

Spring fever syndrome hits campus

By Gail Stork

Every year you can find at least one article published on the subject of spring and its effects on the collegiate population. The Frisbee epidemic, fountain-wading and budding romances have all been attributed by writers at one time or another to the grip of spring.

With so much attention focused on this mysterious spring fever syndrome, you begin to wonder if that restless fidgeting in class is really a symptom of some disease other than hemorrhoids, or if there is some medical reason why the boy in your math class got cuter all of the sudden.

If there really is such a disease as spring fever, the research team at work in the fol-

lowing scene might actually be on to something.

Scene: A sterile laboratory next to the quarantined Animal Dept. in the basement of Burnett Hall. A balding man dressed in a white coat steps up to the microphone and addresses the group with a serious voice. . .

"My fellow doctors, professors and distinguished T.A.s, welcome to the annual forum on Vernal Equinoctal Pyrexia, better known to the layman as (a pause for emphasis) Spring Fever." (The audience gasps.)

"Yes, ladies and gentlemen, this is the disease which cuts freshmen down in their prime and recurs chronically throughout their college years. It is the great crippler

of G.P.A.s and second semester finals at universities all over the world.

"We have begun to feel the effects of this epidemic at UNL again this year. Reports of sunburn are already trickling in from the University Health Center and the Abel-Sandoz pool had to be closed last week because of a Coppertone oil slick.

"The time to act is now, before the symptoms spread throughout the campus, before the panty raids and streaking get out of hand. If the current drop in class attendance continues because of this fair weather epidemic, finals week may have to be cancelled for lack of student participation!

"Colleagues, let us examine the symptoms of this dreaded disease."

(He pulls down a chart revealing a male collegiate specimen.)

"His dress—gym shorts, sandals, a tank top and sun visor—indicates the sudden urge for sun experienced by most spring fever sufferers. Further evidence of the victim's search for rays is the vague odor of Coppertone Cocoa Butter which surrounds him.

"The victim also becomes obsessed with exercise as you can see by the racquet,

skateboard and other sporting equipment the specimen loads himself down with. Jogging, tennis, baseball and Frisbee are all equally responsible for the early death of any project due within the last six weeks of school.

"The binoculars hanging from the specimens neck are used for frequent scanning of lawns and rooftops for female spring fever sufferers, usually clad only in a swimsuit.

"The Beach Boys album you see under his arm shows the strong need to identify with anything representing summer. Playing albums of this nature full blast off of the roof of any campus residential building has been found to alleviate this addiction for a short period of time. A more expensive treatment—a trip to California over spring break—can also have the same relieving effects."

The symptoms so far described by our concerned physician are fairly common to all forms of this disease. However, UNL has a few additional signs of its own.

Where else but in Nebraska could students suffer frostbite from wearing sandals on a sunny day in April, or come out of class with only a bookstore windbreaker to shelter them from a May blizzard?



Hiking in the summer can be the most fun, according to Kim Pfeiffer. The boots are supplied by Bivouac, 1235 Q St.,

Jackets on scene again

By Ron Ruggless

As the red-breasted robin hops onto the spring-time scene, the double-breasted sport coat also returns from a several-year migration away from the fashion scene.

"The only thing new and exciting for summer is the double-breasted sport coat in light and pastel colors," according to Parviz Kamgar, manager and buyer for Jason's, 1346 P St.

The double-breasted look, along with other sport coats, is making its return, he said.

"The sport coat look was not in demand last year," Kamgar said, "but spring is a little more casual and the coats are start-

ing to come back.

"Three-piece suits are still strong. Some people may consider them too warm for summer, but they still are being shown and worn," he added.

The three-piece suits provide the dressy look needed on many occasions, he said.

To make the three-piece suits cooler, the polyester and cotton blends are woven lighter, he said.

Colors of white, khaki and light blues are proving to be the most popular for summer and spring dress wear, he said.

The cool, crisp look of a white shirt to go with a suit is the style this year and can be accented with ascots, open shirts or jewelry, he said.



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