

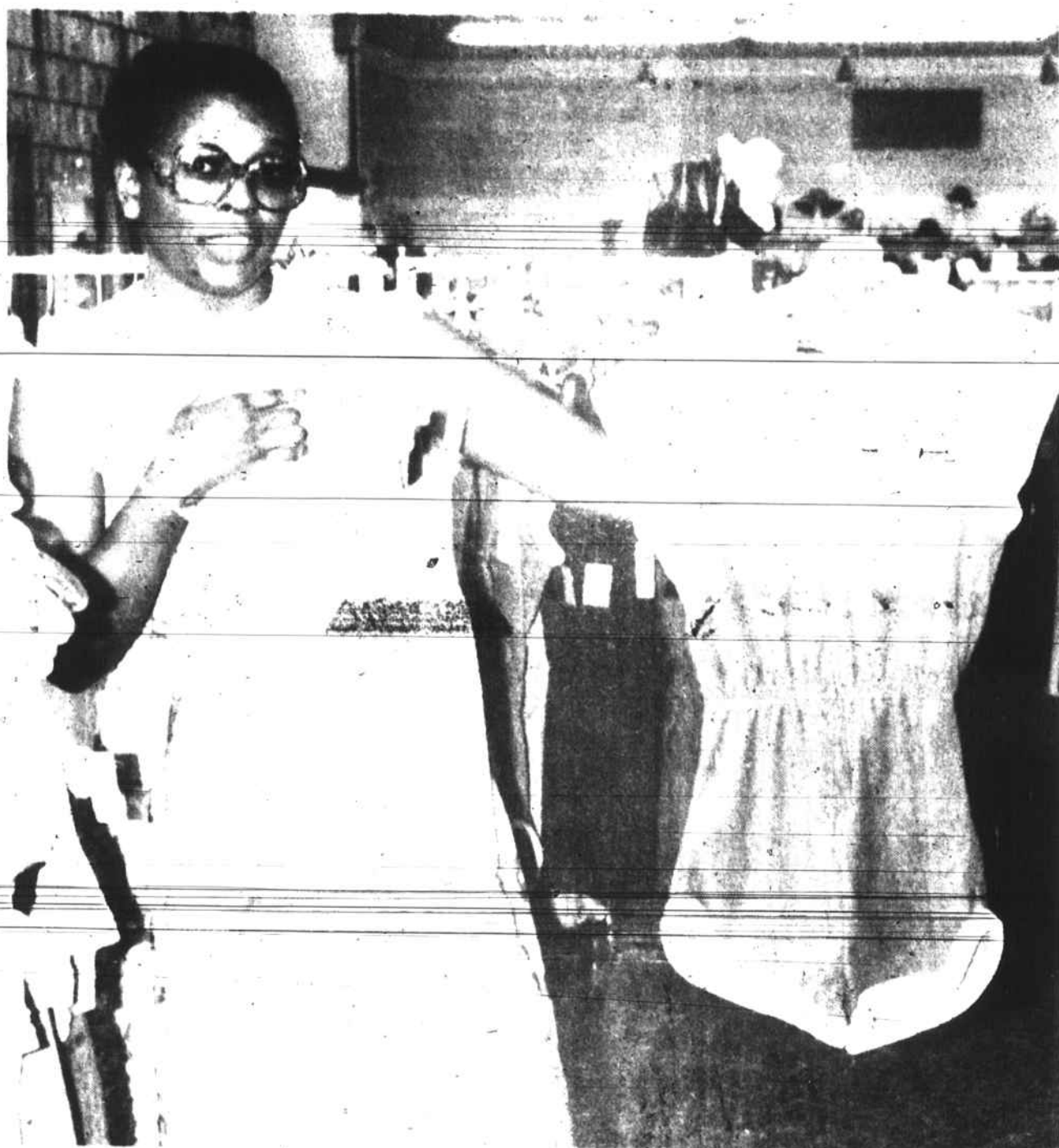


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# Dresses Dominate Women's Wear



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[Upper left] Avonida Glenn displays a sleeveless dress popularly called the "Disco Dress". The dress is loose fitting, easy to care for and light. It can be worn as casual or dress wear.

[Upper right] Glenn models a one-piece dress with the two-piece look. It has a blousy look top, a belt around the waist and splits up the side, and a high collar.

[Above] Estella Dominique says the terry cloth material will be very popular this spring. Here two short-suits are made of the material.

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The word this spring in women's fashion is dresses. Dresses in all shapes, colors and styles are in, and it appears at least for this spring, pants are on their way out.

"Pants suits are out this spring," said Lois Cunningham of the Downtown Arcade. "Designers are going back to dresses."

Disco dresses which are made of thin "flimsy" material are one type of dress that is in this spring. These dresses are loose fitting and coincide with the new "disco craze".

"The disco dress was very-in, this past winter but I don't think it's going to be as in this spring," said Estella Dominique at Mother and Daughter Northside. "We've gotten a lot of dresses made out of the new terry cloth material, and I think that's going to be the craze this spring."

She said that the terry cloth dresses can be worn for casual wear as well as dress wear.

Cunningham said that she thinks the terry cloth dress is very fashionable and will be used for sports-wear.

Skirts will also be very fashionable this spring. Dominique said that they are lightweight and can be worn all-year round.

"The skirts are wrap-

rounds and can be worn by both the older and younger woman," Dominique said.

Elmira Vance who designs her own clothes, sees this spring as being the season of bright colors.

"This spring we have the traditional bright colors, in addition to the prints and flowers," Vance said.

Cunningham said that she has found the popular colors to be greens of various shades, maroon, red and plum.

Dominique said she has found that the older women prefer the pastel colors such as pink and yellow.

Although the pant suit is on its way out, the straight-leg pants is very popular. The straight-leg pants have the tapered legs and are worn mostly with heels.

Two and three-piece dress suits are very popular in the dressy wear. The skirt and jacket or the skirt, vest and jacket is very fashionable this spring.

Cunningham said that formals are not too popular this spring.

"We're not seeing as many formals this spring, and some people are wearing the disco dress to events like weddings instead of the long gowns."

In the area of footwear most of the shoes this spring have the high heel.

"I think the average height for a heel this spring is two inches and the candy

shoes are very popular also," Dominique said.

The candy shoe is a slip-on shoe with a high heel. Most of the spring shoes have the ankle straps, are cut-outs and have the string straps.

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Celeste Gilreath models the soft slinky look of spring wear for women this spring. Dresses are in this spring as we see here. The 2-inch heel is also very popular in foot wear this spring. Gilreath accents her ensemble with a crocheted-look shawl top.

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