

Tennis Shoes, Khaki Trenchcoat Is Purseless MSU Coed's Uniform

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The proper way to dirty white tennis shoes, how to manage without purses and a study of trench coat linings are just a few of the extracurricular learning courses indulged in by college students.

Tennis shoes, which in recent years have become a staple in the shoe closet of all college students, are prescribed by custom to be kept an off-shade of white.

A new tennis shoe will draw comments, an old dirty shoe is frowned upon but the proper balance between cleanliness and decay is much admired.

The only time tennis shoes tend to leave the campus scene is when winter snows exceed ankle depth. Then the change is made to snow boots of various types and sizes with one thought in common—the all important warmth.

HOW TO MANAGE without purses is a problem peculiar to the Michigan State University campus. The reason behind this strange custom has never been traced.

On other campuses, including the University of Michigan, purses are an important part of the wardrobe. They provide storage for no end of materials, and the amount of junk that can be crammed into even the smallest of them is, at least, a conversation piece.

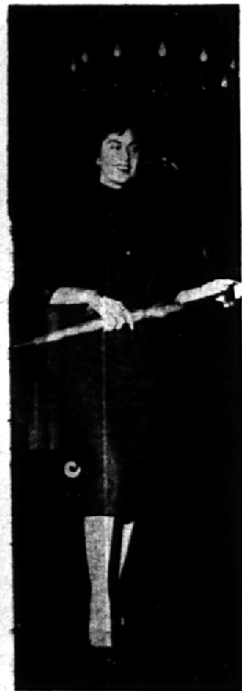
Michigan State coeds instead transport their paraphernalia in notebooks and pockets, making kangaroo-pocketed coats important and bulky silhouettes numerous.

A FEW NONCONFORMISTS insist on having purses. But even these are small clutch bags hidden behind large coat sleeves. Seldom are they used on dates.

With the start of cool weather, campuses break out in more khaki than an army training camp as the ever popular trench coat season approaches. It is at this time that students begin a study of linings.

ALL TRENCH coats look alike with the exception of a few different colored ones imported from the "outside."

The dorm and classroom coat racks in the fall are one mass of dangling khaki. In a few weeks the student learns to look not at the coat but the lining. This is usually a plaid not often repeated with the possible exception of a certain red and white plaid.



MRS. DONALD GRAVES of Redding road, Birmingham, looks lovely in a navy blue sheath designed with a princess style waistline and three quarter sleeves.

of student days and are coming out with a new series of crests and school emblems. At MSU white ones are traditional, U of M students lean toward the newer navy blue jackets.

A necessary item most girls leave behind the first year is that old pair of levis, discarded years ago as childish. At a university old clothes are scarce and often needed

For coeds, a pin on the collar is often a boon and saves the frequent embarrassment of sticking your hands in somebody else's pockets only to discover you've got the wrong coat.

AS THE SNOW begins to fall, leotard tights tint the coeds' legs in deep blues, browns and this year's new moss green. These stockings, far from being entirely for show, are at least a partial replacement for the long underwear which was popular a few years ago.

Because of the cold walks on larger campuses, socks seldom drop below the knees until spring. Then heavy wool athletic socks take over.

PARADOXICALLY, through even the coldest winter Bermuda shorts, usually of heavy wool, are part of the sports wardrobe, and usually are picked as choice study outfits.

However, before the college-bound freshman spends too much clothes allowance on slacks, Bermudas and similar sports clothes it might be wise to check college regulations.

Most schools have some restrictions on the wearing of sports clothes.

EVEN IN coldest winter months, coed scarves are short and folded to cover little but the ears. Usually of colorful scotch plaids, the scarves tie under the chin. These are often varied with angora ear warmers (or bunnies). Last year wool knit helmet-like hats with tassels made their debut on campus.

DATES ARE more informal than many new freshmen expect. With the exception of special dressup dances—which usually require heels-bobbysox, tennis shoes, sweater and skirt is the accepted outfit.

Few dances require formals. Floor length formals are worn only to a couple of dances a year and even then are usually in the minority. A good cocktail dress is acceptable at most dances, even the most formal.

TUXEDOS ARE seldom worn. In many colleges a man can get a degree without getting nearer to one than the rental shop window.

Blazers have become the symbol

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for dorm projects and costume parties.

BECAUSE OF indoor swimming at the larger universities, bathing suits and caps should be included in the back-to-school wardrobe.

A lounging robe for coeds is important for those informal dorm weekend breakfasts and late study hours. For this same reason a pair of warm slippers is handy.

A word of warning to college packers: many schools do not allow trunks on dormitory floors. It usually is easier to pack clothes in smaller suitcases than to transfer them pile by pile from a basement trunkroom to the third floor.

Heavier Sweaters

Heavy bulky-knit sweaters and lightweight sweaters are heading towards greater-than-ever popularity. A big reason is the new excitement in colors and imaginative designs. . . . There's a great variety of styles . . . boatnecks, V-necks, turtle-necks and crew necks. The weaves range from simple treatments to fancy cable stitching, box knits and deep pile loops. Some have convertible collars.

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