

# Swimmers to splash in one-piece

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Bikini-watchers may be disappointed this summer. The one-piece is splashing back!

Hovland-Swanson, 1230 O St., this spring has sold more one-piece swimsuits than bikinis, according to Carolyn Johnson, buyer for the Hi-Styler Dept.

"The one-piece has changed from the typical tank suit to a fashionable look," she said.

One-piece suits, made of cotton knit, have assorted novelty trims this year, she said. Keyhole openings, braided straps and cross backs have been big sellers, she said.

"A one-piece suit looks good and girls don't have to worry about their middles," Jones said.

Brightly patterned and striped suits are popular, she said, but dark solids also have been selling well.

One-piece swimwear at Hovland-Swanson ranges from \$19 to \$25.

But bikini fanatics need not totally despair. The bikini is still alive and shrinking.

Doug Farrar, manager of Wooden Nickel, 144 N. 14 St., said the new bikini look is "very slim."

"They seem to be cut smaller than previous years," he said.

Tops that can be tied several ways for different looks are popular, he said. Engineered stripes, a single stripe running across a solid color, is a new swimsuit design, Farrar said.

The stripes are not necessarily placed geometrically on the suit's top and bottom.

Wooden Nickel swimwear primarily is made of cotton and nylon acetates. Big sellers have been High Tide, Hukapoo and On The Beach, Farrar said. Prices range from about \$10 to \$22.

For the competitive swimmer, several fashionable one-piece styles are available.

Chuck Duchek, sales clerk at Kep Harding's Sports Shop, 1332 P St., said White Stag Speedo suits come in three styles with different back cuts.

The cross back, which fits tighter across the shoulders and allows freer arm motion, is the most popular this year, Duchek said.

The racing back, cut inward into a Y-shape, also has sold well, he said. Both suits are ideal for competition.

The older Speedo style, the scoop back, is

"convenient," Duchek said, but is no longer a big seller. All styles come in patterns and solid colors, but the patterned look has been more popular, Duchek said. Speedos also are available in nylon and lycra. However, Kep Harding's no longer carries lycra suits.

"Lycra is lighter weight and is preferred by competitive swimmers, but it wears out faster than nylon," he said. Because of little competitive swimming in the area, Duchek said, the store only stocks nylon suits. Speedo suits range from about \$16 to \$20.



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