

Keeping your eye on latest styles

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In spite of the miniskirt's comeback, fashion does not stop at the knees. The shoes you wear can make or break an outfit.

While walking along the shops in Valley River Center and on the downtown mall, what's "in" becomes obvious; those shoes that are prominently displayed close to the aisles are the ones to buy. The fashion-conscious consumer can't miss them.

It appears that laced "booties" are back for women. Popular colors are black and browns like spia and burnt sienna (use your Crayola crayon box as a reference).

The stylish dress shoe is still the pump, sprouting medium to low heels that are not too narrow, not too wide. The color emphasis is on darker earth tones, with some maroons and midnight blues. There also are many pumps made of exotic skins like eel, alligator and snake.

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Photo by Shu-Shing Chen

Shoes are richer in color with styles remaining more classical. (Shoes courtesy of The Bon Marche.)

Fashion: a matter of opinion

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Students from around the country and the world come to the University with their own manner of dressing. Everyone has an opinion about his or her favorite outfit worn by the opposite sex. We want to know what makes women take a second look and what clothing a man finds the most attractive on a woman.

Two friends from Casper, Wyo. had individual favorites. Kathryn Barton revealed that, to her, chests are the most eye-catching, so tank tops are her favorite. In contrast to this casual style, she also loves a man in "those dress-up baggy pants."

Kelley Carpenter had one important word: "Birkenstocks!" She tends to like the outdoor types, so Levi 501 jeans are always appropriate.

Angela Proffit, a University student from Portland, wants men to rip up those faded Levis and wear dress shirts and a tweed coat with them. The "beat-up loafers" complete the look that Proffit says is huggable.

Ruthie Paugstat, a sophomore from Klamath Falls, reinforced the idea that Levis continue to

be in demand. Paugstat likes her man's jeans faded.

A little closer to home, Shane Glines, from Eugene, thinks that woman look better in neutral, subdued colors, in a not-so-subtle fashion — "big sweaters and short skirts."

Pat McCullough of Maplewood, N.J., grinned and replied, "no comment."

Jerry Dixon and Scott Thorkildson, both from Springfield, Ill., had opposite views on women's fashion. Dixon prefers loose, baggy clothing, none of that tight stuff, while Thorkildson pointed out figure-flattering, conservative clothing as his favorite. He doesn't like it when clothing hangs all over.

Mark White is in to the layered look. Clothing from the store, "The Limited," is right in line with most of his tastes. The best jewelry, White said, is gold and silver that isn't too dangly or gawdy.

Many people wanted to stress that what people wear should be easy. Fashion is only fun when it isn't something that has to be taken off because of restricted circulation. Save those stuffy outfits for stuffy occasions. Or as Eric Dunlap of Portland said, "Be comfortable!"

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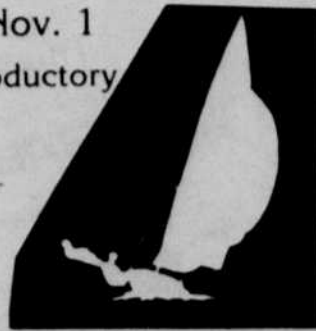
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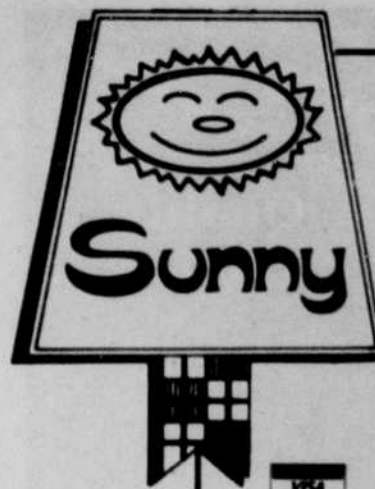
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