

Fashion

U. sidesteps the runways of Paris and Milan, going straight to the campuses of the good ol' U.S.A. to document the latest fashion trends.

Here's the scoop: We sent our student photographers out around the country to capture what it means to be stylish these days. See, rather than trying to tell you what to wear, we decided to show you what the trendiest among you were already wearing.

We had no idea what we would get back, but, surprisingly, we saw a real similarity in styles nationwide. Certainly, there are differences, but a hip Texan would fit in just fine in Boston, and vice versa.

We saw tons of denim, vests and big shoes. Mix liberal doses of J. Crew and the Gap with a little thrift store flower power, and you'll get the picture.

But wait, we've got the pics right here! It's not *House of Style*, but...

U.'s Got The Look!



OFF THE WALL: The beatnik, pseudo-hippie look is in at Ohio. Think loose, casual and outdoorsy. Goatees are the facial hair statement for men, and homemade necklaces are popular with both sexes.

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DON'T WALK AWAY: When you think New York, you think attitude. New Yorkers just don't care. I mean, hey, what do I look like over here? Cindy Crawford or something?

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COMFORT:

Light-hued, humidity-friendly fabrics like rayon, linen and cotton are preferred at Houston. And now that boots — even the cowboy kind — are way in, Houstonians don't look quite so geeky. And, of course, oil wells will never go out of style.



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DREAMY: More Midwestern beatnik. It's a free and easy mode o' dress. Note the long, printed skirt and Dr. Martens-style shoes. (She says they are comfortable and "you can stomp on things.") They're also good for hangin' in coffee houses.

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