

Coed Skirts Go Up, Then Down During 100 Years



FASHIONS PLAYED an important part in the life of a college coed. As women's skirts went up or down all over the country, Penn State coeds did likewise. Typical of the Gay Nineties (upper left) was the bustle, stiff collar, and high buttoned shoes. Fashions changed very little until the Roaring Twenties when the "Flappers" appeared. The formal attire of Penn State students (center) accentuated the new style. Another decade passed and coeds

brought their skirts below their knees again. Sport clothes (upper right) became popular on campus during the thirties. The 1940's brought the "New Look," higher skirts and "sloppy joe" sweaters (lower left). As skirts went up again, long hair and high pomps became popular. The recent decade, 1950's, has again seen the skirt lowered. This is known as the age of bobby socks and boyish bobs (lower right).



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