

Silhouette marks Cacharel collection



A dropped yoke, floral print skirt with gently flowing tucks at the hips is paired with Cacharel's pullover sailor shirt in the softest of handkerchief cotton for a comfortable summer-time look.

There may be some happy fashion buffs around South Oakland County on this Valentine's Day whose special surprises from their sweethearts included clothing designed by Jean Cacharel.

Cacharel, a rare blend of master craftsman and creative genius, has once again designed a summer collection, now in the stores, that exudes that perfect and intimate harmony between fashion line and fabric style.

Designed with a wisp of humor and just the right amount of flair, the clothes are young, fresh, and spirited—with a naturalness and ease that is fashion at its best.

The combination of natural fibers in unbleached tones of ecru, cream and beige—and the use of lots of white, give this collection a glamour and elegance rarely achieved in a sportswear presentation.

And the total look is soft. A newer, softly-pleated trouser, gauze, crepon and handkerchief cotton dirdle skirts, tiny pintuckings and scalloped collars on pure silk embroidered blouses, bibbed tuxedo front shirts, hand painted butterflies, fluttery sleeved party dresses, all soft and feminine, figure flattering and comfortable.

Everything clothes should be for: summer months ahead is found in the collection.

THERE ARE clothes at every length, too—a short tunic to wear

alone, or perhaps with a pair of short shorts or a new cuffed Bermuda length pant; slimmer skirts that fall just below the knee; yoked cartridge-pleated fuller skirts that 'ripple' to mid-calf; flyaway split-legged pants that hover about the ankles; and dresses that settle anywhere from knee to ankle depending upon their shape and style.

For warm weather days that we're all dreaming about, Cacharel replaces the blazer with a tiny, close to the body vest. It's a great look over shorts, pants or a skirt, and works well with either the long-sleeved tailored shirts, or with the fuller, dropped-shoulder short-sleeved blouses that abound in the collection.

Cacharel has once again designed a summer dress collection wide in scope and diversity.

Last year, the sun dress exploded on the Paris scene and one was hard-pressed to find a European woman dressed in anything else. For the coming season there are sundresses galore to choose from, as well as the brand new sassy culotte dress, a seductive hooded bumoose, a side slit ankle length party robe, and a great variety of casual daytime dresses in handkerchief cottons, madras stripes, liberty florals and bold box plaids.

The Cacharel collection can be seen in a number of area shops including Sportique in Birmingham, Me and My Lady in Royal Oak, and Saks and Bonwits in Troy.

A brand new silhouette from Cacharel brings into focus a great new look, the culotte dress which is tunnel belted and string tied at the neck. It is shown in a bright and eye-catching candy-striped cotton but is also available in a madras plaid and in chambray. The comfortable ease of the innovative culotte dresses promises to make them a new favorite and put them in contention for the classics. Topped off with a light weight and bright colored hat and accessorized with easy-to-wear breezy open sandals, the outfit can take a lady almost anywhere.



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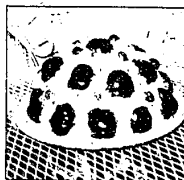
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Puffs 'n stuff

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Ice capers

If you missed the community skate sales (as I did) and have called just about every store in town (as I did) and still haven't found a pair of figure skates in the right size, don't give up. Maskill's Hardware still has a good selection of new and used figure and hockey skates in stock plus some very patient and knowledgeable salespeople who make sure they fit properly. Furthermore, if you bring in your old skates, you will get a reduction on the price of a new pair. Maskill's Hardware, 619 S. Adams, Birmingham. 647-4444.



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Cover story

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