

The fashion files: Passion for fall fashion

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Welcome back darlings! It's time to bust out the backpacks and strut your stuff down the hallway in your newest, finest garb!

This year, are you a freshman to



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fall fashion or a senior to style? Either way, the 2008 fall "Hot" list will help you stay on track like your beloved Penn State planner ... even for the stylishly challenged!

According to People Style Watch

magazine (the ultimate style guidebook), plaid is now back in session! Channel your inner socialite and purchase a plaid mini skirt or pea coat to show off your fall flare. Keep the outfit harmonized by wearing only one plaid item and using accessories to emphasize the ensemble.

Whether you're on a shoestring budget or splurge city, you will find pieces that fit your style and price at Wet Seal, H&M and Macy's.

Now ladies, beige, brown and black are traditional fall colors; however, this time of year, play up your femme physique with bold prints – purple, red and gold with formfitting vintage pieces (i.e. white ruffled blouses or lace blouses) topped off with classic decorative jewelry. This season it's all about embracing your femininity and letting the world bask in your inner and outer beauty.

Oh, and for those of you with the lifetime membership in the sole-lovers sorority (the shoe fanatics), be sure to add metallic, patent leather, leopard and floral



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print heels to your collection – a surefire way to boost your look.

Another returning trend is leggings – grey, black or calf-length leggings are here to stay! Be sure to check out Nordstrom's new spandex "wet-looking" ankle-length leggings in black.

Want to make the outfit pop? Add a plaid skirt, black patent pumps and a basic blouse for a sultry and sophisticated look. Just remember: wear leggings at your own risk! This style is truly for the confident and charismatic female!

As for all of you fabulous fellas, About.com (keyword: Men's 2008 Fall Fashions) raved all about the latest looks to spruce up

your wardrobe. The No. 1 must-have item is the cardigan. It's making a comeback but with a slightly modified appearance – slimmer with a formfitting cut. It is perfect for every occasion, and eye-catching when paired with a dress shirt and crisp stone-washed jeans.

In addition, be sure to stock up on blazers or sports jackets. (Check out Macy's new apparel for the ultimate debonair attire or schedule a trip to King of Prussia if necessary.)

Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and experiment with different materials – corduroy, tweed, wool or cashmere. Just remember to keep the outfit simple and neutral. Less is more, darlings. If your budget can afford it, splurge on a set of premium denim jeans from Express to highlight your style and your self-confidence. To make the collection complete, add a few striped shirts to your closet from the designer of your choice. (Hello, Abercrombie!)

Remember, you can never go

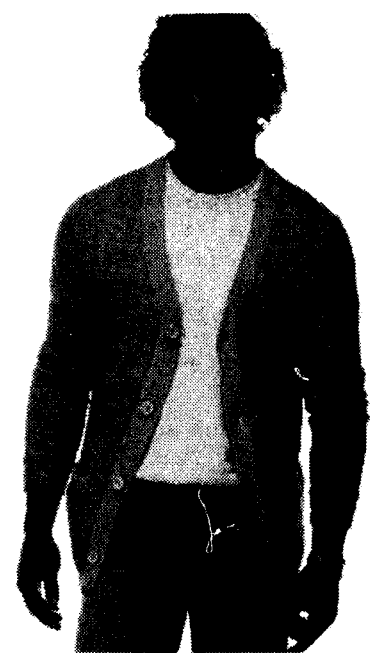


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wrong trusting your fashion instinct, so if something doesn't feel right stick to what complements you best. If you're spontaneous and ready for a change, indulge in the endless buffet of rich, fall fashion!

Ray Gibney: Adventures beyond the classroom

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For fun during his spare time, Ray Gibney likes jumping out of airplanes, parasailing, fishing and golfing, which his significant other is also finally getting into.

The adventurous and risk-taking assistant professor of management always wants to do something else once one task is off his mental list.

"It's just one thing after the next," said Gibney. "I accomplish one adventure I've been wanting to go on for a while and once I finally get that done, it's like, what's next on my list," he said.

It is good, according to Gibney, to take advantage of something right away when you hear or learn about it. Because it is there, calling his name to try it out, he cannot resist.

Even his significant other is finally getting into these adventures. Gibney explained that she is from a conservative family. Her father, he said, was from an orphanage and so "they just didn't do that stuff."

But no longer is that true.

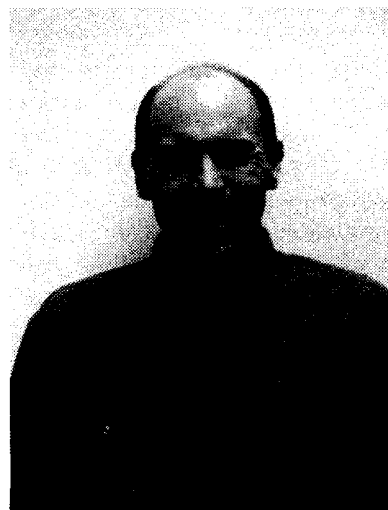


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"She was watching a show on TV one time and told me that we were going to Mexico to try something she saw on that show," recalled Gibney as he laughed. "I was like, 'Mexico, huh? Yeah, OK, sure.'"

Gibney is also a traveler since he was 16 years old. He and his mother traveled together.

"I jokingly say that my mother can't stay in the US for more than three months at a time," Gibney said.

He has been to France, Italy, Germany, Australia, Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas and across

the United States. He would like to go to the Middle East, too, someday.

"I like to say that I watch out for the political environment in the places I visit before just going to them, unlike my mom," Gibney said, which is why he's steering clear of the Middle East for now. Gibney's mother visited Sarajevo in then Yugoslavia during the war – now the city is in the state of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

One of his worst traveling adventures occurred while snorkeling in the Bahamas where Gibney got third degree sun poisoning. He was in water so cool that he did not feel the sun rays on his back. When he got out, his skin was badly burned, he said.

"Your skin boils," said Gibney. "That's how bad third degree sun poisoning is. It took two days for me to become 'normal' and be able to do stuff, but it took a week for it to get better," he said. "Stupidity hurts!"

The craziest thing he has done while traveling was opening an unknown briefcase in the bus just a year after Sept. 11, 2001. He noticed it laying under a seat

and when he learned that it did not belong to anyone, he asked the bus driver to stop the bus so he could depart and examine its contents. He told the bus driver to stand the bus a few feet forward, as he stood a few feet back while he opened the briefcase just in case something deathly would occur. To his surprise, nothing special was in there: only paper and files.

His significant other of seven years, who was also in the bus, was not happy with his decision.

"She yelled at me the entire hour and 20 minutes on our flight back to Pittsburg that day while I tried to explain to her that I did it because I loved her so that if anything, I would've died and not her since she was still in the bus," Gibney said. "Stupidity hurts!" he said again, laughing.

As a child, he wanted to be chef, a profession he still may pursue upon retirement. He jokingly said that he'd make a great billboard for culinary schools as a retired professor who is now a professional chef.

Gibney is in his second year of teaching at Penn State Harrisburg. Previously he taught

Gibney's favorites:

1. Song: Rod Stewart's Have I told you lately, which he dedicated to his significant other
2. Season: Autumn because of the changing colors and cool weather that is "just right" to do his outdoor activities
3. Food and drink: Japanese Hibachi style food and margaritas
4. Dessert: Anything. Including cheesecake, carrot cake, tiramisu, fried ice cream, etc. "I'm like a big old fat boy just waiting to come out!" Gibney said.
5. Accomplishment: Dissertation because it takes a long time

at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburg, Pa., where he taught for two years. The biggest difference, he said, between the students at the University of Pittsburgh and Penn State Harrisburg is the attentiveness, personability and active classroom engagement that the students here have.

His expertise lies in training in human resource systems and management, which are the types of courses he teaches.