

# Fickle world of fashions and ticklish trends

In the fickle world of fashion and its equally unreliable cousin, the trend, there's always some measure of caution to take before embracing its latest manifestation. For every so-called "in" thing that pans out over time like blue jeans, there's something else that will crash to earth with a resounding thud so fast you won't even have time to get a

good price on it from Goodwill. Anyone remember those headbands from the Olivia Newton-John era, for example? For about three months, every female walking the planet had to have one. The rich ones were willing to pay upwards of \$20 for a piece of material that added nothing to one's appearance and couldn't even hold

back perspiration, much less sweat. Then, just as quickly as it came up, someone on one of the coasts decided she could be cute without it, her friends followed, and the next thing you knew, headbands were back to the exclusive ownership of point guards.

How about any of the disco gadgets? That even earned a spot on the Ronco roster. Maybe Opus of Bloom County bit on it, but no one else did once the initial tremor that always preceded the death of a trend quieted down.

An obscure artist named Tontio K once penned a song named "Cinderella's Baby," in which he bemoaned to an ingenue that "There's a rule book being written for you on the video set." It's true. The newest fashions and trends seem to be directly related to MTV and the various video programs. This is bad news if you don't have MTV. All of your friends will be one step ahead of you, and they'll always know what's "out" before you do. (Of course, you also will be less inclined to swallow any old thing and lose a lot of money on a doomed trend too, so look at it anyway you wanna).

But, in that vein, here are some fashion trends I hope don't catch on, some I hope that do, some that I wish would go away, and some that I wish would come back. To check how I did, watch the sorority women closely in the next few months. They're usually the first that pick up on these things.

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Then there are some things that just didn't get that far, some things that might have been very good or practical ideas that just didn't get off the ground. For example, why did black guys quit wearing those plastic bag jobs over their curls in public? Damn entertaining sight that just went by the wayside. And, whatever happened to slit skirts? I remember someone telling my sister she wouldn't ever get a date unless she started wearing slit skirts. Hell, she couldn't even get talked to by anybody unless she wore slit skirts. Of course, it didn't work out that way. My sister never bought one. She's married now, but I'll always wonder. If the slit skirt trend hadn't died down, would she and what's-his-name ever have met?

### FASHION TRENDS I HOPE DON'T CATCH ON (AT LEAST NOT UNTIL I GRADUATE AND DON'T HAVE TO SIT BESIDE IT IN CLASS)

1. The Prince bandana-over-the-right-eye look. (Note: There are a couple of "hip?" dudes walking around the 14th and Q area with this already. This is definitely one of those Eddie Murphy "giggle my a--" off looks. It looks like the foolishness it is on any person other

than Prince.

2. The Bodyguard look. I can see it now. Already Cyndi Lauper has copied Prince by having a huge man follow her around like a silent puppy. Soon, all people who are really cool will hire a big lunk who's willing to keep quiet and not smile to follow them around. Perhaps there is some good in this evil, however, since it may give the UNL football program a few more part-time jobs to find for walk-on offensive linemen.

3. The Prince underwear look — There's a sign on the door at P.O. Pears warning entrants they must be 21 and, among other codes, they must not wear underwear that isn't underwear. Could this be a disastrous sign that this foul, rancid suggestion from Mr. Nelson has already been tried? Perish the thought.

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for women parading around in underwear. But not in public... know what I mean?

### FASHION TRENDS THAT I WISH WOULD GO AWAY

1. Button-in-the-back women's blouses.
2. Prince
3. Glitter Gloves (or were they ever really here?)
4. Tina Turner hairstyles
5. The unironed look
6. Levis 501 Jeans. Not the jeans, just the commercials. Please.

### FASHION TRENDS I WISH WOULD CATCH ON

1. The Morris Day gold jacket look. This would separate the men from the boys. Plus, it would be difficult for very many to duplicate.
2. Wearing socks with shorts. It would be more comfortable, considerably less smelly and makes shoes last longer.

### FASHION TRENDS I WISH WOULD COME BACK

1. Plastic baggies. This died too quickly. Since whites started wearing muscle shirts, afros, and everything else after blacks did, we were dying to see a few try this.
2. Slit skirts.
3. Bell bottoms. They're terrible for beekeeping, because the bees funnel right up your legs. But they can cover up any kind of socks you wear, and you don't have to put your socks on before your pants, unlike getting dressed in evil straight legs.

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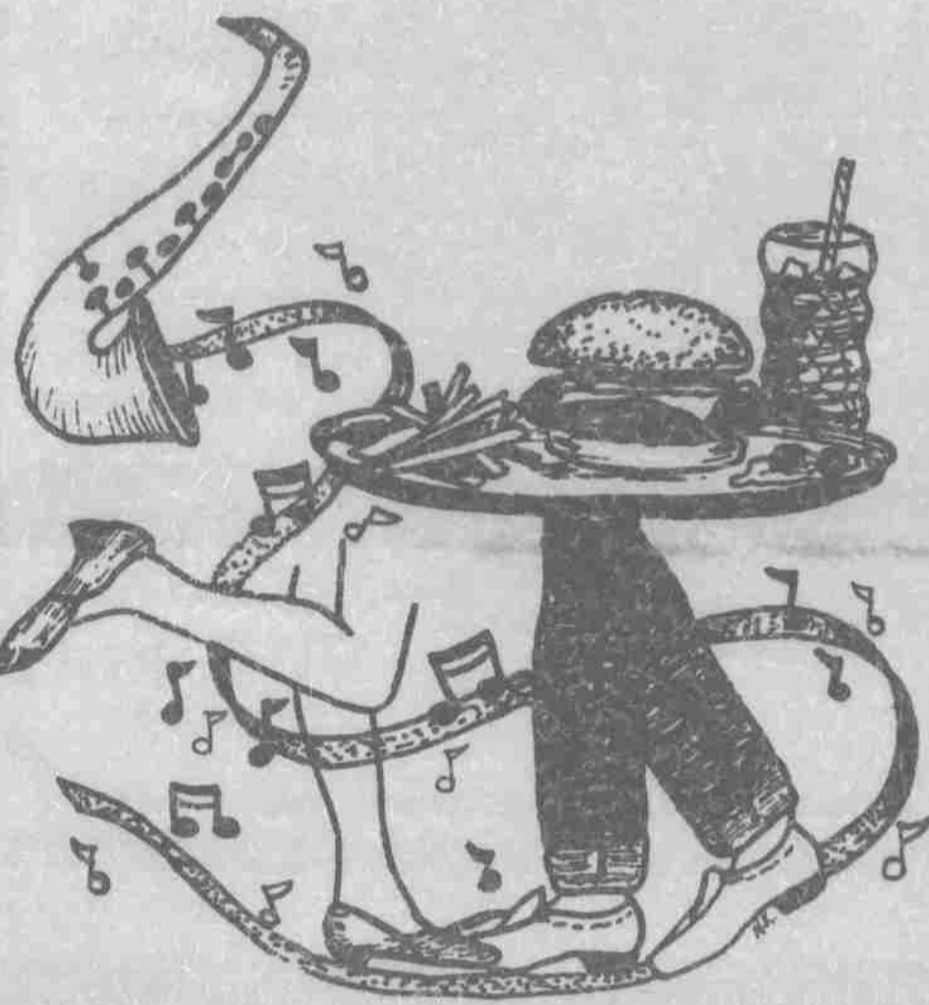


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