

# Students avoid professional look

The long slim skirt. The color red. Menswear designs for women. Splashes of animal print. These are the high fashion trends for fall as defined by New York and Paris.

Eugene, however, has a style all its own.

The New York and Paris trends are almost unheard of around campus. Pre-professionals have very different ideas about what is in style. After four plus years at the University, people will return to department stores and dress "for success."

The diverse personalities on campus make it difficult to define specific dress styles. There are many key brands and pieces that can be found in most student's closets.

One of the most popular articles found is Levis - worn ripped, faded, cut-off or patched. As long as they are not newly preshrunk, Levis are "oh-so-cool."

No need, as of yet, to let go of summer favorites. Merely put on a pair of wool socks with Texas or a pair of street tights or long-underwear under an old pair of cut-offs.

Many students define campus styles based on what is comfortable.

"In most cases, when it comes to men, style is whatever happens to be clean," junior Alia Swartz said. "Outdoor sports gear such as hiking boots, fleece pants and jackets, Texas and backpacks are commonly seen."

Sean Hallisy, also a junior, complies with the theme of comfort. Baggy jeans, a fleece jacket and a baseball cap are some of his prized possessions.

When it comes to women's fashion, Hallisy said women are dressing with the same idea as the men.

"More girls seem to be rolling out of bed and throwing on a hat before class," Hallisy said. "Sweat-suits and workout clothes are frequently worn on campus."



Photo by Kim Nguyen

Comfort is in vogue for this year's fashionable University.

# Used-clothing vendors find market with students

University students these days are recycling more than just aluminum cans and newspapers; they're recycling their clothes. With the growing awareness for the need to reuse products, many students are doing their shopping in second-hand and consignment shops. Of course helping to preserve the environment is not the only advantage of buying used clothing.

Students stated everything from comfort to low prices to unique styles when asked why they shop in used clothing stores.

"They have quality clothes at good prices," sophomore Debbie Wolfstone said. "I bought a blazer at a consignment shop that was just like one I bought at Nordstrom, only cheaper."

Many female students agreed that today the more popular look is "worn-in" and "unique" clothing, which can often be found in used clothing stores.

"I like shopping in second-hand stores because you can find unique clothes, the kinds of things that really make an outfit," said junior Nina Slocum.

One advantage in buying used clothing is that students save money and fix the clothes up themselves if they want to create their own style.

Many male University students said they tended to buy used Levis, Bermuda shorts, and leather and Army jackets when shopping for used clothes.

"I like to buy mostly second-hand shorts; they're used, but they're still quality clothing at a good price, which is nice on a college student's budget," said junior Cameron Baxter.

Many university students have found they like the used clothing and have become consistent customers, several shop-owners said.

"Most of our customers are a regular crowd, and therefore we have a constant turnover of clothing," said Chris Matthews, manager of Second Thoughts, a second-hand clothing store on West 11th Avenue.

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