

Fashion Guide

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Fashion famine

Wardrobe limitations force wearer into practicality

I am a woman seeking out my fashion destiny.

And I pray that at some point in my life, all the mystical forces will converge, bestowing upon me a "look." A look that will say "Hey! She's with it!"

In the meantime, I suppose I'll have to accept my

closet's meager offerings.

I am a fashion misfit, but not in the traditional sense. I don't wear plaids and stripes simultaneously. You will neither catch me in July with black socks to mid-calf nor will you ever have to gasp in horror at my stunning visual array of greens — fluorescent to lime to moss.

Despite what my mother says, I do have some fashion sense.

When asked, my roommate calls me a fashion extremist. She says I'm either in jeans and a sweat shirt or a suit. She's right. That's about the extent of my repertoire. The land of the happy medium is an elusive and an expensive beast.

There is a definite chasm of fashion choices within my wardrobe. Right now, I possess the two easiest alternatives.

Let's face it, sloth wear is sloth wear. A sweat shirt is still a sweat shirt whether it bears letters, "Husk-ers" or "John's Auto Show."

As far as I'm concerned — far as that may be — the business world is just as easy. It's filled with timeless, you-just-can't-go-wrong styles. Just look to the enduring wingtip, the shell and black suit.



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It's just that middle ground that I have a few problems with. ...

Like brown shoes. Everyone wears brown shoes, right? It's a pretty standard occurrence, but I just can't seem to jump off the bandwagon. I vaguely recall having some brown sandals about four years ago. Before that, well, I don't think there is a before.

That mysterious middle ground

also contains the tumultuous world of fad. Those trendy outfits that look good on runway models and few others, yet still seem to appear in high schools and colleges around the country.

Simple and classic are my favorite looks. They're safe and comfortable.

I tend to choose the practical over the impractical: navy over metallic

azure, melon versus hunter orange. Catch the drift?

I'm neither trendy nor preppy, though Mom would argue otherwise. This coming from a woman who lives in jean dresses and Birkenstocks.

But I'm not quite fancy-free in my choices either.

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So here I stand, staring into the darkness with a Hail Mary on my lips, hoping that whatever emerges with my hand can withstand the scrutiny of the natives and the test of the environment.

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