

# Evolution of the Slack Changes Modern Coed

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Women's clothes, those indispensable little items and unmentionables, have been discussed, argued about, and fought over. However, there is a new addition to the modern girl's wardrobe. This little garment has just popped into polite society. It is the slack. Here we will attempt to attempt, among other things, to distinguish most girls in slacks from Bob McNutt in cords. Maybe this institution brought about the new dance sensation, "Mrs. Five by Five."

Slacks made their first appearance on the frame of super drooper Marlene Dietrich who created quite a sensation and almost eclipsed Garbo's size nines with her sensationalism. Marlene, however, could wear them with some success and the average lady movie-goer who goes to a show just to rest her feet decided this wouldn't be such a bad idea. So the tailors of the nation were hounded by a new and demanding clientel.

Next in Brooklyn.

We next see the slacks in Brooklyn where the goils find them so handy to carry pop bottles into the park unobserved or rather unnoticed. These female Ruffings could just pull out their bottles and let the ump have it and they wouldn't even lose the bottle deposit.

Comes now the war and all the men in uniform inspire the fair sex to go one step further in their copy of the man. Soon plaids and checks appear on the campus in great number and professors, especially those near sighted, have much difficulty with the personnel

## Female Vandal Does Cosmetic Job at Dorm

So what if there is a moronic vandal in the dorm? Or maybe it should be vandals, because how could one person think up and execute so much skuldugery?

Anyway, someone thumbed their nose at the shortage of labor Tuesday about 1:30 a. m. Maids already overworked had to put in extra time cleaning up a mess that outdid most of the pledges' efforts on squeak night.

An inch or so of soap chips, talcum powder, orange peels, and perfume covered the hall on the third floor of Love. Cold cream found an extra use on door knobs, telephones and mirrors. A beautiful shade of nail polish covered name cards and parts of doors.

"Fire" was marked on the fire extinguisher in nail polish and lipstick. T. P. was strung hither and yon. Miss Wilson even found footy footprints on her floor.

The punishment has not yet been announced, but the main rumor is that the whole dorm will be impused, and that the dopes that did it will be expelled if they're caught. Is someone slightly scared?

of the room.

The sharp characters on the pool hall corner hardly know when to whistle anymore for fear of being taken wrong by the wrong person. Much confusion. The wind situation is solved.

Come Picnics.

Comes now spring and South Bend (this is before gas rationing) and the couples stroll slowly down beer can lane both wearing the same thing. However, this is a good institution and it gives the girls more confidence and they can be gayer and laugh and play once more.

However, there is a serious problem presented by slacks. This problem has been far-reaching and escapes no slack wearer. I am referring to the one and only behind-the-barn word, gappiness. This presents itself in acute form as that is the way slacks are tailored.

One Solution.

One solution is to buy them too large and let the people wonder for a while, it doesn't make any difference as they probably won't ever see you again. Another solution is to install a zipper which will be done by any tailor while you wait.

Combined with slacks is that similarly indispensable little item, the sweater. These necessary garments have been lauded, and banned, ridiculed and exaggerated all in the same breath (what a breath) and they have still weathered the storm. The Hays office ban is so strict that they would not permit Betty Grable even to knit one in her last picture. The colors are widespread and vague, green, yellow, red and hangover brown. (This is not the brown of dark brown taste fame).

Color vs. Warmth.

However, color must necessarily take the back seat as warmth is stressed. A friend of mine suddenly turned up missing after he asked a cardigan clad coed where she got that nice raccoon coat. However, when the long sloppy, loose fitting cardigan is combined with slacks, the effect is pleasing and the girls look like girls again.

All this can be summed up with an illustration proving the immense popularity of the sweater.

Scene: Phi Psi front porch and walk.

Time: Any old time you like. Sweater girl nonchalantly sways by. There is a seconds silence before the scratching of the wolves' claws can be heard as their owners take off in mad pursuit, pushing and jostling each other in their haste.

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