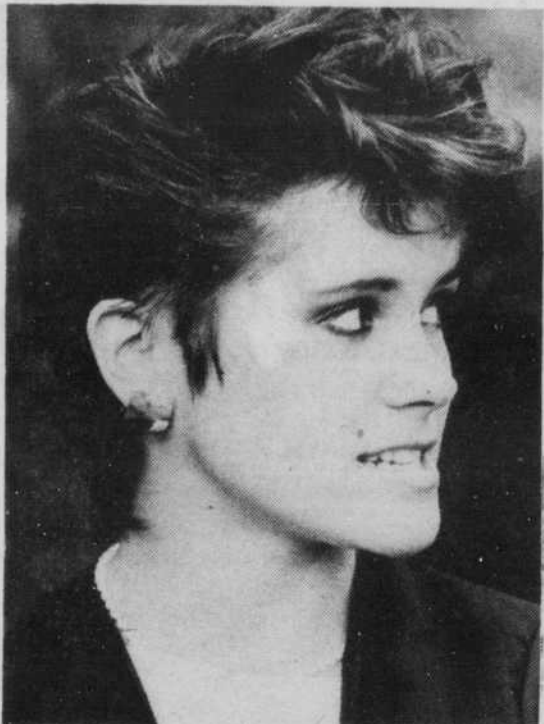


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Hair, more than a cut



Next to the weather, hair may rank as the most frequently discussed topic. It's certainly one of the most flexible fashion assets. In a matter of minutes, a new haircut can carry us from one decade to the next, elevate us from uni-level to bi-level, transform us from blonde to eye-straining red, drive us from straight to curly.

Hair is a constant source of manipulation. We hate it; we like it. We cut it; we curl it. We dye it, iron it, hide it. We "grow it out," blow dry it, gel it, style it. It will never be left alone — not in conversation, and certainly not to grow any which way it pleases.

Most University students surveyed this Fall give their hair considerable thought, findings that led us to conclude that most students are:

- Pleased with their look.
- Striving for practicality.
- Not too big on chemicals.
- Very big on the compliments that their hair elicits.
- Willing to try something new in case of boredom or general burnout.

Students have some interesting thoughts on what hair stylists say makes a bigger statement about ourselves than anything else in the entire world.

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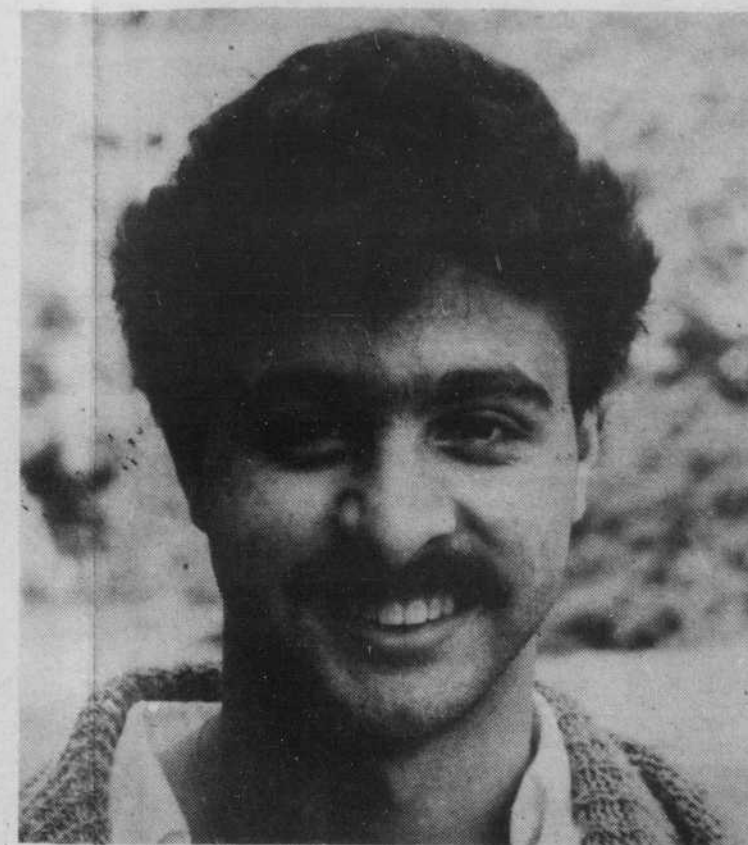
Tamara Tiffany, junior, mentioned that she receives numerous compliments from women about her hair. "People always ask me 'is it natural?' 'what do I do to it?'" Tiffany said. What does she do to it? "Nothing. It's natural. I just wash it." Nor is she any longer bothered by its waviness. "I used to mind it. Not anymore."



Lilly Gille, freshman, calls her hair a "short bi-level." "I had it cut two weeks before college started," Gille said. "With dorm life you need something practical." Though she admits that the perm is "for style," the shortness of the cut allows her to "just run to class." In fact, Gille was just running for an off-campus trim.



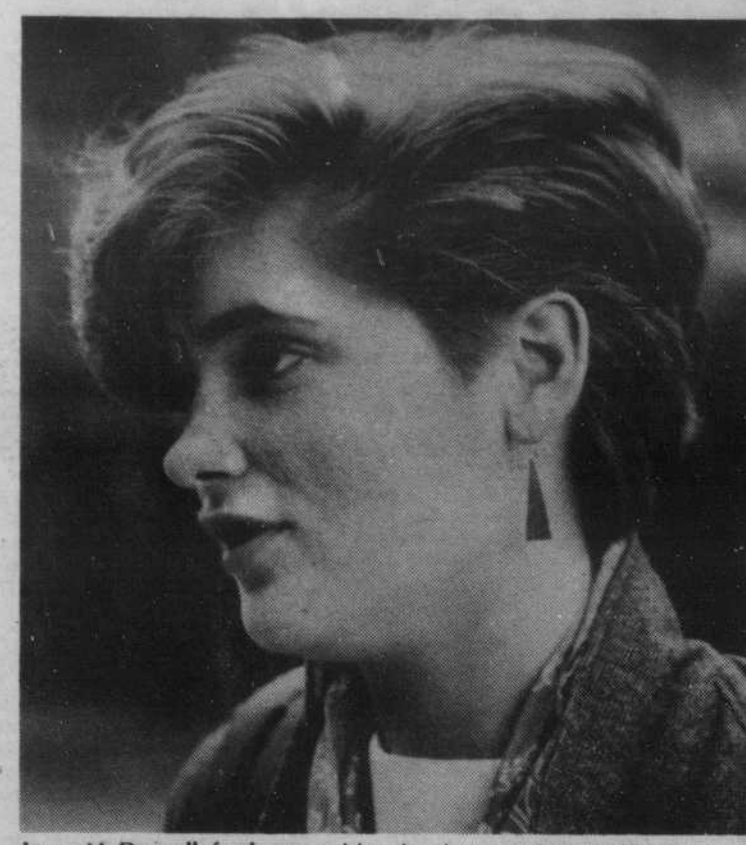
Maureen Kirkeby, freshman, has always kept her hair long. For many years, all kinds of people have envied her hair. "It's the volume," she said. "But the color helps a lot too." Though she has a permanent, all she does to her hair is wash and brush it. "That's it. I doubt I'll ever do anything drastic to it."



Andre Barde, junior, told us that his hair is usually shorter, but the length often "depends on his mood." He likes it short because it's easier to manage and all he has to do is wet and gel it. It's naturally curly, something that doesn't annoy him. "Everyone always wants the kind of hair they don't have," Barde said, "but I'm satisfied."



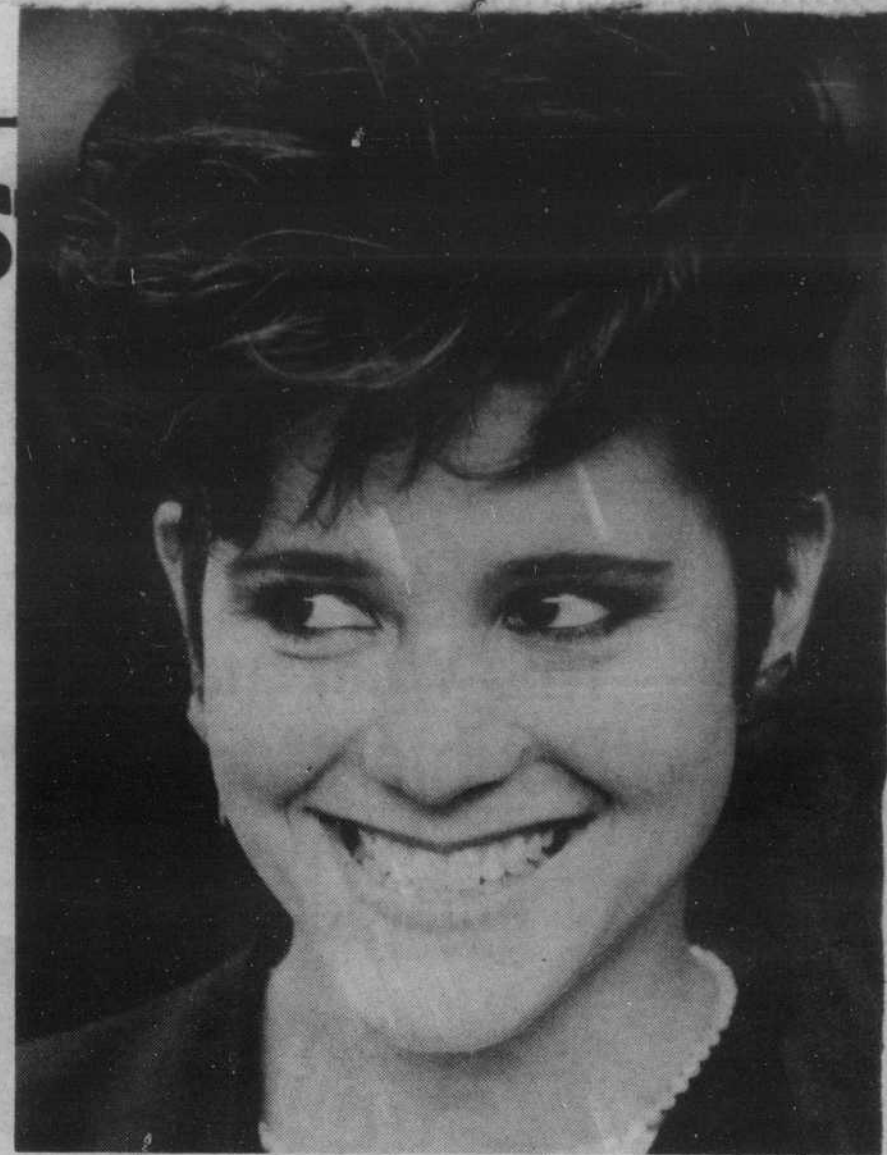
Jeff Delkin, senior, receives comments frequently from women about his hair. "Women love it," Delkin said. His haircut came from a hair-modelling stint he did this summer. "The stylist wanted to make it black and white and spiral it, but this was as far as I'd go." Delkin doesn't even bother to comb his hair. He just washes it. "I like it to look long without feeling long. Besides, I can hear better."



Laura McDougall, freshman, told us her hair was inspired by a French style. She had it cut in June and mentioned that her parents thought it a little daring. "I do get weird looks," McDougall said. "I don't think my hair's punk, but a lot of people call it that. They also don't believe the color is natural." (The color is a flaming auburn/red, though McDougall has always called it "red.")



Lisa Hastings, freshman, told us she just had her naturally wavy blonde hair "cut in layers." She likes it and believes it has a lot more style now than when it was "long and blah." Even though her hair is the subject of many compliments with its updated style, she figures she'll eventually tire of it and try something new.



Sarah McCracken, sophomore, just had her hair cut. McCracken indicated that she has a heavy dose of trust in her stylist. "I just went in and told her to do whatever she wanted. Just have fun with it." Certainly McCracken has one of the more fashionable cuts we saw on campus, but beauty doesn't come without some sacrifice — and energy. "I just wash it, gel and style it, curl it, and let it go," McCracken said.

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