—People At Work

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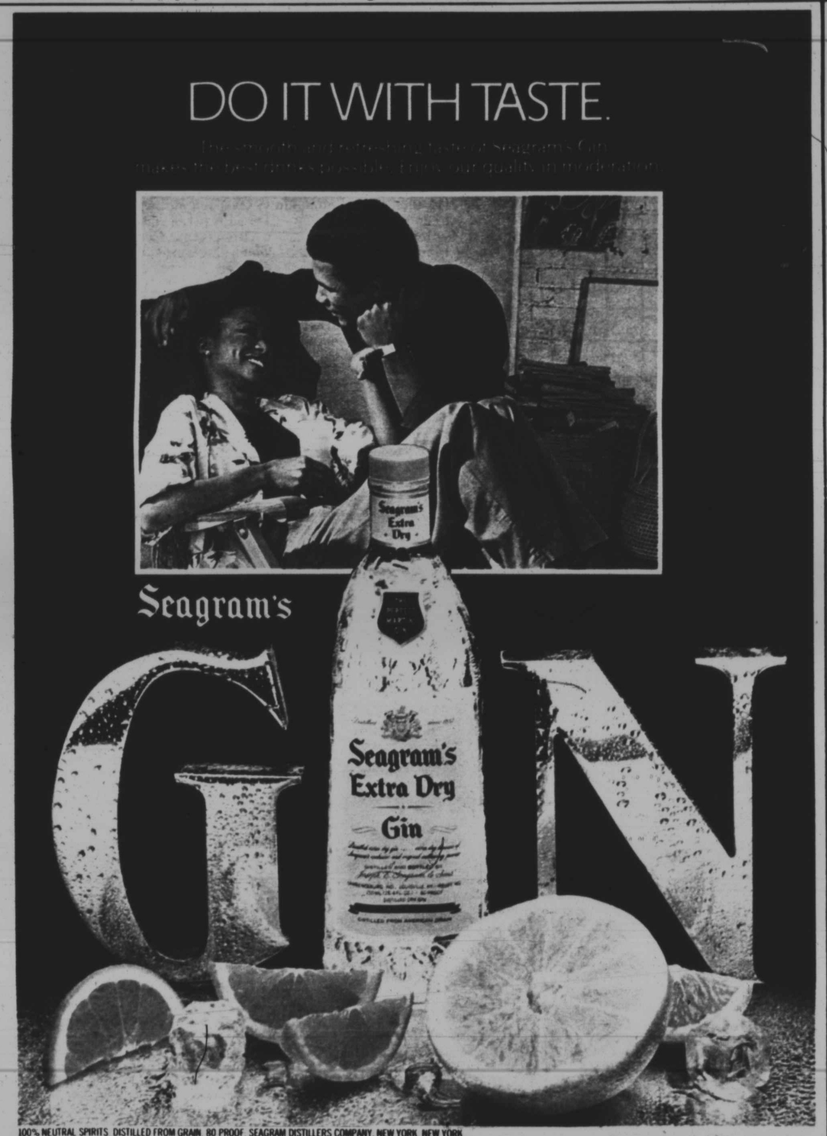
work on a volunteer basis. Pay was not necessary, so she auditioned for the band.

"If there was any pay to be given, I would have only refused it. I just wanted to sing in order to keep my voice in shape," stated the singer.

"Her work with the group is outstanding. She started with us nine months ago. Since then, the audience appeal has increased tremendously," said Diego Guerra, another member of the band.



Thirty - two - year - old Jacobs attended Allen University, Benedict College and Midland Technical Secretarial College. She has two sons, Van, age 12, and Bevan, age 10.

Along with her music capabilities, Jacobs' hobbies are homemaking, jogging, sewing, reading, modeling and acting.

She chooses the costumes and garments for the band's performances, as well as designs and sews all her clothes. Her most prized product is a white full - length fur coat with a hood she designed and made here.

While serving three years of military service at Army Casern Ederle, the soldier and single parent has performed leading roles in several theatricl productions. Among these are "Raisin in the Sun" and "The Second Musical Review."

One of her major works was the direction, coordination and production of the 1981, "First Black History Month Essay Writing Pageant," held at the Noncommissioned Officers Club.

"The pageant provided the women contestants an opportunity to display talent, beauty and intellect," she said.

The five year Army veteran is becoming an ideal example for the single parent in the military. Jacobs maintains a full - time job, takes part in numerous outside activities and still has time left for her pride and joy, Van Bevan.

"My sons are the love of my life!" she exclaims. "Of course, I've had to assume the role of both mother and father, and at times it can be very difficult. But we always work things out together."

"I was really surprised to find out that not having a fatherly image around bothers me more than it bothers them."

"I like Uncle Sam," comments Jacobs as she reveals her future plans of making the service a career.

"I joined the military because I enjoy adventure and for me that's what the Army provides. It keeps me young and keeps me in shape."

After competing her present tour of service, Jacobs is scheduled to attend the Defense Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. She will receive training as a military journalist.

Today, women are performing in more than 90 percent of jobs available in the Army. Jacobs' advice to women considering an Army career is, "be yourself."

Focus on Fashion

By Paula Brooks

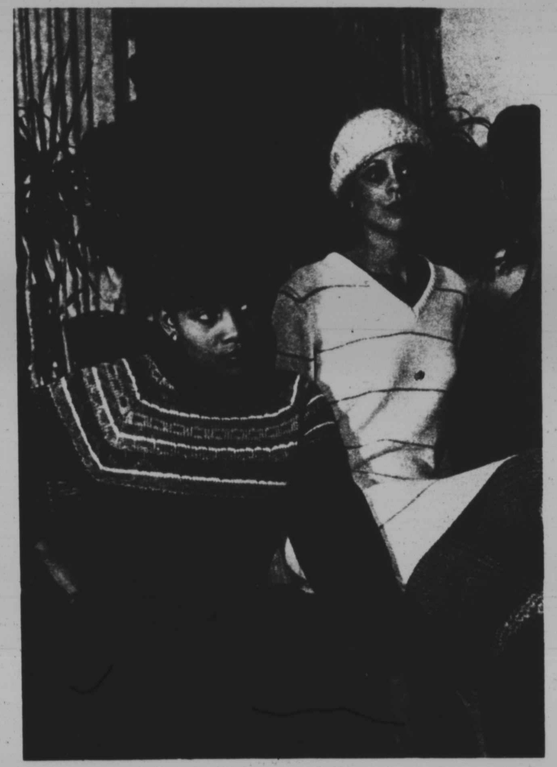
Motoring across the country in the Fall can be a relaxing way to enjoy the season in all its splendor.

When embarking on these jaunty excursions, you'll want your wardrobe to allow you maximum warmth, comfort, and freedom of movement.

Designers have created a look that accomplishes all these things and more. Sweater dressing is an unencumbered, energy conscious, approach to dressing that reflects your active lifestyle.

It is also a look that can be extremely sexy — in a manner reminiscent of athletic participation, fresh air, and apple pie.

Skimps-elongated sweaters that stop several inches above the knees, have become quite popular. They insure mobility, keep in body heat, and look great when paired with ribbed or textured stockings, leg warmers and boots (the new short boot really does this look justice).



Here Carmelite wears black acrylic sweater skimp with metallic threads as an update. Red mohair hat by Amato. Sheila is in winter white - gold metallic stripe acrylic sweater. Photos by Michelle Johnson.

Sheila Artis in handknit black and gray all - wool skimp, giner legwarmers, both from Luna D'Oro. Carmelite Coombs (R) in pale pink cable stitched skimp with multi - colored handknit tam by Amato.

The best part is that you get to wear a piece of art that someone has lovingly created. There are lots of hand-knit, and dyed sweaters available in solid wools, wool and acrylic blends, and solid acrylic.

If you don't mind the cost of dry cleaning, you may choose a 100 percent wool fabrication. However, if you want something you'll be able to wash, but that will still have some of the warmth of wool, look for an acrylic-wool blend.

Remember that it is very important to read label care instructions before purchasing a garment.

For those of you who are allergic to wool — don't despair! There are now acrylics available with all the texture and interest previously found only in wool fabrications.

This also applies to leg warmers and stockings. They can be found in different textures, so be sure to read and find out what they are comprised of, before you get it home and find it's not what you wanted.

Sweater Dressing can also

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