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New York is in no danger of being replaced by Columbus as a fashion capital, but central **Ohio** does have its share of budding Calvin Kleins.

Meet Brian Peoples, 26, president of a small, mail-order clothing company called Image III. Peoples has visions of someday competing with such giants as Spiegel, but what this self-proclaimed jack-of-all-trades believes he does best is design.

His fall ready-to-wear collections, for men and women, include trendy daywear, business classics and evening attire.

To support his design habit, Peoples works part time at a local textile company and delivers pizzas. Like many fashion designers, his interest in clothing construction stems from childhood.

"It's kind of a natural talent that evolved because my mom made all her clothing from her own patterns; my dad reupholstered furniture," said Peoples, who works out of his office/apartment.

"Once the business starts taking off, I'm hoping to get someone to help construct the clothing so I can focus primarily on design."

His inspiration: Italian design king Gianni Versace.

"His styling is more modern, which is what I like to get into."

Peoples' fabrics for fall include bridal satin and crepe; he's also keen on wool and wool blends for suit jackets.

While he's been fighting to get his business off the ground for almost eight years, participating in the upcoming **Ohio Black Expo** will be Peoples' first major fashion show in Columbus.

Traditionally, the finale for the **Expo** involves a fashion show extravaganza and dinner. Peoples will be one of nine designers in this year's show. Others are:

Katie Justus fur goods.

Ellis Valentine denim fashions.

La Mour formalwear.

Voszi Douglas children's wear.

Julie Johnstone menswear.

Lea Brown junior formalwear.

Della Thine Moorer full-figure fashions.

African imports by G.G. Unlimited.

The show will be held at 3 p.m. Sept. 4 at Veterans Memorial, 300 W. Broad St. For reservations (\$20, includes dinner), call 237-4940. Tickets are also available at Willis Beauty Supply Co., 1499 E. Livingston Ave. and 1500 E. Long St.; Reflections of Beauty, 1067 N. 4th St.; and Kum Ba Ya Christian Book Store, 1505 E. Livingston Ave.

Fall and back-to-school fashion shows will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in the NewMarket Mall.

Fashions from mall merchants will be modeled by Dublin High School cheerleaders. Fabrics range from silks to leathers, styles from casual to business attire.

For information, call 766-6777.

"Color Me Beautiful" seminars will be held Saturday and Sunday at The Old Mill at NewMarket Mall.

The consultations, for groups of six, are designed to determine a person's coloring in terms of one of the four seasons - winter, summer, spring or fall. According to the "Color Me Beautiful" system, skin tone, eye and hair color tend to blend best with one of nature's seasonal palettes.

For times, reservations (\$35 per two-hour session) and additional information call 889-9552.

Applications are being accepted for the 1988 Miss **Ohio** Teen All American Pageant to be held Nov. 19 and 20 at the University Inn, 3110 Olentangy River Rd. Girls ages 13 to 19 will be judged on poise, personality and beauty, with the winner going to Miami Beach, Fla., to compete for the national title.

To enter, send a photograph, name, address and telephone number to: 1988 Miss **Ohio** Teen All American, Department 3, 603 Schrader Ave., Wheeling, W.Va. 26003. Deadline is Oct. 8.

For further information, call 304-242-4900.

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