

Wear it in space

By RUSTLE SHAND

Till Tice, the first designer to create at-home wear that could go out to play at night, outdid himself with his holiday '78 collection. Vivid chrome colors in silks, leotards and controlled, body-defining leisure clothes marked the advent of the holiday season when Tice showed his space-forecast clothes at Bonwit Teller.

About 250 local fans of the designer watched spellbound as the fly-me-to-the-moon designs rode the store's escalators. Getting into the holiday spirit was not difficult as guests sipped cocktails and munched on canapés while models, clad in bright silks, posed, danced and generally acted-up as they dramatically rode the moving staircases to the stars.

The thoroughly modern, highly colorful silks portrayed the artist's fashion philosophy. "When I started out, I wanted to prove that I could create beautiful fashions," he said. "Now I see my work as a service to help people feel better about themselves and, in turn, happier."

His current designs, he feels, are a forecast of what women will be wearing in space. "I don't believe in retro," he noted. "I believe in modern clothes. We should not be looking back, we should be going forward."

"In the year 1980, we will probably

be sending people out to live in space. To make it easier to move about in clothes," explained Tice, "I put emphasis on a part of the body to give an overall slender appearance—but not confined. They are still designed on a loose line."

Tice has traveled extensively and his wide interests are reflected in his clothes. But, color is his true advocacy.

"Color affects how you feel, both psychologically and physiologically," he said. "People are looking for color now because for so long they have been wearing beige and bone. People need bright colors," he said. "To me, color depicts life. There is no life and therefore no color in dead leaves and sand."

His chrome red, green, purple, yellow and cerise futuristic clothes blend right into today's environment and are not limited to wear for lounging about the house. A loosely worn robe takes a leotard and tights and picks right up to go out dancing. Others, with a slight underlay, are ready for dinner.

Hairstyles, created for the avant garde showing by Roger Orr of the Bonwit Teller salon, were striking. Hair was controlled through rolling or was slicked back for a small head look. One bobbed head boasted a curl right in the middle of the forehead.

For space travel in the '80s, try this hand-cut and embroidered silk royal purple vest over a ruby red long float. Vest, \$45. Float, \$125.



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