The Man Behind the Bow Tie

By Shirley Townsend

The polished preppy look from the 17th century that has been trending now more than ever is—bow ties. Many male-Bronco and a few female students are wearing the accessory around campus. The neckpiece has translated into the modern world of fashion as professional, casual, and even everyday attire.

A bow tie is distinguished and can set one apart from the crowd of two-pieced suits. Broncos men don't mind being tastefully different and with all eyes on them, we salute the bow tie tradition!



"I have bow ties in my collection because it started off as a challenge. Then it turned into an addiction. I consider myself to be the bow tie Perfecter. I must have the most unique bow tie collection. It's important to dress professionally at [all] times on campus because you never know who is watching or the way that they are perceiving you." ~junior Tyson McDowell



"I enjoy wearing bow ties because they compliment my personality and help advance my professional attire. I think a lot of individuals wear bow ties today because it's trending and it is a way to incorporate youthful styles in professional attire" ~junior Tristin Rainey



"I'm a young man that believes in being distinguished and standing out boldly. I strive for excellence in everything that I pursue. Not only do I strive for excellence in my academics, ministry, and/or life, but in myself as a presentable and professional man. My bow tie doesn't make me a man of excellence, but it helps to make that statement of boldness of who I am, a distinguished man. The clothes nor the bow tie make me who I am, it reflects what's on in the inside" ~sophomore Da'Quan A. Baldwin

By Desiree Brady

Models that go on casting calls have to know that being a model is more than just a pretty face. A successful modeling career needs talent and sometimes a lucky break to help it along the way.

Fresh faces attended a casting call at Quality Cuts Barbershop in Greensboro on Sept 8. The call was for models to to represent Skateland USA, a regional skating rank that will be opening a site in Greensboro. The models will be featured in ads and used for promotional purposes. This will be the fourth Skateland USA location in North Carolina. There is a Skateland USA west and north located both in Greensboro, a Skatehaven USA located in Winston Salem, and a Skateland USA in Clemmons.

From 11am to 2 pm people were lined up to audition for the chance of being one of the featured models for a photo-shoot to help boost the look for Skateland USA.

One of the auditioning models, Brooke Johnson, said she was very excited for the chance to come out for the casting call. She has been an aspiring model for 3.5 years and has gone to numerous casting calls and local auditions before.

At the end of the audition, Skateland USA chose three male and three female models. The photoshoot for Skateland USA will be conducted by two photographers, one of whose name is Rondell Lane. Lane owns his own production called Media Lane Photography. "Most of the photoshoots I do are for small businesses and of people I think are uniquely creative and beautiful to add them to my portfolio," he said. "I enjoy my job very much, I love capturing images that will last for shoots a lifetime, and the happiest moments can be

seen through pictures. Some of the best things happen in the glimpse of an eye."

On the day of the photoshoot hair stylist and makeup artists will be available to create a dynamic look and turn the models into fierce looking skaters.

My personal experience with auditioning for events and going on casting calls such as this are always pleasant. Upon arrival the auditioning models fill out papers that just tell a little about themselves like height, weight, body build, hair color, eye color, shoe size, what type of modeling are interested in doing, age and also why are interested in becoming a model or interested in the casting call. The models will also have photos taken, one face shot, a profile shot shows the structure of their face, and also a full body photo.

Casting calls and talent searches like Skateland USA are generally advertised through local radio stations or flyers at the location where the casting is being held. People may also find out through friends or others who are involved in the behind the scene action.

"I pick up a magazine and I see me, even though the things I do haven't made me into a big model yet, I consider things like this just stepping stones to pave my way to me getting closer to my dreams, and if I make it I will look back at auditions like this that helped mold my dream," said aspiring model Michelle Britton.

Ryan Mainer, one of the hosts for the casting call, said that he appreciated the people who tried out for the casting call. He suggested that people who did not make the cut this time continue to go on auditions and casting calls. There are plenty more opportunities that await you as long as you have the patience and strive to continue, Mainer said.