### Chronicle Profile

## He Takes Pride In Work

Resplendent in his brown tuxedo with matching frilled shirt, Rayvon Jefferson cuts an imposing figure as he strides through a room filled with diners.

He carries himself that way because he is a professional and he wants everyone to know

Jefferson has been working his way towards becoming a head waiter for four years as a bartender and assistant head waiter.

There's more to the

job of head waiter than just standing around, Jefferson explained while handling a special pre-fight dinner at LaTerre XXI last Saturday night.

"I check to see that the customers are satisfied, observe the dining room and look to see if any of the customers are getting restless," said Jefferson.

"I talk to the chef beforehand to see how long it will take to get certain dishes prepared and how many plates we will need," he added.

Such decisions as how the tables are set-up and the way the meal is served within his pruview.

Saturday night, he seved a special Frenchstyle set-up with flaming shiskabobs. "People think it's fantastic really unique," he noted with pride.

In addition to shiskabobs, he also considers his flaming desserts one of his specialties. There's a technique to carrying a dish which could very easily set one afire.

"I have a little leather piece that I usually hold it with," said Jefferson. "I set it up the way I want it, flame it and then carry it out in my hand."

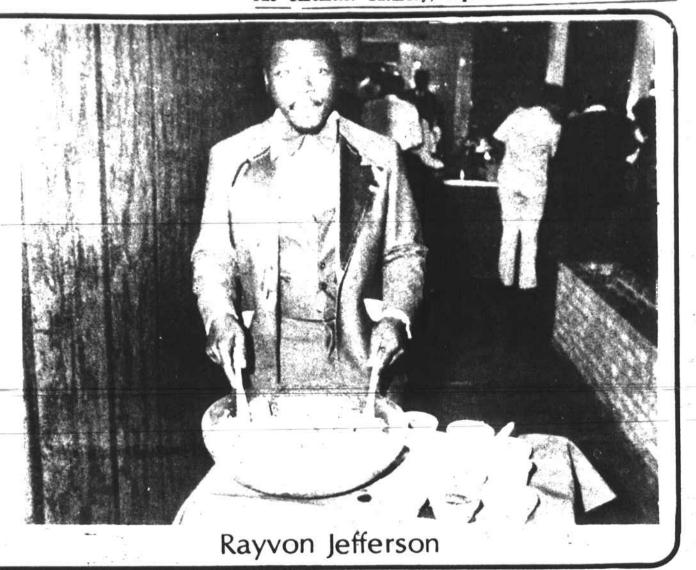
Mistakes can happen to the best food handlers. Jefferson can now laugh about a couple: "One time I poured water down a lady's blouse. I was putting butter in a dish and I tilted it too much.

"There was another time I tried to catch a

plate that was falling, and I didn't realize I had two other plates in my hands, so I smashed them all up against my body."

Most importantly, Jefferson does not see his job of serving others food as being demeaning. "I see it as a job. It's my job and I'm serious about what I'm doing."

"My only complaint is the money, because I want to get paid for the knowledge that I have," he concluded.





Pettus



McClendon



Jones

#### **Males Enter Fashion Fair**

By Yvette McCullough Staff Writer

Twenty-one young people, including, for the first time, three males, will be competing for the coveted crown of "Mr. or Miss Ebony Fashion Fair" Oct. 26 during the 22nd annual Ebony Fashion "You have a chance to Fair at the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

This year's fashion show is being sponsored locally by the Winston-Salem Urban League Guild. The young men and women participating will be competing for scholarships and awards to be given during the intermission of the fashion show.

"Color Explosion" is the theme for the fashion show which will feature more than 200 garments, personally selected by Mrs. Eunice W. Johnson, producer and director of

the show. She picked fashions from the American European collections of such famed designers as Halston, Anne Klein, Koos Van Den Akker, Mary McFadden, Richard Assatly, James Daugherty, Stephen Burrows, Jeffrey Banks, Cerruti, Castlebajac, Givency, Enzo Russo, Antonelli and Lanvin.

A new twist to the fashion show this year is the presence of male contestants: Bernard Jones, Willie McClendon and Robert Pettus.

#### Clement-Gaither

The annual reunion of the Clement-Gaither Family was held recently at Sheraton Inn in Greensboro with a buffet dinner. The family also had a service at the Shiloh Baptist Church in Greensbo-

Officers were elected. They were: W. Leroy Clement, president; Mrs. Earl Gaither Simpson, vice-president; Mrs. Sarah Hunt Allen, secretary; Mrs. Norene Gaither Scott, treasurer; Mrs. Beatrice Barnes, historian, Mrs. Emma Scott Penn, reporter.

Jones is a sophomore at Kennedy High School. His hobbies are ping pong, football and basketball. He works part time as an attendant at Gilmore's Funeral Home. "I wanted to do this because I want to be a model," Jones said.

enced." McClendon is a sophomore at Atkins High School. He likes to dance which he has been doing for a very long time.

meet new people as well

as gain modeling experi-

"I wanted to be in it to give the public a different thing to look at than just girl models," McClendon said. "I think being in something like this gives young men and women a chance to learn more about becoming a model."

Both young men said they would like to pursue modeling as a career. They said they would like

to see a guy win the event to pave the way for other guys to enter next year.

The third male in the competition is Robert A. Pettus, a junior at West Forsyth Senior High School. Pettus enjoys modeling, tennis and baseball.\*He is vice-president of the usher board at Reynolds Temple C. M. E. Church and the director of the Upward Bound Mass Choir.

The other contestants competing are Candice Black, Sabrena Bradley, Cassandra Brown, Tonia Cain, Cynthia and Charlene Clemons, Tonya Dalton, Kim Duncan, Carla Gilliam, Sandra Lewis, Teresa Lomax, Christine McCravey, Cathy Mc-Cray, Melonie Moultry, Faye Orr, Jacqueline Slade, Angela Stephens and Lisa Thomas.

Mrs. Thelma Small is the chairman of the fashion fair .

Thompson Reunion

The Perry-Thompson families met in High Point on the Sept. 15 for their first family reunion and to organize a continued reunion.

Twenty-nine members attended from such places as Albany, N.Y. Jersey City, N.J., Oxon Hill, Md. Washington, D.C., Heath Springs, S.C., High Point and Winston-Salem.

A discussion was given by Mrs. Mable McKenzie and Mrs. Iola Moffitt of High Point.

The family members and guests were served dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fuller in High Point. The hospitality hour was held at the disco followed.

On Sunday, Sept. 16 all members attended church service at the Memorial United Methodist Church in High Point, where Rev. Belvin J. Jessup is pastor.

After the service a box lunch was served to all that was present at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moffitt. The oldest member present was Lewis Perry of Winston-Salem and the youngest member was Cardell Jr. of Jersey City, N.J.

Member attending from Winston-Salem were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Tilledy, Mrs. Larn Dilliard and Lewis Perry. The next reunion will be held Town House Motel and a in Heath Springs, S.C. in

#### Lachenalia

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The Lachenalia Garden Gaither, and Delores Dou-Club met recently at the home of Mrs. John Poindexter. Old business and new was discussed. The hostess gave her presentation "Care of Hawaii Tii Plant", and presented each member present with a plant.

The club's plans for the New Year include a basket for the needy, visiting the sick and elderly, planting a bulb of the club's flower, the Lachenalia.

Those present were: Annie S. Alexander, Linda Poindexter, Eva Jones,

Addie R. Acey, Christine

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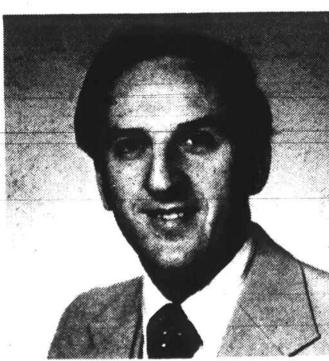
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