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Annual Beau: Arts Ball

[[image: photo of Bill Cosby]]

As the patriarch of the Huxtable family on his own "The Cosby Show," Bill Cosby brings to the role the characteristic warmth, wit and humor that have endeared him to a multitude of fans over the years. In his role as Heathcliff Huxtable, a New York City obstetrician, Cosby is the foil in the show's comic yet honest and moving sketches of family life.

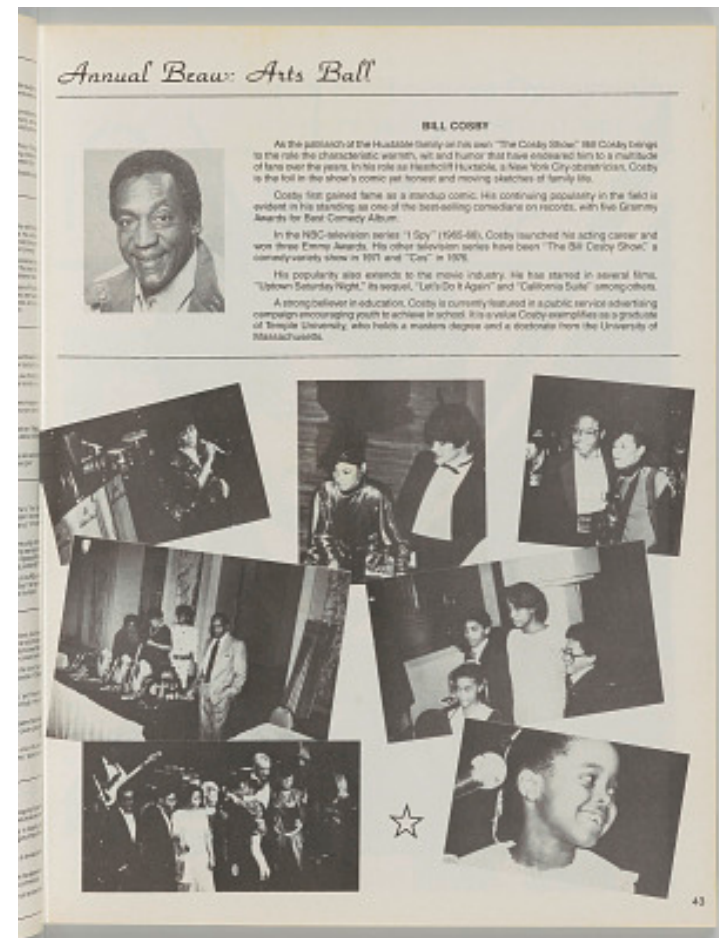
Cosby first gained game as a standup comic. His continuing popularity in the field is evident in his standing as one of the best-selling comedians on records, with five Grammy Awards for Best Comedy Album.

In the NBC-television series "I Spy" (1965-68), Cosby launched his acting career and won three Emmy awards. His other television series has been "The Bill Cosby Show," a comedy-variety show in 1971 and "Cos" in 1976.

His popularity also extends to the movie industry. He has starred in several films, "Uptown Saturday Night," its sequel, "Let's Do It Again" and "California Suite" among others.

A strong believer in education, Cosby is currently featured in a public service advertising campaign encouraging youth to achieve in school. It is a value Cosby exemplifies as a graduate of Temple University, who holds a masters degree and a doctorate from the University of Massachusetts.

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