

Fashion Scene at Penn State

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What is the opinion of the Penn State male and female on fashion styles? A poll was taken this week among independent and sorority girls, and independent, resident hall and fraternity men. The results indicate definite opinions and preferences, likes and dislikes, on everything from long skirts, fake hair and false eyelashes to beards, moustaches, sideburns, ruffles, turtle-necks, white socks and sandals.

What do the guys think of the opposite sex? In typical male fashion, men prefer the girl with long hair. "Of course, it's definitely a female sex symbol. The more the better," one male student said. Shoulder length is most popular. The majority of residence hall and fraternity men don't mind if their date wears a fall or a hairpiece, although independent men prefer girls to be natural, without false hair or eyelashes. They feel wearing a fall is cheating, "unless she's bald."

Well, independent men, don't worry too much. Very few girls on campus own falls. Of those girls questioned only 20 per cent wear a hairpiece of any type.

Though the Penn State male loves long hair, he abhors long skirts. 1967 was the year of the mini-skirt, but for 1968 many designers have forecasted a drastic plunge to the midi or calf-length skirt.

Candid Reactions

How do the men on campus react to this fashion? Decide for yourself. "Terrible; forget it" remarked one young man. "My grandmother wouldn't be caught dead in one," was the opinion of another. And then one fraternity man observed, "Super-mini's make girls look like stumbling giraffes."

Do girls want to look like stumbling giraffes?

Apparently not. Seventy-five per cent of the independent girls polled said they "wouldn't waste their money on a midi-skirt; the sorority women agreed. So, boys, if you plan to girl-watch this spring, you shouldn't be disappointed. Short skirts and long legs are here to stay, at least at Penn State.

But, sometimes it's cold outside, guys, and girls have to wear slacks. You seem to approve. "I like girls in pants, tight pants," was one comment. Not only do guys approve of girls in pants, they also claim that they don't feel less masculine when dating a girl in slacks.

Both males and females concur that there is a time and a place for girls to wear pants. The majority of men, though, do not like to see girls wearing jeans to class.

Sweater, Skirt Approved

Although it is obvious that girls enjoy wearing casual clothes, many designers have been showing frilly, romantic styles for spring. The Penn State male would rather see a girl in a "classic" skirt and sweater than a ruffled dress. The coed seems to agree. Every girl likes to feel feminine, and the Penn State girl feels she is feminine enough wearing the classic, tailored clothes that guys prefer.

More goes into a girl's total look, though, than long hair and a short skirt. Textured or colored stockings, for example, are often a necessary addition to an outfit. The boys approve.

General opinion dictates that textured hose should be worn with low square-heeled shoes.

Jewelry and make-up are also essential to a fashion look. All men polled stated that they like a girl to look natural, wearing "just enough" make-up and perfume. How much is enough? Well, in the words of one young man, too much "looks obscene." More explicitly, "Three or four kinds of eyeshadow and those big ugly false eye-

lashes are enough to make you vomit." One fraternity man said that "Bright colored jewelry is all right if it covers an ugly face." Another Greek said that "Worn at the proper time they look good, but I don't like them worn indiscriminately."

The majority of girls, while liking bold bright colors, prefer to spend their money on conservative clothes and accessories. Less than 12 per cent of those girls questioned said that they would wear a vinyl dress or skirt. The boys polled generally disapproved of "way out" fashions.

Shoes must not be overlooked for they too are a necessary part of an outfit. The majority of fraternity men liked sandals for girls and the traditional loafers, but heartily disapproved of saddle shoes. They suggested "leaving them for the high school cheerleaders."

What does the coed say about male fashion habits? In hairstyles, almost all girls like moderately long hair on boys, and they like it clean and neat. As for moustaches and beards, the girls' opinions vacillated from one extreme to another. Some comments were: "I hate them!" "It's fine, but I wouldn't want to date one." "Love them!" "I'm not too crazy about them."

About 60 per cent of the girls questioned thought that boys looked most masculine when dressed in a suit or sports jacket. Others liked to see boys wearing a pair of "clean" Levis, a sports shirt, and a sweater. One coed cast her vote for a tuxedo. "I think tuxes are about the sexiest thing a man could put on."

Most of the girls don't mind if boys go without socks, as long as weather permits. But white socks, at any time other than on the basketball court, won a unanimous "no."

Penn State males have very definite opinions on their clothes also. About 95 per cent of all men polled enjoyed wearing shorts; opinion was divided on turtle-necks.



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Spring Fashions for Women Emphasize the Unusual

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The Spring Fashion Revolution is beginning again on campus. The colors, styles, and the overall looks are changing to harmonize with the "swinging" new season.

The look for spring is feminine, and coeds will find vibrantly colored styles liberally adorned with bows, ruffles, smocking, unusual belts, scarves, and decorative zippers.

The most popular clothing styles will include the pants dress, the culotte, the body or fitted shirt, and the dirndl skirt (which is gathered at the waistline and tends to minimize the waist). The Bonnie and Clyde look with the long belted waist and pleated skirt will be increasingly popular especially in grey crepe with white accents.

Some midi (calf-length) skirts will be shown, but these will be mainly for evening wear. In general, hemlines will remain the same, according to Karen Mickam, manager of the Mr. Charles Shop. "Short hemlines are more practical, and besides men prefer the short skirts, and that is the determining factor."

"Last summer most of the girls wore cutoffs, but this summer most will wear culottes and bermudas." Karen also feels that the Penn State coeds have started a trend toward a better dressed look for classes and casual activities.

Bathing suits will be shown in the conventional one-piece as well as two-piece and bikini style. Many of the newest suits come complete with matching cover-up and hat.

Spring fabrics include cottons, some linens, and knits. Crepe will be particularly popular this season for the dressier look.

Finally, spring accessories will be color coordinated with the spring fashions. Purses, shoes, scarves, belts, and hats can be worn in a one or two color effect for a "total" look. Scarves are becoming more and more useful as a neckline accent for both casual and dressy styles.

Hats for spring are mainly pillbox or sailor types. The featured jewelry this season emphasizes the flowered look. Flower pins, necklaces, earrings, and bracelets follow the trend toward femininity and daintiness, and will be increasingly popular on and off campus.



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Legs To Set Pace In Campus Fashions

There are no two ways about it, today's leg fashions set the pace for the best-dressed girls on campus.

In hosiery, it's wearers' choice and the choice is practically limitless. Colors are at their gayest, shading from sherbert hues to staccato yellows, oranges, greens and the strong browns that will march on into fall. White and pale tones too are top favorites in stockings of "Cantreece" nylon, the greatest in the matter of fit.

And what makes a girl look well dressed in the fullest sense of the word? It's her hosiery. The wrong color or texture can spoil her whole fashion appearance, just as bare legs can spoil it.

The "in" way to dress this spring centers on well-clad legs and what is worn above them. Come summer, the travelling co-ed who has an awareness of good fashion and good grooming knows she will look her best for sight-seeing when she wears an attractive dress with matching or harmonizing stockings.

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