

# In Ewing, Corey gets first taste of success

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**EWING HIGH SCHOOL** senior Corey Andrew Powell, whose stage name is Corey Andrew, has gotten his first taste of success.

He has a bit part in the new feature film "Rooftops," directed by Robert Wise.

And that's a big enough step for him at this time in his young life.

The movie, which was released March 17, is running in major theaters.

In the movie he stars as a featured extra in six scenes. According to Corey, his role consists of "dancing, pretending to drink beer and just standing around."

In addition to his new movie role, Corey also leads a musical career and will release his first single, "That's How I Feel," on Select Records this spring. "Maybe I'll join the new teen scene with Debbie Gibson, Bobby Brown and Al B. Sure if all goes well," Corey hopes.

For Corey, these events mark the beginning of a performing career he has savored all his life. However, only recently has Corey been able to make some progress toward his lifetime goal.

"**MY MOM HAS HEARD** me talk about becoming a star for the 15 years," says Corey, "but since my mother has a 9-to-5 state job, and my aunts and uncles were too busy to take me to auditions, I knew I would have to wait until I could do it myself."

After subscribing to a few trade magazines and sending 248 demo tapes to record companies, he finally heard of the "Rooftops" tryouts through *Showbiz* magazine last September. Originally cast as a one-day dance extra,

his role was expanded after his initial performance.

During this time, he auditioned for *Ghostbusters II* and *Sing!*, but since he had missed many school days as a result of the movie, he has concentrated more on his schoolwork than his career.

"Education is important (to me) also." To show this, he won Ewing High School's Student of the Month award last month.

**HE ALSO GLOWS OVER** the encouragement from his mother, Mercedes, and his grandparents, Sarah and Levi, in his personal and professional life. "I plan to make them very proud of me in the years to come," said Corey.

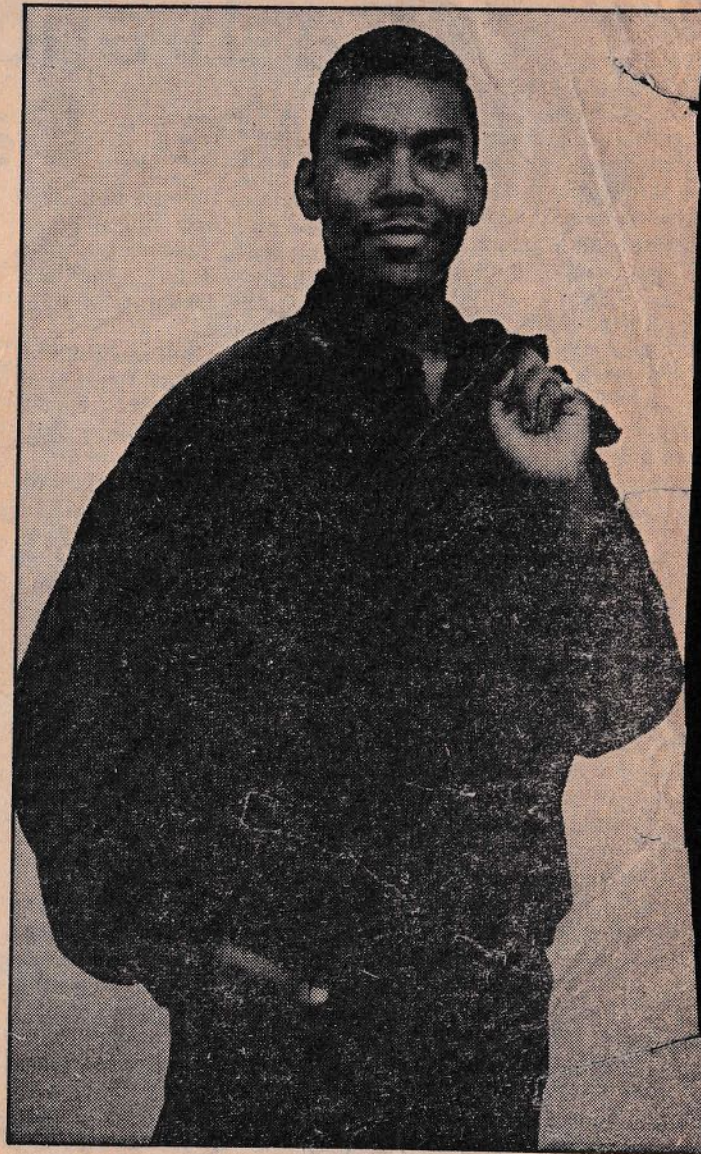
Despite his forays into singing and acting, he still considers himself a dancer first. "I first got into dancing around fifth grade by watching television and reading books about dancing," Corey related.

"I really didn't get serious about it until high school around 1987, when I appeared in the Mercer County Arts Festival." Completely self-taught, he feels now that he'll "soon perfect his skill."

Corey is preparing to enroll in Mercer County Community College this fall, all the while keeping his fingers crossed about his career.

Nevertheless, as he ventures out into the ultra-competitive world of the performing arts, Corey feels that his role in "Rooftops" is a positive step.

"Some may say, 'What's all the hoopla; he's just an extra,' but Mary Tyler Moore and Rock Hudson started out as extras, as did my idol, James Dean," says Corey.



Corey Andrew Powell: on stage.