemed content and open as Lee Michaels remained steadfast in the studio at press time Thursday afternoon.

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Coppin homecoming activities set

(Photo by Michael Smith)
Nancy Hawkins, the new Miss Coppin, prepares to reign at this week's events.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
MONDAY 8TH
Noon — Presentation of "Miss Coppin" (Johnson Auditorium) Free Admission
8:00 pm — Men's Basketball Team vs Florida A&M University (Coppin Center) Coppin Students with I.D. Free Other School I.D. Admission $2.00; General Admission $3.00
TUESDAY 9TH
Noon — Pep Rally (Tawes Mallway)
5:30 pm — Wrestling Team vs George Washington University (Coppin Center) Free Admission
8:00 pm — Alumni Tribute to James Baldwin (Johnson Auditorium) Free Admission
WEDNESDAY 10TH
Noon Movie — "LIVE ON SUNSET STRIP" starring RICHARD PRYOR (Fireside Lounge) Free Admission
5:30 pm — Women's Basketball Team vs Howard University (Coppin Center) Coppin Students with I.D. Free; Other School I.D. Admission $2.00; General Admission $3.00
7:30 pm — Men's Basketball Team vs Howard University (Coppin Center) Coppin Students with I.D. Free; Other School I.D. Admission $2.00; General Admission $3.00
THURSDAY 11TH
12:30 pm — Student Body Lunch (Tawes Mallway) (Lunch is free for the first 100 students to purchase concert tickets)
FRIDAY 12TH
Noon — Recording Artist and producer KASHIF will present a workshop and lecture on "The Making Of A Hit" (Johnson Auditorium) Free Admission
8:00 pm — Homecoming concert featuring percussionist, Composer and Producer Norman Connors (Johnson Auditorium) General Admission $12.00; Coppin Students with I.D. $6.00
SATURDAY 13TH
5:00-7:00 pm — Pre-Game Alumni Cocktail Sip (Rathskeller) $8.50 (covers cost of one drink before and after game, admission to Homecoming Game and pom-poms
5:30 pm — Women's Basketball Team vs Morgan State University (Coppin Center) Coppin Students with I.D. Free; Other School I.D. Admission $2.00; General Admission $3.00
7:30 pm — Men's Basketball Team vs Morgan State University (Coppin Center) Coppin Students with I.D. Free; Other School I.D. Admission $2.00; General Admission $3.00
Post-Game: Alumni Cocktail Sip Continues (Rathskeller)

Indians seek state rights

Members of Maryland's Indian tribes are asking legislators to pass a bill that officially recognizes American Indins who are native to the state.

The bill's sponsor, Delegate Rich Colburn, R-Dorchester County, said state recognition would allow Maryland Indians to be eligible for some federal financial programs.

"Staggering under economic and political burdens, American Indians remain this country's most oppressed minority, an embarrassment to this nation and its democratic standards and a strain upon the conscience of a country steeped in the Indian-Christian ethic," said Colburn.

The bill would go a long way in restoring "ethnic pride" for the Indians of the state, he said.

Representatives of Maryland's Indian tribes — many dressedin traditional costumes — told the House Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee the state measure is long overdue.

"It is my hope that with recognition other Indian people will come forward and claim their birthright," said Sewell Fitzhugh, representing the Waiwash tribe.

A similar bill was killed last year, but Colburn said Tuesday that changes this year make it clear the recognition does not allow Indians to claim state land.

The 1988 bill, supported by Gov. William Donald Schaefer, "will fill a void in existing state policy," said Schaefer aide Paul Schurick.

The bill affects thousands of Indians in the state, many of whom live in Southern Maryland.

Mervin Savoy, representing Maryland's largest tribe, the Piscataways, said Indians have lost their culture, language and traditions "in the name of progress."

She urged adoption of the bill, saying, "Don't you think denial and persecution by the state of Maryland has gone on long enough?"

GRACEFUL HONOREE — Kathie McLaughlin, state chairman of the Delta Sigma Theta Maryland Council, State Sen. Verda F. Welcome, and Legislative Awards Committee chairperson Thelma Daley are all smiles after Sen. Welcome was presented with an award for legislative achievement. Welcome was the first female state senator in the nation. Welcome and 12 other female past and prsent legislators were honored during the ceremonies in Annapolis Monday night.

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3. What is the name of the extraordinary Black freeman and Marylander who wrote an almanac and helped to design Washington, D.C.?
4. Who was the first Black Congressman from Maryland's 7th Congressional District?
5. Who was Jack "Jackie" Robinson?
6. Who was the runaway slave from Maryland who purchased his own freedom and achieved world-wide recognition as an orator, newspaper publisher, educator and abolitionist?
7. Who was the first Black citizen to be named to the U.S. Supreme Court?
8. Who was the remarkable musician who popularized "Blues" and wrote "The St. Louis Blues"?
9. Who was the fearless leader of the "Underground Railroad" in Maryland who led over 300 persons to freedom?
10. Who was the well-known Black heavyweight champion respected and applauded for his skills and "float like a butterfly" lyrics?

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