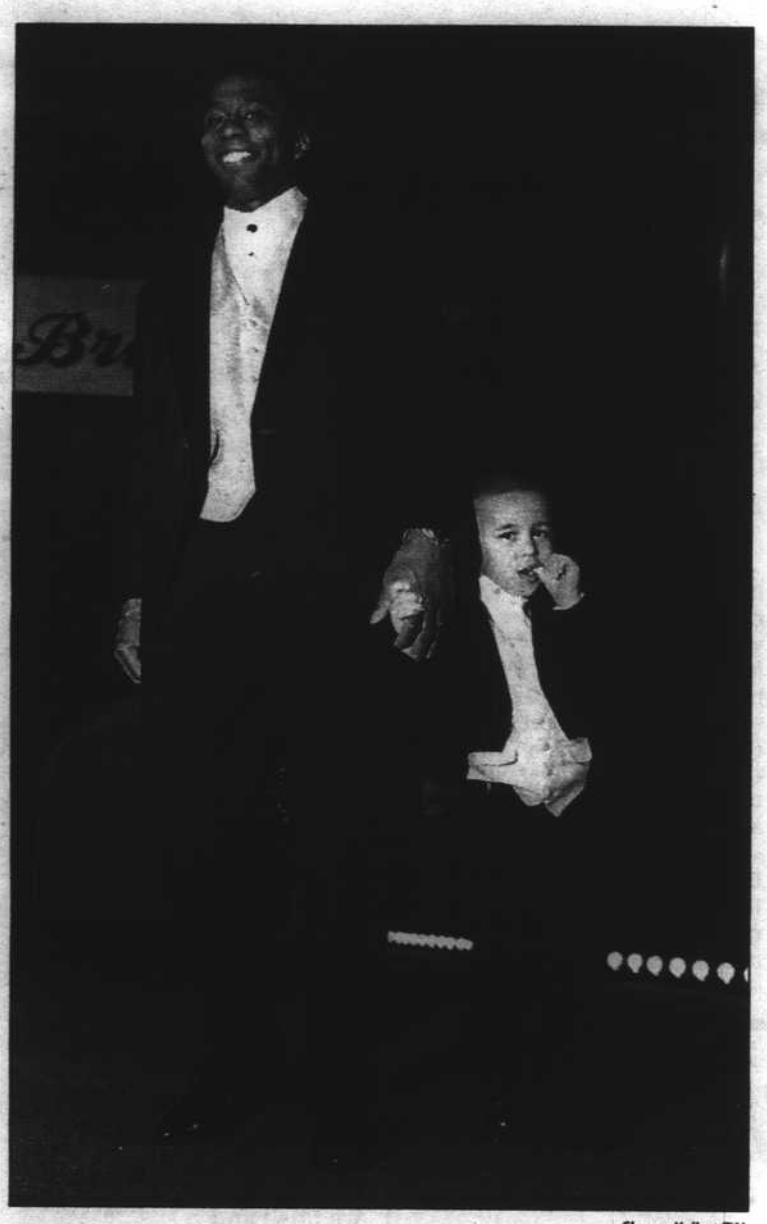

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Arien Martin and his three-year-old son Kale Bryan-Martin model tuxes from Best Styles Formalwear, 200 S. 19th St. This year the emphasis is on elegance and comfort for men in the wedding party.

Men have more say in plans

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Formalwear, 19th and N streets, said he let his fiancee make most of the decisions.

"It's the woman's special day," he said.

He did make arrangements for the honeymoon and post-wedding reception, which included food, music and location reservations.

Shirley Griner, former wedding consultant and owner of the Weil Mansion Bed and Breakfast, 1149 S. 17th, said generally most couples work together in wedding planning.

"It's not like it used to be as far as rigidity," she said.

"There are no rules anymore. It just depends on the bride and groom. It's basically what the bride and groom want to do and how they want to divide it up."

Bedient said that couples should use the wedding arrangements as an opportunity to work together, as they will have to make decisions together for the rest of their lives.

"There aren't any hard and fast rules," she said. "It's just a teamwork effort."

Wedding registry becoming helpful tool

■ Registering in stores or online can take the guesswork out of shopping for the bridal couple.

BY LISA BEHRNS

Sixteen pots, four colanders and five toasters.

The irony is newlywed Jaime Witt can't cook.

"I can make toast," Witt joked.

For couples hoping to avoid this situation, a wedding registry may save some stress.

Bed Bath & Beyond at South Pointe Pavillion is one of many stores in Lincoln that provides the service.

"The number one advantage for the registry is that a couple can return any unwanted item to our stores for a cash refund," said Katie Knuth, a supervisor at Bed Bath & Beyond, at 2960 Pine Lake Rd.

The registration process is simple, Knuth said. The couple completes a brief information sheet and then takes a scanning

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came when she came home one day to find a tent set up on her living room floor.

Camping, for Protextor and her boyfriend, Jeff Heiden, was a favorite summer activity, she said.

The two grilled out and watched a movie lying in their tent, she said.

After that, Heiden proceeded to pull out a book describing all of the things they had been through together, ending on a page that told Angela that he couldn't live without her, after which, he proposed to her, she said.

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