

The fashion plate

Your hair thinks spring

By RUSTLE SHAND

This time of year need not be as boring as everybody says it is. Instead of giving up hope and just curling up to wait for spring, it's a great time of the year to experiment with new fashion looks.

Although you may feel you're locked into a timeless ice age, destined forever to put up with dated, overblown, lifeless hair and a face that looks muddy, there is hope for you.

Area hairstylists and makeup artists are all bright and cheerful, busy designing new spring looks.

"You've got to accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, latch on to the affirmative, and not mess with Mr. In-between," best describes the new firm fashion directive for 1979.

In-between hair lengths and makeup are out. Hair is either short and forward or long and intricately controlled. Makeup is obvious—rimming the eyes and brightly pouting the lips. Deftly hollowing the cheeks will become a new art form.

Mario Bitanti on S. Woodward in Birmingham had some advice on eradicating winter doldrums. Bitanti learned his art young and well. He began as an apprentice barber at the age of 12 in his native Italy.

Just stepping into this highly styled salon makes you feel as if you have left the Michigan climate for Milan. You think, at first, that even the ceiling is carpeted, but you learn it is a form of insulation.

The staff of stylists have an avant garde fashion look tailored to their own individual style. They look relaxed, healthy and their sense of style emerges in individual ways such as that of co-owner Sal Bitanti who always perches a cap or beret on his head.

Bitanti has a discerning eye for fashion combined with a penchant for healthy looking hair.

"Young women want to have long hair," he said, "but they are tired of it simply hanging and equally tired of the frizz. They also want dressed-up hairstyles."

For this look, Hanan has designed a basket weave process of braiding the hair over the crown and then knotting it just behind the ears. The woven hair brushes out easily into a less elaborate style—smoothed into a forward pouf just over the forehead.

Short hair is created by Bitanti with a longer look, achieved through artful zig-zag scissoring, leaving different



Bitanti suggests basket weaving for long hair. (Staff photos by Dick Kelley)

lengths of hair which are then softly permed. This whole new approach to dressing short hair leaves the hair looking very feminine—brushed up and forward with a flattery not achieved with the straight lines of the former blunt cuts. The new cut also gives the hair more fullness and bounce.

"Makeup is all fantasy," said Hanan, a local makeup artist who reigns over pots of color in the Bitanti salon. "Makeup lets a woman become someone she always wanted to be, but didn't know how to be. The fantasy of makeup turns an ordinary looking woman into a beauty."

Hanan, an artist who studied art and design, emphasizes bone structure using less contouring with the result of a softer looking face. She gives clients complete makeups, she said, so they can experience new colors and new techniques in order to educate themselves on color and placement.



Or hair can be rolled up and forward.

Volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of United Community Services, has weekly listings of agencies needing volunteer services. Further information about these and over 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau, 642-7272. Any non-profit agencies needing volunteer assistance may also call the bureau.

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