

Style file

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Eugene is known for its funky, off-beat atmosphere, and its fashion scene is no exception. For some people, their look is part of their lifestyle; for others, it's as simple as picking up a shirt off the floor in the morning. In "Style File," an occasional feature to be included in Pulse Relax every month or so, we'll attempt to explore style on campus and what it means to each

individual. Your friendly — and stylish — Pulse editor, reporters and photographers will be scouring the University for the unique as well as the mundane. We'll get the information and photographs and put them on these pages for your viewing delight. Consider it your compass to current fashion in Eugene — you can get ideas for a new look, you can point and laugh or simply be entertained. Hey, maybe you'll even see yourself in this section. Enjoy.

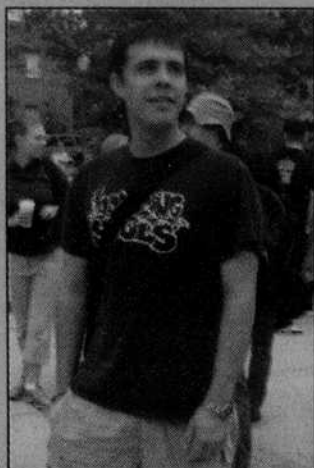
Chad Brown

"I don't know if I really have a style," University senior Chad Brown said. The 23-year-old international studies major paused for a moment, then described his look as "thrift-store with a little bit of punk rock and some hip-hop."

Brown's look has changed over the years. In junior high, he sported the ever-popular haircut with designs shaved in the sides — a la Vanilla Ice. He said he also wore "Hammer pants" on a regular basis.

On the "worst fashion faux pas" front, Brown wore pants with a hole in the pocket to school, and they tore, revealing a little more than he bargained for. He said the worst style mistake he has seen is the "frat boy, popped collar look."

Brown said he enjoys shopping. "I'm just poor as hell, so I can't buy anything," he said.



Marika Farhadi

Mohawks put Marika Farhadi in a good mood. She said that although her style doesn't follow any particular trend, she dresses in a way that makes her happy.

"I really like to try to mix gender stereotypes," Farhadi said. "I'll dress like a boy, but wear a pink headband with a bow."

She recently got rid of her mohawk. She said she also likes to dress goth, even though she doesn't "have the 'oooh, death' attitude."

The undeclared freshman scours garage sales for stylish duds.

"I think there is a rising number of people shopping at garage sales and doing their own thing," she said.

The one thing Farhadi dislikes is when people wear high heels on a regular basis.

"It's ridiculous," she said.



Jessica Grey

Like Brown and Farhadi, University junior Jessica Grey shops second hand, but she'll also venture to department stores.

"(I shop) anywhere from Value Village to Nordstrom," she said. "It doesn't matter."

The 20-year-old art major said she likes to wear layered clothes that keep her warm.

Grey gets her fashion inspiration from a variety of influences, especially from what other people are wearing on the street.

The one thing she can't stand is jeans with a pre-faded butt.



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"We're more of a riding club than a show club," Millette said. Both Millette and Paunderas mention the town Gunther as favorite place to ride to, but add there are many open roads near Eugene that offer challenging and picturesque rides.

Another integral part of scooter clubs is the rallies. Clubs sponsor rallies and invite scooter owners from around the country to bring their Vespas to socialize and ride with others. They usually take place on weekends and involve lots of eating and drinking.

"In our clubs, rallies are the highlight," Millette said. "We're known for our really fun rides. During rallies, we take people on rides all through the countryside."

Top Dead Center usually hosts two rallies a year. Run From the Sun is one that takes riders from Eugene to Pacific City for a campout on the beach. The other, Cinco Scoot, usually takes place May 5. However, according to Millette, this year, Cinco Scoot will be called The People's Scoot and will happen on May Day so the rally can fall on a weekend.

"It's pretty much like a big weekend party," Millette said.

For Top Dead Center members, a Vespa is more than a way to get around town. It's a way to get your hands dirty and build something beautiful. It's a way to meet people to debate the pros and cons of two-stroke and four-stroke engines with. And if you happen to own a Vespa, there's no escaping them.

"If we see someone on a Vespa, we'll chase them down," Millette said.

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