

Grier Chosen 1986 "Model Of The Year"

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I went to Mr. Pee's, a club located on Freedom Dr., a couple of weeks ago to see some models showcase their fashion savoir faire for the Ebony & Ivory 1986 Model of the Year competition.

From the looks of it, Mr. Pee's is a very nice place. It's spacious. There's plenty of room to sit, when you want to sit. And, the dance floor is large enough for you to stretch out without getting hit by someone who's doing the "Snake." (Other area clubs should take notice.)

Anyway, there wasn't much dancing going on this night. The models held center stage. Each contestant was allotted about five minutes on the floor to do their modeling-skit-type-of-number. Several of the young ladies were creative and stylish. To tell the truth, not one was really awful. Some of the models looked like real winners. But, of course, there can only be one.

Carried into the spotlight on a wide stretcher, borne by four manly-muscled men, Shirley Grier reclined in her beaded white gown. (The gown alone weighed eight pounds.) Then moving to the song, "Muscles," she stepped from her man-powered carrier and proceeded to sashay around her four bearers, who were clad in, simply, loin cloths and oil. Shirley's gown shimmered and the men's muscles rippled in the light. Everyone enjoyed this skit. Shirley Grier was selected by Ebony & Ivory as the "1986 Model of the Year."

She's been modeling for about a year and said it felt great to win the modeling competition. Future

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plans? Says Shirley, "I'm open for whatever comes along." Her gown, and many of the other models' attire, were courtesy of Sophisticated Ladies and Gents, owned by Sandra Bryant in Rock Hill, S.C.

While at the competition, I ran into Terry Straite, an old friend. He must have been keeping an eye out for some modeling talent. He told me, in strictest confidence, that he's putting together a road show as part of his Straite Line Modeling Agency. As usual, Terry looked sharp.

I also noticed that Geneal Frazier was one of the judges for the competition. And after the show, when everyone was dancing, I peeked and saw Geneal doing a pretty mean "Conga."

And speaking of winners.... Becky Blackmon was recently selected as a state finalist in the 1986 Miss North Carolina U.S. Teen Pageant. Becky, the daughter of Carol Chambers, will compete in the Miss North Carolina U.S. Teen Pageant in Greensboro, N.C., on March 22.

That will be the official state preliminary to the Miss U.S. Teen Pageant to be held in August, 1986.

And more winners.... Clayton Perry is getting ready for a "Vegas Grand Getaway" as he is one of the winners of the Chrysler-Plymouth

sales manager's contest. Clayton, sales manager at South Boulevard Chrysler-Plymouth, is being patted on the back for a "superb job" in attaining his program objectives. He's been awarded a four-day, three-night trip for two, from March 14-17, 1986, in Las Vegas, the "home of dazzling shows, neon lights and round-the-clock excitement." I wonder if Clayton can handle it?

But guess what! Some Las Vegas excitement will be right here in Charlotte on Monday, March 10, when the "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler vs John "The Beast" Mugabi and the Earns vs Shuler boxing matches are broadcast live from Caesar's Palace to the Charlotte Park Center. Someone keeps telling me, it's the hottest event of the season. Everyone who's anyone will be there.

The same type of people will meet at the Excelsior Club on Sunday, March 9, for a "Spring Fashion Show with Wine and Cheese." Fashions will be by Viv's Boutique. Boutique owner, Vivian Williams, is quite a grand dame of fashion, I hear. The show's at 6 p.m., the tickets are \$7.

I heard it through the grapevine: Talmadge McDow of 3017 Cricketeer Dr. was named "Man of the Year" by his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha. He will now compete for the state title. Mary Youmans of 3315 Cricketeer Dr. was crowned Queen of the Las Amigas 10th annual Harvest Ball. Robert Easterling of 1524 Northbrook Dr. is the only seventh grader at Coulwood Junior High to be selected for the "Math Counts" competition. He could go all the way to the national competition if he keeps winning.



Clayton Perry
.....Going to "Vegas"



Shirley Grier
.....An aspiring model



Vivian Williams
.....Successful businesswoman

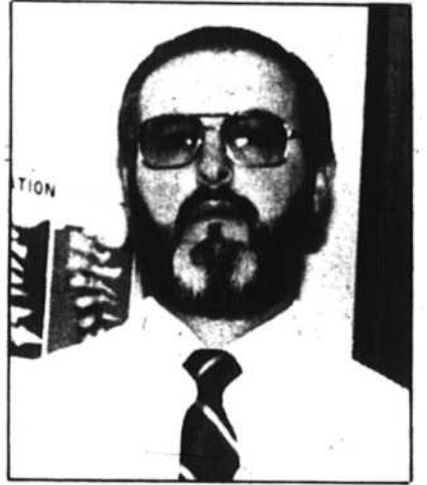
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