

Tips For Gal Off To College As Fresh

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So you're off to school in the fall and you don't know what to take. Here are a few tips on what the well-dressed college girl will wear this fall.

First take the essentials and lots of mixers, but when you come to that extra pair of jeans, that sequined dress, your fourth pair of dress pumps—don't pack them!

The rooms at college are smaller than your's at home, and you will be sharing it with one or more girls at most schools, so closet space is at a premium. Besides, although it is inadvisable, in an emergency you can always borrow from your roommate.

Another note that probably will be a surprise to you, is that the freshmen are usually the style setters. The reason is that the juniors and seniors, who soon will be heading for marriage and jobs and new styles fitting their occupations, want to save their buying until then. The freshmen usually have the new trends in styles well in hand.

So don't worry about what the college girl wears. She looks like an older high school edition of you—with fewer fads and more conservative styles.

If you haven't yet bought your college clothes, the best advice is to buy the new clothes you need, but don't buy all of them for the next four years now. Fashions will change. Be in style, but remember too that you have your own personality, and all the fashions may not be for you.

Now for that shopping trip! The local stores are showing a movement back to pleats, satin and wool jersey.

Especially nice for the college girl, or for any busy Miss, are the new skirts which will soon be out with permanent pleats which remain even after cleaning. With nylon-washables that require no ironing and, pressless pleats, you can spend all your time studying!

As for sweaters and skirts for campus wear, take as many or as few as you like, but if you have something that you seldom wear, don't take it to school—you won't wear it there either.

Buy the new skirt fads if they are becoming and fit you, but remember that no fashion, no matter how new and different, will make you happy if you think it isn't becoming. The new trends, however, should look good on any girl for all styles are being shown—straight skirts, pleated and flared and in all colors, both solids and plaids.

Wool jersey dresses will be popular this fall when the weather cools, and wonderful for school and movie dates all winter long. They are being shown in plaids, stripes and plain colors.

Corduroy suits, jackets, dresses and jumpers will be back in the limelight again this year, and ever so practical too. Corduroy is versatile and can be dressed up or down for any occasion.

Take lots of lingerie—if you can afford it—and things that are durable and easy to wash. Nylon is an expensive, but easy out to your laundry problem, but the older materials are practical too.

Now for the big date and dates. If you are going to college near a large city such as San Francisco, you'll probably want more evening attire, but if you are going to remain an Oregonian, remember that most of the colleges are in small towns.

One or two good date dresses will be sufficient for most purposes, and by date dresses, one means that "sophisticated stuff." Some schools label them "short silks," but they mean any type of date dress except wool sports.

Satin is in vogue this year and is prettier and more durable than before. The new type is skinner satin that looks as if it won't twist, stretch or wrinkle like the other, and it doesn't look like something the Dragon Lady would wear. It's collegiate this year.

Take several dresses for Sunday dinner that are the kind the Dean of Women would like. Something becoming, but simple—no sequins or gold braid. For these occasions, suits, wool dresses and wool crepe are worn most of the year. They also double nicely for dates and football games in Portland.

For formal dances that will come during your career, you can be both chic and practical. Take one formal with you to school. You can always wire Mom for the others—when the occasion arises. Party clothes are always full, and that extra formal may mean crowding and extra pressing. If you can find one, a formal with a jacket or stole will come in handy for dinner parties before a big dance, or for those few formal dinners held at college.

Some colleges have concerts that are formal so the bolero idea is especially apt. Oregon concerts are not formal, however.

For picnics and work parties (oh, yes—house cleaning even at school) you'll want a pair of jeans or noddal pushers and a woad shirt. If you are going to an Oregon school, don't forget a rain-proof coat. A rain-coat is good, but a heavier coat with rainproofing will give you more service. Winter at Oregon and Eugene are both rainy and chilly, but a jacket for warmer days is good, too.

Aside from the clothes that you will need, many questions are usually asked concerning bedding. In the dormitories, linen is furnished, but you must take your own blankets and pillow. However, if you plan to live in a sorority, it is advisable to take two sheets as well as your blankets with you, since most houses prefer each girl to furnish two sheets. That idea keeps the linen supply from wearing out all at once with a minimum cost to you and to the house. The laundry is done for you.

(For pictures of Klamath girls preparing for college, see Page 9, Section III.)

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