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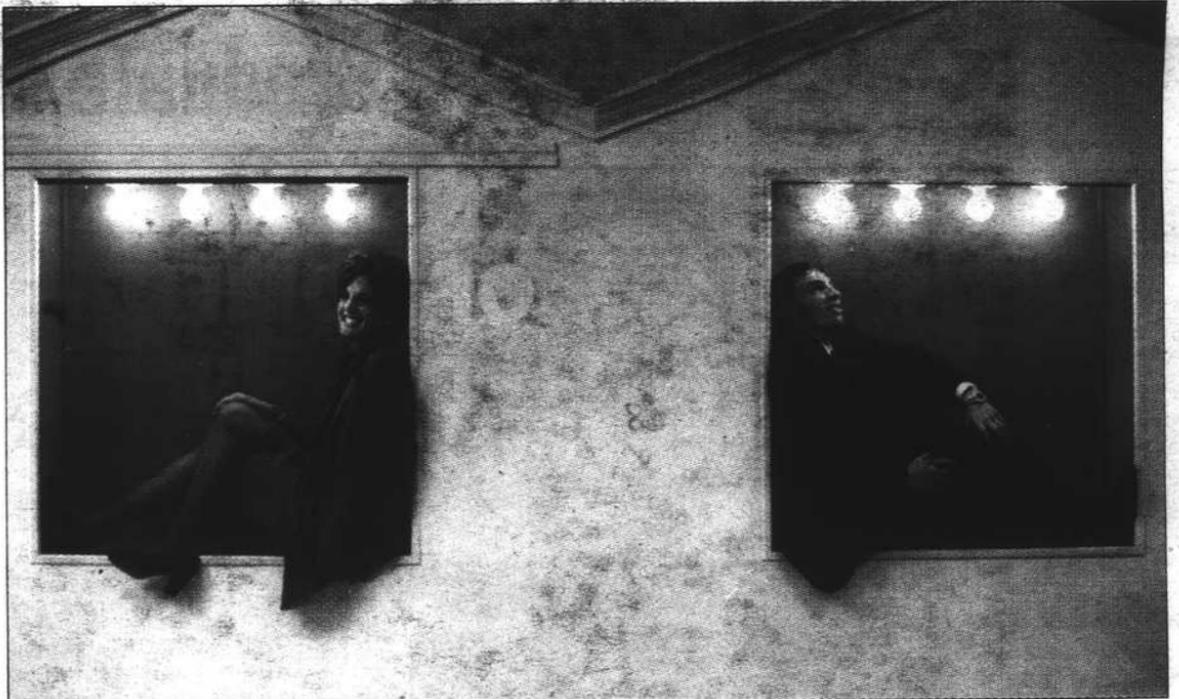
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**STEIN MART EMPLOYEES** Ashley Hespen and J.P. Freudenreich model some of their store's business attire. Hespen is wearing a heather-gray single-breasted blazer by Delicia with a hip-length blazer. The matching skirt has a side slit and a flat waistband. She also has a black micro-fiber T-shirt, a silk kerchief scarf, silver earrings, a Calvin Klein briefcase purse and a Sterling bangle bracelet. Freudenreich is wearing a Sturbridge wrinkle-resistant 100 percent-wool single-breasted blazer, matching gray-wool pleated trousers, a Geoffrey Bene white-cotton dress shirt and a Tesoro Rosso silk tie in burgundy.



*In interviews, a professional look is key*

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When it comes to interviewing for a job, the same rules apply anywhere you go.

No jeans. No tennis shoes. No 5 o'clock shadow. Clip your fingernails.

Wipe the crust out of your eyes. Overall, do anything to yourself that would offer a better first impression.

Christine Cox, ladies department manager and agenda consultant of

Stein Mart, 200 N. 66th St., said that a good first impression is the most important part of interviewing for a job.

"Most interviewers make up their minds in the first 10 seconds whether you're a viable candidate or not," Cox said. "First impressions are by far the most important."

Kevin Wibbels, supervisor of secondary education for Lincoln Public Schools, agreed.

"When I interview someone, I've always believed that this is probably the best I'll ever see them look," Wibbels said. "If they don't look very impressive during the interview, I have to wonder how they will look on the job."

Cox said there is one golden rule to dressing for interviews.

"You should always dress one level above the job's dress code," Cox said. "You can't really look too professional."

Aside from clothing, grooming is also important. Cox said she discourages anything contradicting the traditional styles.

"You should be well-groomed and more on the traditional side," Cox

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 Stein Mart agenda consultant

said. "You want the employer to notice you and not your hair or your makeup."

Wibbels said long hair is OK as long as it is groomed and maintained.

"Extremes can attract attention," Wibbels said. "But I've seen some women with really short hair that look very professional, and I've seen some men with long hair in a ponytail that look very professional."

Aside from dressing up and grooming, perhaps another step to take when preparing for an interview



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