

STYLE a guide to online shopping

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What to wear to a Christmas Party

Strategically placed mistletoe, delightfully expensive presents, those long car rides just to see the neighborhood Christmas lights, yep, a world of romance is waiting for many students when they return home for the holidays. All those intimidating glares threatening people to get off the cardio machines at Koury will finally pay off when you can showcase your hot bod to your best friend, always critical grandmother and especially that cute guy/girl who you used to have a thing for in high school.

Christmas time requires classy party attire. Keep in mind, it is cold outside, and girls can't be too eager to show off their cute little booty when snow is on the ground. In the summer, the style competition can be misinterpreted into a who-can-look-the-most-naked contest. A girl in college needs to remember the vivid possibility of a death by hypothermia.

A Christmas party does not mean that you need to

show up looking like Ms. Claus. I love the color red, trust me, but don't go overboard like my neighbor last Christmas. She wore red patent leather shoes, red leggings, a sweater that resembled a fire engine topped by a ruby elf hat to the neighborhood party. The only other color in her outfit was gold in the ever-ringing bells hanging from her socks and sweater.

Black is always classy and slimming but if you want to spice up a plain black cardigan look for something with faux fur trim. Please, no matter what you do, don't buy anything with real fur or I will have to wish upon you the horrible fate

...without looking like a ho ho ho

Right: sweater \$48 and skirt \$44 at gap.com;
Below: belt \$19.99 and boots \$228 at bananarepublic.com

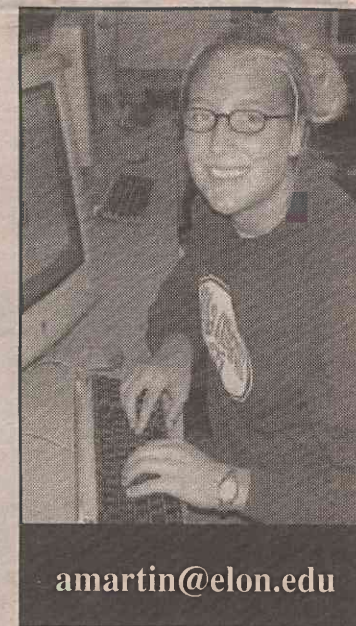


ous and doesn't make you a selfish murderer.

Ladies- You can't go wrong with anything that sparkles and shimmers. If you can't afford a shirt beaded and embroidered, do it yourself. Christmas lights everywhere are meant to make you glow and shine this Christmas so look for clothes that catch the light.

Guys- Look for sweaters that bring out the color in your eyes. A forest green sweater looks to die for on a guy with green eyes and navy and cocoa can really bring out blue-eyed and brown-eyed guys too. Sweaters this season are a little tighter around the upper arms, just to show off extra hours in the Koury weight center.

You can make a huge difference this Christmas if you take the time to care. Buy clothes from Web sites that sell organic clothing. You'll feel so much better



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about yourself if you know where the clothes are made and by whom. Buy the world a gift this Christmas and don't poison it with chemicals used to dye clothes and grow cotton in third world countries. Buy used clothing instead of new and you won't be depleting the world of its resources. Vintage and organic clothes make unique, one-of-a-kind presents.

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edly exposed Spears' infatuation with Janet Jackson's "Control" era. While nasty boy lyrics were fed to the audience, Spears and her dancers were slapped from behind in the most sexual nature. Considering the age of the audience, this behavior would have crossed a line, that is, if

MTV hadn't traversed it more than a decade ago.

Musically, the styles varied from linear rock ("Stronger" and Joan Jett's "I Love Rock'n'Roll") to mid-tempo pandering ("Don't Let Me Be The Last To Know"), and the crossover pop stylings of Faith Hill meets Shania Twain ("I'm

Not a Girl, Not Yet a Woman"). Look for the latter track to be her next single.

The playful "Anticipation" and predictably sleazy "I'm a Slave 4 U" ended the main set with Spears returning for the brief encore "...Baby One More Time." With a circular shower pouring down on the stage, a drenched Spears seemingly cleansed herself of the evening's pelvic-thrust-heavy show.

When taking into account the special effects, precise

choreography, and a cavalcade of hits, Spears' hour-and-a-half, 17-song performance confirmed her pop queen status was justified. Considering it was only a few years ago that this Louisiana native appeared overwhelmed onstage, like a clumsy freshman trying out for the varsity cheerleading squad, Spears shared her dream-within-a-dream life with fans, who invariably had their expectations exceeded.

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continue at that number for a few weeks. Come January, it'll gradually phase out. Final guesstimate? \$350 million.

What do you think? Will Harry stick around? E-mail me and give me your thoughts.

Next week I'll focus on the discussion of DVDs. I'll look at how far it has come, where it's going and why these shiny discs are becoming a safe haven for the intellectually starved movie goer.

LISTINGS

Odds & Ends: This week take a look at the various events and contests that are going on around the area. Get out and enjoy the parties and festivities. Also, take a stab at making a video in The Christopher's contest. It could earn you \$3000.

Synergy5
MS Society benefit and party
@ Humble Pie
317 S Harrington St.
Raleigh
Tickets \$15 at door
Doors open 10 p.m, 18+

Video Contest
\$3,000 First prize
www.christopher.org/contests

Season at Old Salem
Christmas in the Movarian
tradition.
9 a.m-5 p.m through Dec.31
600 S Main St. W-S

Holidays at Chinqua-Penn
Historic mansion and
grounds all decked out for
the season.
9 a.m.-5 p.m. Th-Sat
Through Dec.29 Tickets: \$13
2138 Wentworth St. RV

**DON't FORGET to go
to Elon's Christmas
lighting.**

**Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in
Scott Plaza.**