

'60s look alive, well in 1991

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As a steady flow of customers walked into Rialto Extra, 1725 O St., co-owners Kimbe Ross and Demetrios Meares talked about the vintage clothing they have on the walls and racks of their store.

Wide-lapelled mens' suits and patched-leather bomber jackets hang opposite short colorful skirts. Jeans, shirts and coats are in the middle, along with some ancient cameras.

One of the best represented styles of clothes at Rialto Extra is second-hand, late-1960s mens' and womens' clothing. And as she walked around the store, Ross picked out some of the best Rialto had to offer. She also put forth her opinion on the fashion differences between the early and late '60s.

"The early '60s were more like the '50s," Ross said. "They were still conservative, until the late '60s — that's when everything started happening. Styles changed too, and even-

rything just got groovy."

Ross said that suit jackets with wide lapels, tight pants, leather pants and pirate shirts were big styles for men in the '60s. And they continue to be popular.

"Pirate shirts had huge sleeves and a short collar," Ross said. "They're hard to get ahold of. We sell them when we can get them in."

Other clothing and accessories that characterize the hippie era are beads, crystals, jeans, white T-shirts, hippie shirts and longer hair.

"I've seen a lot of guys wearing that stuff," Ross said.

The '60s look appeals to those who are tired of wearing what everybody else is wearing, Ross said.

"The clothing that is out right now is like Polo," Ross said. "And it's all simple and plain and preppy and it's not groovy. And even like the Limited or other stores, they try to be groovy with remakes."

Susan Lawless, an associate buyer with Dayton-Hudson Marshall Field's in Minnesota, agreed with Ross.

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"Fashion is cyclical," Lawless said. "What goes around comes around. I guess it was time for it to come around again."

Nena Ivon, a fashion/special events director for Sax Fifth Avenue in Chicago, said fashions reoccur about every 20 years. The '60s surge in fashion that is "one of the top trends at the moment" hasn't taken her by surprise.

"Fashion is a continuing cycle so things are always going to come back around again," Ivon said. "They just come back around in a new manner. So you'd have different fabrications, you'd have different color combinations, you'd have different flare."

But for some, remakes of the loud

and groovy clothes are the "in" thing to wear.

"I think the fake '60s-style clothes — people that aren't as different would like those better because they're not as wild," Ross said. "They're more modernized, so they're the cotton. They're not rayon or polyester or groovy materials so they're not as wild as the real thing."

Ivon said she thinks the trend could appeal to a wide variety of people.

"Well, obviously the people that are going to be wearing it either enjoyed it the first time around or they didn't have it," Ivon said. "So it would be a whole new generation of people." And for those who don't care for the '60s style of clothing, Ivon says there are a lot of other trends out on the market.

"If you don't like that particular feeling," Ivon said, "if you don't want to wear a psychedelic print for example, you don't need to. You can choose something else and be just as much a part of the fashion with something that's trendy."

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On the cover: A simply cut suit, not too tailored yet not too baggy, still sets a comfortable fashion for men. Shown on Demetrios Meares, co-owner of Rialto Extra, 1725 O St.

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While an emergency clause was proposed for Omaha Sen. Tim Hall's bill, it did not receive the 33 votes needed for adoption.

If the emergency clause had been approved, the bill would have become law at midnight after the governor had signed it. The governor has five days to sign the bill or let it become law without his signature.

