

The eyeglasses have it — specs can improve your image

By CHERYL POND
Staff Writer

Eyeglass wearers concerned with presenting a professional image are finding that their specs can be an asset rather than a liability.

Even people with normal vision are attracted to the distinguished look glasses can add, opticians say.

David Lane, an optician at University Opticians in University Square, said more and more people are thinking of glasses as fashion accessories.

The current trend in eyewear is toward metal and round, tortoiseshell frames, often called the "schoolboy" or "Clark Kent" style, Lane said. These frames alone, without prescription lenses, range from \$45 for plastic to \$90 for metal, he said.

Frank Drey, an optician at Pearl Vision Center in Durham, said the conservative style of frames is particularly popular with young law students. Students choose this style because they think it makes them look smarter or more dignified, he said.

Marion "Zoot" McClure, a junior from Mooresville who wears glasses with a slight correction, said he thinks glasses give a distinguished, business look.

Opticians agree that students' desire to present an authoritative image is increasing the demand for "planos" — frames with plain glass.

"Some students — a senior who is job hunting — want to project a corporate image," Lane said. "We have done a lot more of that business (planos) than I ever thought we would."

Planos are often a professional investment. Lane said surgeons and dentists, whose careers put them in direct contact with blood, are buying planos as protection from AIDS, like a pair of rubber gloves.

Drey said people with youngish features wanting to look older buy planos. Often these are people who are in positions of authority.

Brian Beverly, a sophomore from Lusby, Md., said he wears planos because they are stylish. "It's like wearing sunglasses on a cloudy day. You don't need them, but they look fashionable."

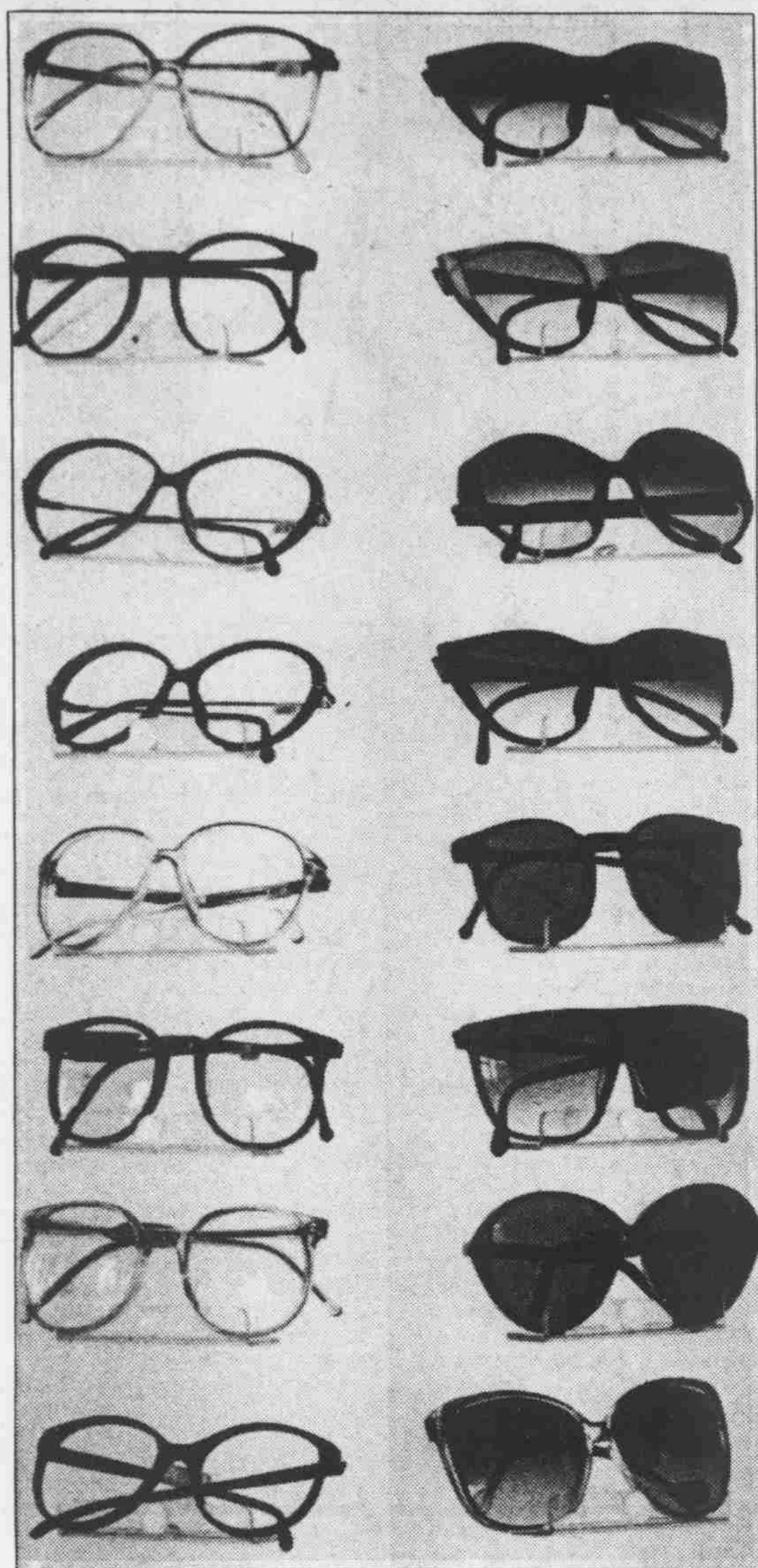
Students who have a choice of when to wear their glasses are opting to wear them more often than necessary.

"I get a lot of compliments on my glasses," said Laura Gaglione, a sophomore from Charlotte. "People always want to try them on to see how they look in them. I think it is a fad for our age group."

Gaglione and Beverly said they chose their frame style for fashion reasons but think the image will be useful in their expected careers in law.

The negative connotation traditionally attached to wearing glasses is slowly fading away. More people recognize that glasses can be fashionable as well as complementary to a professional image.

"There is a sense of geekiness that is almost a fashion," said Ken Holt, a junior from Raleigh. "It seems like you trust people with glasses more."



Tar Heel file photo

The right eyeglasses can create a businesslike image

They seem less threatening."

Holt said he wears glasses when he wants to concentrate because he feels more studious. He said he also chose to wear glasses to a job interview because of the image the specs present.

Andre Zwilling, a junior from Raleigh, said he thinks television programs like "L.A. Law" have heightened the awareness of glasses as a fashion tool, associating glasses with the "yuppie" image.

"There is a particular style, like a shirt or a tie, that is popular now," he said. Glasses are just a part of the image a person presents, he added. "If you have stylish glasses but a

polyester suit-on, you are still a geek." Zwilling said he probably would not wear his glasses to an interview because they suggest trendiness.

Marcia Harris, director of University Career Planning and Placement Services, said she would not recommend buying planos for interviews, but suggests that people who have a legitimate need for glasses choose eyewear carefully — nothing unconventional.

Sports

Reeling women attempt to change fortunes tonight

By STEPHEN GILES
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Coming off a 73-50 blowout at the hands of Clemson, the North Carolina women's basketball team will look to rebound against Duke tonight in Durham. Game time in Cameron Indoor Stadium is 7:30.

UNC has lost seven of its last eight games en route to a 7-8 overall record, 1-4 in the ACC. Duke, meanwhile, enters tonight's contest with a 13-4 mark, 2-4 in the conference.

Despite the recent poor performances by her team, North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell seemed optimistic about the face-off.

"Anytime UNC and Duke get together, you know there is going to be hype because of the big rivalry," Hatchell said. "We feel like we match up well with Duke because of our inside game. We are pretty positive we're going to win. But, we are definitely the underdog. Duke has been ranked most of the season."

For the record, UNC holds a series

advantage of 118-105, with a 1-1 mark under Hatchell. And despite the off record the Tar Heels now possess, there are problems on the Duke side of the ledger, also.

The main concern facing Duke coach Debbie Leonard is the availability of all-conference candidate Katie Meier. Meier is the Devils' second-leading scorer with 17.2 points per game. However, she has been out with a knee injury and played only sparingly over the weekend.

"The key for Duke is whether or not Katie Meier can play," Hatchell said. In Meier's absence, Duke has dropped out of the Top 20.

But UNC fans should not breathe easy just yet. This Blue Devil team is still equipped with All-American Chris Moreland. Moreland leads the team in scoring with an 18.6 per game clip. She also leads the team in rebounding, pulling down 11.5 a game.

North Carolina also boasts a player

of star quality coming into tonight's action. That player is 6-foot-2 senior forward Kathy Wilson. Wilson leads the Tar Heels with 20.7 points per game and 9.5 rebounds per game. But Hatchell is looking for more consistency out of Wilson and the team as a whole.

"I knew when I first came here that Kathy could be a great player," Hatchell said. "But the key for her is consistency. If she can maintain a solid level of consistency she should be able to realize her vast potential."

UNC also has rugged six-foot senior forward Tia Poindexter to work inside the lane. Coming off an excellent 20-point, nine-rebound performance against Clemson, Poindexter is second only to Wilson in scoring and rebounding with averages of 11.9 points and 8.5 rebounds.

For the second year in a row, the money from ticket sales will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Durham.

NCAA tourney tix info

From staff reports

Listen up, all you hoop gurus, because this one's for you.

Student tickets for the first and second rounds of the 1988 NCAA East Regionals will be on sale Feb. 1-3 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Smith Center ticket office.

The first two rounds will be held March 17 and 19 at the Center. The tickets will cost \$50 per set and include admission to the two sessions on the 17th and the one session on the 19th.

Teams and times will be announced at a later date. The North Carolina Tar Heels are eligible to play at the Smith Center because NCAA regulations allow a team to play at home for the first and second rounds only.

Sting concert is still on

Despite the fact that he has canceled several tour dates this week, Sting will perform at the Smith Center tomorrow night as scheduled, said Smith Center public relations coordinator Deana Nail yesterday.

Due to illness, Sting canceled a Nashville show last night, as well as two Atlanta dates. Apparently, he became ill last Thursday during his Miami concert, said Nail, and nearly lost his voice. She said that his malady was thought to be a virus which was running its course.

Sports info needs you

From staff reports

Are you just floating along in the cesspool of life, continually cursing your lot and envying those lucky folks who spend their days spreading the good news about Tar Heel athletics?

Well, the UNC sports information office is now taking applications for those interested in working as student assistants beginning in August 1988.

Some sort of sports journalism background will be helpful to applicants, but is not mandatory.

If interested, please contact Assistant Sports Information Director Dave Lohse at the Smith Center for further information.

Not only are the folks at sports info a fun-loving bunch, but something like this would look awfully good on your bare, positively underwhelming resume. Think about it.

DTH Top 10

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| 1. Arizona (9) | 99 |
| 2. Purdue (1) | 85 |
| 3. Duke | 77 |
| 4. UNC | 63 |
| 5. Kentucky | 43 |
| 6. Temple | 41 |
| 7. Oklahoma | 38 |
| 8. Michigan | 37 |
| 9. UNLV | 29 |
| 10. Pittsburgh | 18 |
- Also Receiving Votes: Brigham Young 12, Florida 4, Notre Dame 2, Maryland 1, Bradley 1, Los Angeles Clippers 1.
- Not voting: James Surowiecki, Robert D'Ardua, Langston Wertz and Patton McDowell.

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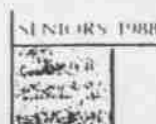
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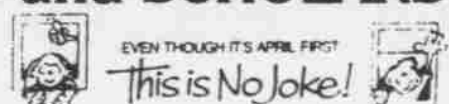
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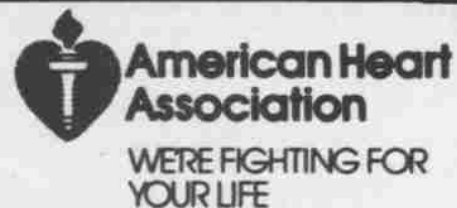
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