



These girls have found that the outfits they got at Nina Boutique, 1205 Q St., not only look and feel great, but also attract spring's wolves.

# Lincoln fashion buyers call hat 'tops' for spring

By Paula Dittrick

Cap off that new hairstyle and spring wardrobe with a spring straw or a summer felt hat.

Hats flatter the hairstyle reaching an inch or two below the ear without flaring the free and casual cut that easily can be combed into place.

Patty Bartels, assistant buyer at Hoyland-Swanson, 1230 O St., said people are buying hats to protect their faces from the sun. A popular style for sailing or tennis is the sun visor.

Besides the natural wheat shade, straws are selling in red and yellow to match spring's bright colors, she said. Women are buying the white eyelet for the little girl effect, Bartels said.

The trend in trims this year is ribbons and flowers and women are buying more stylish hats to wear with nice dresses, she said.

Gale Sup, manager of The Hitchin Post, 144 N. 14 St., said his store has sold "quite a few" mens' straw and hemp hats having what he described as "a medium wide brim."

Those hats, costing about \$15, can be worn with casual or formal wear, he said.

The Johnny Bull and Stetson Roadrunner are the most popular western straw hats, according to Con Schleiger, manager of Lincoln Army and Western Wear Store, 138 N. 11 St.

Cowboy hats are "getting bigger than ever and selling better than ever," he claimed. The men's favorite is the Johnny Bull having a brim about four-and-a-half inches wide with a six-inch crown.

Women buy the Stetson whose brim comes to a rounded point in front and whose slanting crown narrows at the top.

The straws' prices range from \$6.95 to \$14.95 and felt western hats range from \$25 to \$38.50.

Men are buying black, navy and gray felt cowboy hats, which Schleiger said are selling no hotter than the straw hats.

The ribbon bands with a feather are selling well and a feather band costing \$5 helps dress up the western hat.

Both men and women are buying shop caps carrying commercial logos and the polka dotted railroad caps, which Schleiger said cost between \$2.95 and \$5.49.

In case the hat brim does not provide enough shade from the sun, sunglasses with large frames and initialed lenses are available.

Bartels said people are looking for the more classic sunglasses rather than the gimmick frames that have been popular in the past.

The chic look in shades this year are large plastic two-toned frames having the darker color at the top, she said.

Customers can order wire rim sunglasses that have a rhinestone initial on the lenses' corner. Those glasses take about two weeks to arrive and cost between \$20 and \$25, Bartels said.

She added that people are buying the darker lenses and seem more interested in protecting their eyes than in the fashion aspect.

Doug Farrar, manager of The Wooden Nickel, 144 N. 14 St., said the higher quality glasses costing more than \$16 are selling better this year.

"People are looking for a pair of glasses they know will last through the summer," he said.

Scarves, seasonable all year round, are coming out in summer colors and summer fabrics.

Brighter floral and stripe designs made of cotton to coordinate with summer blouses have replaced the silky looking darker colored winter scarves.

Farrar said scarves are a nice accent used to dress up anything from the T-shirt to the three-piece suit.

Diane Woken, manager of Nina Boutique, 1205 Q St., said the 30-inch scarf is the most versatile size to buy and can be used to trim hat, as a hair wrap and to wear around the neck.

# John Wayne's bike tips

By Jim Williams

Ah, the warmth of the sun, the twitter of birds, the "snick!" of a derailleur—many UNL students bring bicycles out of hiding when the snow is gone.

It's the time to check bikes for rust, bad cables, loose bolts, bent wheels and improper lubrication, said John Wayne, manager of Freewheelin' Bike Shop, 427 S. 13 St.

"If it's not adjusted well, you won't enjoy riding it," Wayne said. Checks, he suggested, should be done yearly. Bike shops will do simple adjustments for about \$10 to \$30 for an overhaul, Wayne said.

Ken Stevens, owner of Mr. Bike at 1847 O St., said spring is also the time most people buy new bicycles.

Stevens said 10-speeds are still Mr. Bike's top seller, but that three-speeds are moving up.

"I think people are becoming aware of

the fact that you can get around on a three-speed," Stevens said. "It's just not quite as fast."

"More people are buying custom frames and higher-priced production bikes," said Wayne.

Wayne and Stevens both said the trend is toward bikes in the \$150-\$200 range.

"This spring people are starting to look at a bike in the neighborhood of \$170 down," Stevens said.

Darrell Brenneise, owner of Freewheelin', said that while the volume of bicycle sales is falling, dollar value is going up.

"Junk bikes aren't selling like they used to," he said.

"It's definitely getting better," Brenneise said of the bike business, "and it will only go in one direction, and that's up. Look at the price of gasoline, the ecology. Bikes are ecologically sound, economically sound, and health-wise sound."

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