

Local College-Bound Men: Here Are Wardrobe Guides

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When young men graduate from Seaborn, Groves, Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook or Brother Rice, they usually turn to one of two kinds of wardrobes.

The obvious one requires no planning. Uncle Sam takes care of that.

But the second possibility—practical clothes for college—can create some indecision. Every area of the country is partial to a different set of fashion standards.

TAKE THE NORTHEAST part of the nation.

Steadfast in their choice of clothing models, college men in the northeast cling to the unadorned three-button natural-shoulder suit and sports jacket. The matching vest is present in many of these suits.

Subdued shetland jackets are augmented by some bold plaids. Navy blazers are basic. Dark gray flannels still are the first choice in slacks, but many deep olives are worn too.

For campus wear, the duffer-type coat has made a strong come-

back and lodens are seen in great numbers.

Tab collar shirts have increased in popularity and chino pants are classroom favorites.

No surprises here, few fads—a very traditional picture.

HOW ABOUT the southeast?

Quite a few southeastern colleges have a far more rigorous standard of dress for their students than is found in many Ivy schools.

The rules apply to classroom and campus wear too. As a result, dressy outfits, such as the three-piece suit and the navy blue blazer worn with medium or dark gray flannels, are among the favorite items of attire.

Outerwear in a wide range of styles, types, lengths and weights is very important in this area, as in all others where winter has a chill bite.

This is one of the areas in which college men rate gabardine topcoats alongside tweeds and chevots.

AND DUE SOUTH?

The three-piece suit with matching vest has made quite a fashion impact on students in the southern

colleges. This style has even extended to the lightweight Dacron-wool blends.

In the Deep South, seersuckers in plaids and stripes are very popular in both suits and sports jackets. Striped sports shirts are making a comeback in that area too.

Bulky knit cardigan sweaters

are a favorite and there are many students wearing lightweight V-neck pullovers.

Button-down oxford shirts in white, colors and stripes are still tops, but the snap-tab collar rates high on the southern campuses and is gaining steadily. Natural-shoulder classic three-button suits and sports jackets, of course, are the rule.

WHAT ABOUT the midwest?

College styles apparently still move from east to west.

This is evident in small fad items as well as in major clothing trends. As an example, last year students at the eastern Ivy League schools adopted the tightly-furled umbrella and carried it on rainy days, as well as an accessory to their dress-up clothes. This year, the fad has reached the midwest.

Some good warm coats and outerwear are musts in the colder regions of the midwest.

However, mild autumn and spring days find the campuses dotted with walk shorts as in the milder sections of the country.

Tab collar shirts have been accepted wholeheartedly, but the button-down oxford shirt is still king. College men are wearing more colored and striped shirts here too.

Natural-shoulder classic models in both suits and sports jackets are the uniform.

LOCAL BOYS who head to the southwest will meet another type of fashion scene.

Deeply wrinkled flannel suits, some with matching vests, sleek mill-finished worsted and casual corduroys mark the clothing preferences of students in the southwest.

The blue blazer is a campus "uniform" too. It is worn with medium-to-dark gray worsted flannel slacks for dress-up and with chinos or polished cottons for casual occasions. Subdued shetland and tweed sports jackets are other favorites.

Too mild for heavy coats, climate calls for a good raincoat to keep out occasional wet and chill.

While some men may wear a ten-gallon hat as a gag on campus, they prefer the narrow-brimmed center-crease university hat or the sporty tyrolean when dating.

AND THE WEST coast?

A more casual attitude toward clothes is reflected by reports from campuses on the west coast.

At the University of Southern California, T-shirts are worn alone with wash slacks or walk shorts after classes and around student housing facilities. T-shirts are also worn under open-neck sports shirts.

Students in that area should have some beachwear too. The surf season lasts well into October and starts again in late April or early May.

Sweat shirts, Hawaiian-length trunks and button-down sports shirts (worn with tails out) are part of the beach gear.

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