

Difference in clothes is color

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Although men's fashion may seem to remain the same year after year to many people, over the last few seasons many changes have evolved which have made this spring an exciting one for men.

"Men are getting much more fashionable," said Judy Port, manager of The Hub, Ltd.

The range of colors that men are wearing is one of the major differences in this spring's clothes. "There's no limit on colors," said Bob Simpson, owner of The Town and Campus.

"Our best selling Izods and polo shirts are in the rose-salmon-lavender range," said Mickie Holden, vice-president of fashion merchandising for Ivey's Carolina.

Polo shirts are very important again this season. "Purple polos with grey collars and cuffs are one of the new color combinations for men," said Shelton Henderson, owner of The Shrunken Head Boutique.

"Many of our best selling polo shirts have very wide stripes," said a representative from Julian's College Shop.

The new spring shirts have band collars or tucked fronts at The Town and Campus. Simpson also recommended woven shirts with knit collars.

"Knit shirts are coming in with banded sleeves this season. They're usually solid colors with contrasting collars and cuffs," said Bob Varley, owner of Varley's.

"Cotton sweaters are still very important, because you can wear them anytime of year," Simpson said. At Julian's, salesmen say that all-cotton argyle sweaters, as well as pastel-colored cotton crewnecks, will be popular this spring.

"The two most important things in menswear this spring are the interest in pants and the jacket options," Holden said, adding that pants with drawstring waists, and blouson-style jackets would be popular.

Simpson agreed that drawstring pants in a wide range of colors were selling very well. "The new styles in pants are pleated and taper at the bottom," he said.

Besides the required pair of white pants and khakis, poplin, madras, and seersucker pants will be commonly seen this spring.

Shorts seem to have no set limits this season. "All lengths of shorts are selling like crazy," Simpson said. A representative from Julian's noted that the bermuda shorts are increasing in popularity.

The new styles of linen jackets are versatile and add interest to an ordinary wardrobe. These jackets are unconstructed, loose-fitting, and have sleeves wide enough so that they can be pushed up to the elbows. "This jacket is great," Simpson said, "because it can be worn either dressy or casual over a polo shirt. It's also less expensive because it's unconstructed."

For cocktail parties, Varley recommends wearing a navy blue blazer, light grey polyester/wool pants, a blue or white button-down, and a red and blue wrap striped tie.

"Dress pants in either 100% linen or rayon with pleats will be big this year," said Billy Calary of Julian's. Another spokesman for Julian's advised owning a lightweight navy blazer in a tropical cloth or linen blend.

In casual outdoor jackets, most everyone agreed that either a poplin or nylon blouson windbreaker was a must.

Shoes this spring really have not changed that much. Topsiders and Bass Weejuns will again be the staples of a shoe wardrobe. Varley said that saddle shoes in several color combinations, and white buck shoes were reappearing. "The dirty buck is still the favorite," he added.

The most common belt this season is a two-tone striped surcingle made in cotton, or a solid color style with a motif such as ducks or anchors.

This spring, men have the freedom to be more creative and colorful in their dress. "Everything's wide open this year," Simpson said. "It should be a fun summer." [S]

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The rumors that the nautical look is in this season appear to be substantiated. "We've sold out of everything we had in the nautical look," Holden said. "And I think it'll become even more popular, because it's usually a summer thing."

Nichols felt that a dress in navy or white, with a dropped waist or puffed sleeves, worn with white hose and pumps, would be a very nice version of a nautical outfit.

Several sources said that stripes would be the biggest pattern for 1982. Nichols favored wide awning stripes. Colors for spring will be toned down so that they can be worn from March until fall.

Cotton sweaters will again be worn this spring. "They'll be mainly handknit, with ruffles, either on the shoulder or in a pinafore," Nichols said.

The most popular jacket for spring will probably have sleeves that are puffy around the shoulders, a tapered waist, and either a narrow collar or no collar at all. Nichols said it should be cotton or linen, and in white or one of the drab shades of green or melon.

The most common length for cocktail dresses this spring is just below the knee to mid-calf, and the best fabrics are taffeta and silk. "Lots of one shoulder styles are selling this year. The other main style is square-cut around the neckline, and has sleeves that can be worn on the shoulder, or pulled off the shoulder for a more dramatic look," Nichols said.

The bathing suit hasn't changed that much from last season. "Bathing suits are more exotic than last year," Port said.

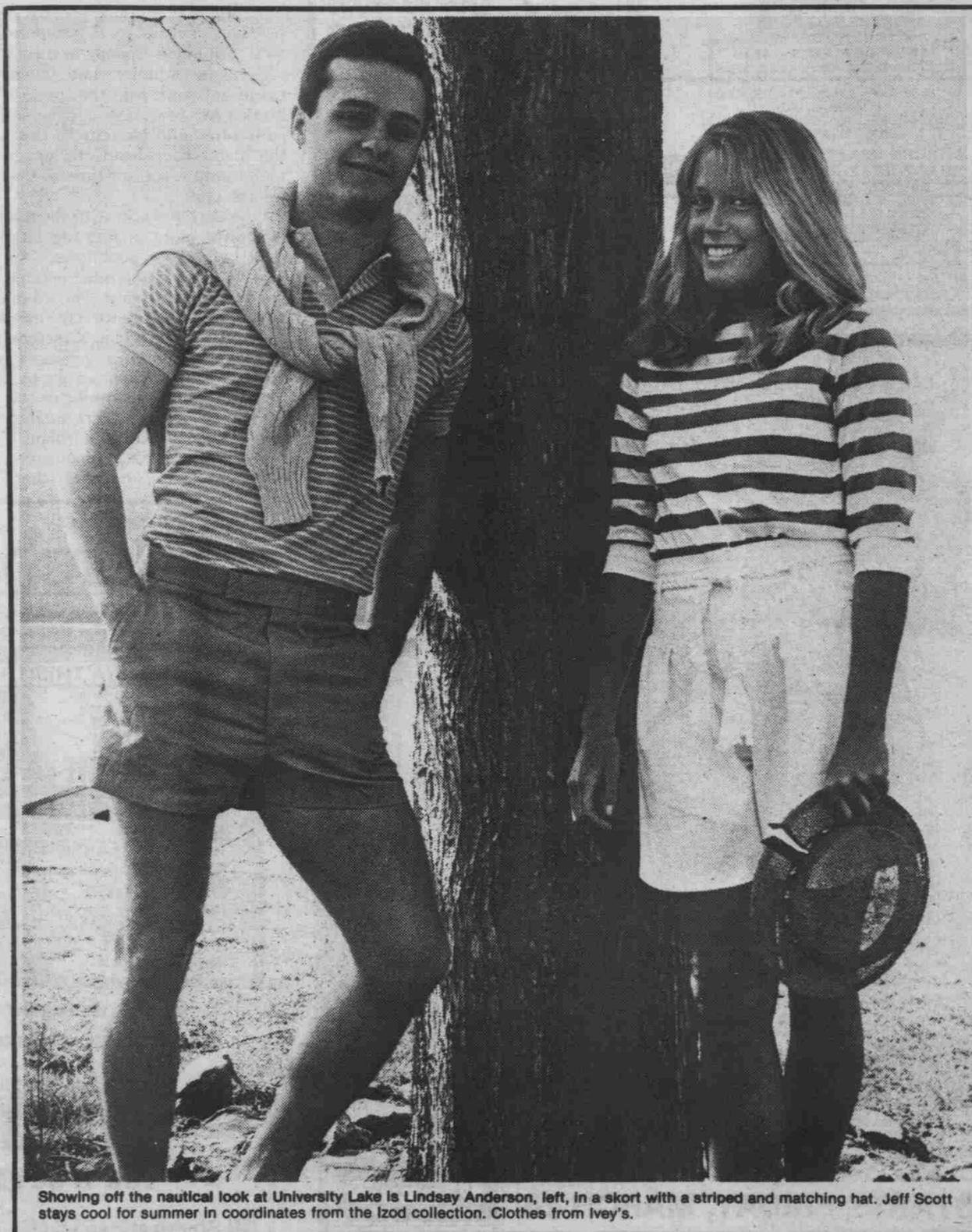
"One shoulder styles and swimsuits with appliques will be important this year," Nichols said. Henderson has been selling lots of bikinis with high cut legs and a tie string around the waist, as well as metallic suits.

Shoes are low-heeled again this year. "They'll have cut out toes, low heels, and be in bright colors," Nichols said.

Nichols advised people with low budgets to put their money in accessories. She particularly liked rope belts interwoven with metallic thread. The headband worn around the forehead is proving itself to be the most important accessory of the season.

The changes this season in fashion are subtler, making it very easy to update last year's wardrobe with a few additions and some new accessories. The new options offer a wide range of choices, so if it looks great—go for it. [S]

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Showing off the nautical look at University Lake is Lindsay Anderson, left, in a skirt with a striped and matching hat. Jeff Scott stays cool for summer in coordinates from the Izod collection. Clothes from Ivey's.

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