



## You shouldn't judge this look by cover

As women move out of the home and into the job market they become more secure in their own femininity. Now women know that it's "ok" to be feminine — even down right sexy when the spirit prevails.

American designers have picked up on this new feminine psychology to create some of the most feminine clothes we have seen in a long time. Shape, shape and more shape uses the body as its best accessory while the silhouette is pared down, streamlined.

Necklines plunge to revealing lows, there is a definite waistline, and a new leggy look is seen darting beneath the slits and high slashes of opened hemlines. This phenomenon of feeling "all female" has really started from the inside and gone outward.

The full slip that is now very much in demand comes closer to the body with a new kind of clingy ease. Sensuous satinlike fabrics, bias cuts, and the new cocoon shape are accented with luxurious appliques and hemline slashes.

Colored in dramatic black or shimmering brights, the adventurous customer is wearing the body conscious slip out as a disco dress. Too, streamlined slip shapes in skin tone shades will be worn under summer sheers as no-show body camouflage.

Petticoats are straighter, lavished with smooth lace or simply tailored as slits and slashes detail. Truly feminine petticoats have matching camisoles that are shaped anew — vest like — worn together it's an irresistible "all female" look.

Sexy separate pieces are going on in the camisole is a favorite for a private "feel good" feeling under suits and conservative outer wear. Camisole and matching bikini are fitted with dainty buttons and Princess seaming.

side always feminizing the body with color, shine and shape. Spare little bras in wonderful body cosmetic colors of lavender, peach and mauve match bikinis, briefs and petticoats.

The newest sexy separate piece — a chemise — is the perfect little body clothes so that natural body curves can be seen.

As shape returns, there is a new and now emphasis on the body. Old-time girdles, waist cinchers and merry widows will never fit in with today's feminine psychology. However, no body is perfect, and those unwanted bulges must be smoothed for more revealing clothes so that natural body curves can be seen.



Vassarette's short slip is the new inside length alternative. The chemise is one smooth line that stops short so it won't show beneath slits and slashes.

## fashion

Monday, March 19

**Jacobson's** — The spring/summer collection of the master, Hubert de Givenchy, will be introduced in Birmingham. Shapes are clear and clean, with the suit silhouette a triangle descending to a straight line through jackets and skirts. His grand entrance evening dresses are elegant, dramatic and exhilarating. The collection will be informally presented in the international

designer salon between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
**Renaissance World of Shops** — The public is invited to the Renaissance Center for a celebration of spring with a week-long noontime series of fashion shows, plant and floral workshops, displays on the 1979 Indianapolis Pace Car Mustang and other cars, and musical entertainment. The free events will take place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Promenade Level of the Detroit

Plaza Hotel. Themes for the fashion shows will be "Time to Play" on Monday and Tuesday; "Time to Work" on Wednesday and Thursday; and "Time to Dance" on Friday and Saturday. The daily timetable will feature plant and floral demonstrations with music from 11:30 to noon, fashion shows from noon to 12:30 p.m., and 1-1:30 p.m., and music alone from 12:30-1 p.m.  
**Fashion Fitness** — Hina Frisone presents the first of two seminars devoted

to fashions and fitting from 10 a.m. to noon at her School of Fashion Design, 1978 Woodward Ave., Bloomfield Hills. Featured will be colors and textures, fitting the mature figure, altering and styling, a fashion show and refreshments. Admission is \$5. For information and reservations call 338-7558 or 332-5853.

**Saks Fifth Avenue** — Diane von Furstenberg's collection of exciting new designs will be informally

modeled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Sportdress Collections on the first floor of the Somerset Mall store. Also, the Large Size Collection of Spring/summer fashions, in sizes 12-20, will be informally modeled from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Tuesday.

Tuesday, March 20

**Saks Fifth Avenue** — Ferragamo will

help you step into spring in classically styled, Italian-made shoes which will be on view in the Shoe Salon of the Somerset Mall store. First floor.

**Cooper's Arms** — Designer fashions from Janet Varner's Rochester store are modeled informally from noon to 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday September through May at the Cooper's Arms restaurant, 305 Main St., Rochester.



## Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

### On the ball

People are funny nowadays. They all claim to be watching their weight, but still expect a little something sweet at the end-of-a-party meal. There's a solution that should keep everybody happy. Just serve a bowl of fresh fruit, a lovely cheese such as a Brie or Stilton, some imported English crackers plus these chocolate-coated miniature ice cream balls from Bresler's. Called Bon Bons, they can be made up from any flavor of ice cream in the store. Two days advance notice is required.

**Bresler's Thirty-Three Flavors Iced Cream Shops:** Tel-Twelve Mall, Southfield, 356-1133; Meadowbrook Village Mall, 373-9230 and Winchester Mall, Rochester, 652-1415.

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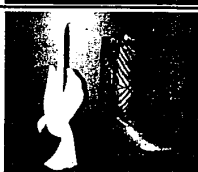
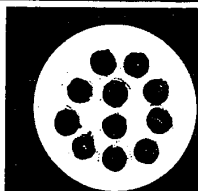
Judy Binder Trumbull and Gail Fishman culled the country to find the dream of the crop in gifts and home accessories for their new store, Rialto. As a result, you'll find a delightful, eclectic collection of such things as reproduction Art Deco ceramic candlesticks in the shapes of palm trees or open-winged birds (\$35 per pair); a 13-inch high wax candle cowboy boot, complete with simulated stitching (\$25) and a statted wooden Mitey Mite box (\$15) designed to hold a loaf of bread while you slice with its accompanying miniature saw.  
**Rialto, 217 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 642-2230.**

### Initially

The way I see it, your very own initials (not Mr. Gucci's or Mr. Vuitton's) add a lovely touch of class to the things you own. It's nice to know that the Bee Boutique can monogram just about anything you bring in including sweaters, blouses, robes, ties, scarves, towels, bed linens, table linens or whatever. There are oodles of colors and monogram styles to choose from and prices range from \$2 to \$8 per monogram, depending on the size of the monogram and on the item to be monogrammed.  
**Bee Boutiques in The Headline Salons: 1077 S. Worth, 644-9666 and 4082 W. Maple, 644-9659, Birmingham.**

### At large

Just because you're overweight is no reason not to dress to the nines. Tadmore's of Birmingham, the shop that specializes in women's large (16-20) and half (16½ to 24½) sizes, is having a special trunk showing of high fashion spring clothes this Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday March 24. The clothes feature all the latest fashion trends including padded shoulders, slit skirts, shaped suits and hot colors.  
**Tadmore's, 227 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 647-6585.**



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