

Model *Yaya* Lands Acting Role

"America's Next Top Model" finalist Yaya will be making her big screen debut this winter after landing a leading role in the upcoming dance-drama entitled "Take the Lead," starring opposite Antonio Banderas.

Yaya was the outspoken Brown University graduate who was the runner-up on season three of "America's Next Top Model."

Her flawless photographs and talent on the runway were undeniable in a rare combination of beauty and brains.

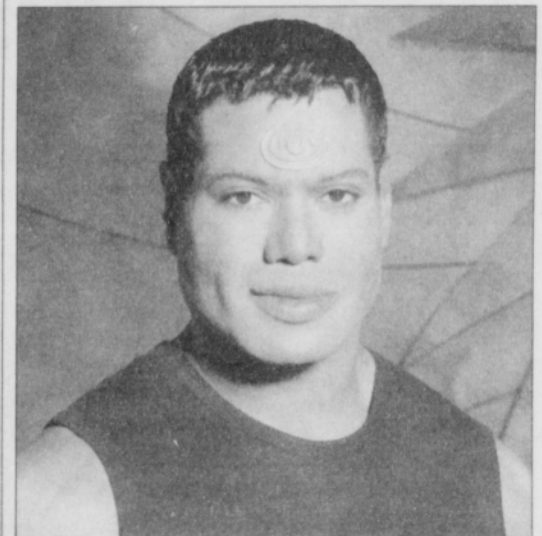
Yaya will play the role of a dance student in the upcoming film, which is inspired by the true story of international ballroom dancer Pierre Dulane. Banderas plays Dulane, who volunteers to give dance lessons to New York public school students.

The story unfolds when his ballroom methods clash with the students' hip hop style, but teacher and students later team up with a new style of dance.

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Oregon Actor Stars in Hit Sci Fi Show



Christopher Judge plays Teal'c, a wise alien whose species is known as 'Jaffa' in the hit series *Stargate SG-1* on the Sci Fi Channel.

Football scholarship leads to acting career

University of Oregon graduate and prominent African American Christopher Judge is starring on the SCI FI channel hit series, *Stargate SG-1*, Friday nights at 8 p.m.

Although Judge seemed predestined to have a career in football after receiving a football scholarship from the University of Oregon, becoming a three time All-American and playing in the Hula Bowl, he always knew he wanted to be an actor.

While in Eugene, Judge entered a contest to host the FOX KLSR Morning Show. His witty five-minute monologue helped him beat out thousands of other hopefuls for the job. This break led him to several guest starring appearances on such television comedies as *Martin*, *The Fresh Prince of Bel Air*, *Lush Life* and *The Jamie Foxx Show*.

His other television credits include Francis Ford Coppola's *First Wave*, *Freedom*, *The Burning Zone*, *Wise Guy*, *21 Jump Street*, *MacGyver* and *Gabriel's Fire*. He also appeared as a series regular on *Sirens*. Judge stars alongside Beau Bridges, Ben Browder, and Amanda Tapping. Bio pasted below. I would be happy to send you tape for review.

Currently in its ninth season, *Stargate SG-1* it is garnering the best ratings in its history. The show follows Air Force General Jack O'Neill (Richard Dean Anderson) and his team, as they travel through the Stargate – an ancient portal allowing instantaneous travel to distant galaxies – to explore the uncharted regions of the universe and save the Earth from destruction.

Artist Speaks Up on Gay Bashing

(AP) — Kanye West says too much of hip-hop bashes gays - and that it needs to be stopped.

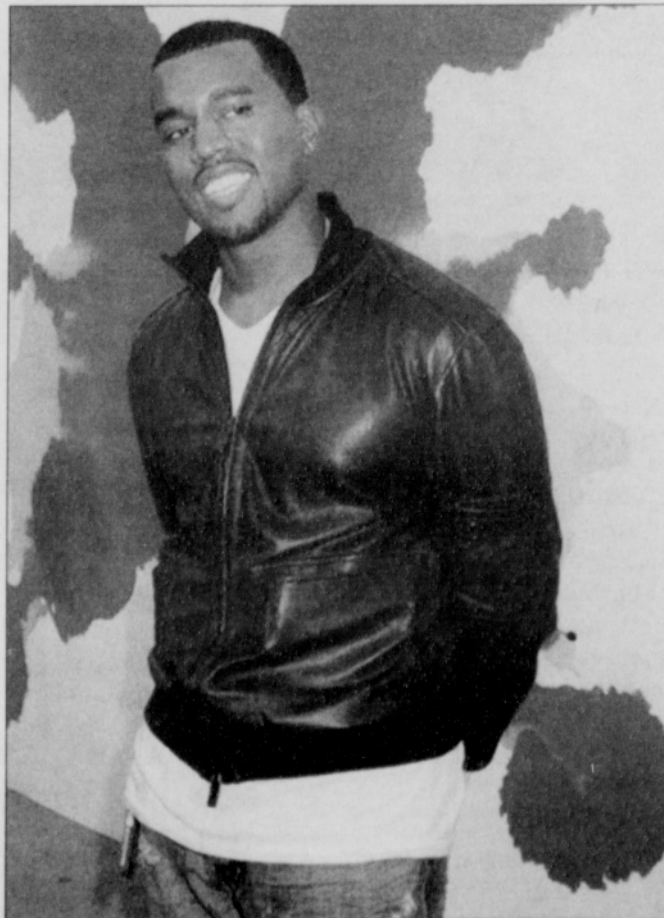
During an interview for an MTV special, the 27-year-old rapper launched into a discussion about hip-hop and homosexuality while talking about "Hey Mama," a song on his upcoming album, "Late Registration."

West says that when he was young, people would call him a "mama's boy."

"And what happened was, it made me kind of homophobic, 'cause it's like I would go back and question myself," West said on the show, "All Eyes on Kanye West," which aired last Thursday night.

West said he changed his ways, though, when he learned one of his cousins was gay.

"It was kind of like a turn-



ing point when I was like, 'Yo, this is my cousin. I love him and I've been discriminating against gays.'"

West says hip-hop was always about "speaking your mind and about breaking down barriers, but everyone in hip-hop discriminates against gay people." He adds that in slang, gay is "the opposite, the exact opposite word of hip-hop."

Kanye's message: "Not just hip-hop, but America just discriminates. And I wanna just, to come on TV and just tell my rappers, just tell my friends, 'Yo, stop it.'"

West, whose debut disc "The College Dropout" won a Grammy for best rap album, will see his second record in stores on Aug. 30.

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