

The miniskirt is tops in fashion

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Fashion designers' attempts to increase the popularity of the miniskirt have not been in vain. If Chapel Hill is any indication, the business is booming.

"They are definitely catching on," said Lisa Long, an employee at Ivey's in University Mall. Short skirts just above the knee are the most popular, rather than really short skirts, such as mid-thigh, she said, adding that almost all short skirts arriving at the store seem to be selling well.

"We've had women ranging in age from 20 to 35 buying short skirts," Long said. Shorter skirts made for business wear in fabrics such as linen are top sellers, as well as skirts designed for more casual wear, she said.

Brands such as Generra and Guess are popular casual minis. Melrose, a brand that offers shorter skirts in professional looks, is also popular.

"A lot of people will be wearing shorter skirts, but there are always going to be women who prefer longer skirts and who look better in longer skirts," Long said. "Minis aren't going to appeal to everyone."

Longer varieties will still be available, but they will be harder to find because most fashion buyers are purchasing shorter lengths.

Many people buy the shorter looks for casual wear or to wear out for the evening, according to Long. As far as career clothes go, she said, short skirts are not likely to catch on in the Chapel Hill area because the people are too conservative. "It really will depend on the person."

Annette Dockus, an employee at Brooks in University Mall, agrees. "Some will wear short skirts in the business world, but I don't think they will ever really catch on," she said. "Basically, I think it's a fad."

Dockus said minis are selling better than they did when they first came out. She said she has found that the knee length is more popular than really short minis.

Kammie Redding, an employee at Belk-Leggett in University Mall, said the store has sold a lot of miniskirts, especially in the junior areas. The recent warm weather has also been a big factor in the increase in miniskirt sales. Sales skyrocketed just before Spring Break, she said. "We've sold a lot of cotton minis with cropped tops to match — everything is short," Redding said. "That's all we have in the department." Esprit cotton skirts in bright colors seem to be favorites among young people.

There is still some opposition to the new lengths, Redding said. This comes primarily from older women, who are still asking for longer skirts.

"I think skirts will stop about mid-knee in the business suit," Redding said. Most people would rather wear a longer skirt for business attire, she added.



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Many students favor minis for casual wear

Even though there is a lot of speculation as to the staying power of the mini, it is definitely increasing in popularity in the Chapel Hill area.

But those who prefer longer skirts can be comforted by the fact that no matter how popular the mini is now, longer styles will eventually be back.

UNC campus succumbs to spring fever epidemic

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Autumn leaves brought the cold season, winter snows brought the flu — and just when you thought it was safe to breathe the air again, the fever has come to Chapel Hill.

Every year about this time, when the skies turn from steel gray to Carolina blue and the temperature rises to a balmy point on the thermometer, a strange epidemic plagues the campus. There are only speculations to the causes of the sickness, and no one is quite sure where it comes from. Worse yet, there is no cure and no medication that will relieve the symptoms.

Some believe that the sickness, known as spring fever, thrives in popular Spring Break locations such as Florida and Cancun and is brought back to our area by students. After a week of sun and fun a student's body becomes depleted of necessary nutrients that beer and cookies don't contain, and it is easy for the IDONTWANNASTUDYANYMORE parasite to invade his or her body.

After the parasite has entered the body, the ultraviolet rays of the sun become harmful to the individual. The rays penetrate the student's brain and cause it to enlarge, giving the student the sensation that he or she knows everything there is to know. Therefore, the sufferer reasons, studying is no longer a necessity.

Believe it or not, medical officials say, spring fever is a figment of the imagination. Mike Liptzin, assistant director for mental health at Student Health Services, said spring fever is a seasonal mental disorder unrelated to any known medical condition. "For people emerging from the winter doldrums, spring blossoms on the trees and warm weather give us all a lift."

Evidence of the disease's destruction of formerly productive minds can be seen all over campus. Some students are forced by the pull of gravity on to sit under trees for hours on end. Others have disk-like objects in various

colors growing from the palm of their hands, or are ruled by the desire to bake their skin to a fiery red.

Students are complaining from many different symptoms. "I can't sit still and study — I have to be doing something," said Ellen Flora, a freshman psychology major from Charlotte.

Some students report problems with their central nervous system. "I have this burning sensation to cut class and go to He's Not Here," said Elise Wheelless, a freshman political science and history major from Baltimore.

"You are blinded by the sun when you have spring fever, and it is absolutely impossible to do any reading," said Jennifer Boatright, a junior psychology major from Charlotte.

The disease is so diverse that it produces completely different symptoms in each person. Some people suffer from hallucinations and the separation of the mind from the body. Robert Jessup, a junior nursing major from Wallace, said that to him, spring fever is sitting in class with your body in the chair and your mind on a sailboat off the coast of Florida.

Other symptoms reported by students include the balance in one's checkbook taking a sharp nosedive, a compulsion to plan one's days around around prime tanning hours, and the sensation of having a hangover every single morning.

Even professors feel the effects of spring fever. During spring, the world begins to wake up and you begin to wake up with it, said Donald Shaw, a professor in the School of Journalism. "It just goes to show that the sap can rise in the old tree as well as the young one," he said.

There is good and bad news for those suffering from the disease. The good news is that the disease doesn't last very long — the gloomy spectre of final exams seems to kill the student spirit on which the disease feeds, killing off the epidemic in the process.

The bad news for students is that until final exams begin,

they're still expected to attend class and fulfill their academic responsibilities. And as bad as your case of spring fever may seem, the Student Health Service will not write you a medical excuse.

However, there is a seasonal mental disorder that is a medical problem, Liptzin said. Mental depression for people who have Seasonal Affective Disorder usually begins in the fall and winter. The advent of spring helps to relieve this depression.

J. Wilbert Edgerton, a professor of psychiatry in the medical school, said that he believes there are phenomena that people respond to with the coming of spring. Different people are affected differently and respond differently to the seasons — some positively and some negatively, he said.

"The phenomena that is represented is that April's weather changes — one day it is cold and rainy and the next it is warm, bright and sunny," Edgerton said. "For people who have gone through winter, April is supposed to be a renewal, and they have difficulty dealing with it. They may see evidences of people falling in love, and this may not be available to them."

Other people respond to the new spring season by catching the fever. "The sun rises on warm days and this can make you feel lazy," Edgerton said. "Students have been cooped up all winter — finally you are let out — the air feels soft, and the sexes get attracted to each other."

"I think it is hard to sit in class when it is warm outside, and you can be having fun with other people," Edgerton added.

Liptzin said that even though a student might have a bad case of spring fever, he still has to be responsible in dealing with school and personal affairs. "Whether the sun warms you and makes you feel good or not, if you are dealing with a crisis or mental problems, there are therapists who will see you in confidence to help you with your concern."

Sports

Mackey shatters two school records; tennis teams split

From staff reports

UNC freshman Kendra Mackey set two school records and ran on a record-setting 4 X 400 relay team to lead North Carolina's women's track team to a quadrangle meet win Saturday on Fetzer Field.

Mackey, a freshman from Rock Hill, S.C., finished second in the 100-meter race with a time of 11.58, breaking the old UNC record of 11.7 set in 1981 by former Tar Heel All-American Lisa Staton. Mackey also broke Staton's 200-meter record of 23.9 with a 23.72 clocking.

Mackey's 100 time qualified her for the NCAA's later this spring.

"Kendra is destined to be one of the best in the country" UNC sprint coach Charles Foster said. "If not this year, than next year."

Other strong performances by the Tar Heel women came from Michelle Withers in the shot put, Michelle Faherty in the 1,500 and 800 meters, Sharon Couch in the 100-meter hurdles and Jill Irizarry in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles.

UNC's women outdistanced their competitors from Appalachian State, Virginia and Auburn, winning the meet with a team total of 79.5 points. In the men's meet, UNC finished second to Auburn, scoring 63.5 points to the Tigers' total of 93.

The UNC men were led by sophomore Don Colson's winning 400-meter race. The sophomore from Huntersville ran a 47.04, the second best time in school history.

"Don's always thought of himself as a second-class runner, and he's better than that," said UNC track coach Dennis Craddock. "He's been

waiting for a breakthrough, and today he had that."

"I felt pretty good, pretty loose," Colson said. "I wasn't expected to go this fast so early in the season."

Other Tar Heel men who excelled Saturday were pole vaulter Kevin McGorty, shotputter Tim Goad, Johan Boakes in the 1,500 meters and Mike Clinebell in the 5,000 meters.

The men's 4 X 400 meter relay team of Colson, Clive Harriott, Marvin Hembrick, Robert Vineyard also captured first place.

The UNC softball team bowed out of the Husky Invitational in Storrs, Conn., with a 6-0 loss to Massachusetts on Saturday.

The Tar Heels fell to 18-14 on the season with the loss. Massachusetts improved to 12-7.

UMass picked up two runs each in the first, third and fifth innings, and Lisa Rever held the Tar Heels to three hits on the day.

For UNC, Tracy Brower took the loss and saw her record fall to 11-5 in the process. The lone Tar Heel bright spot was Regina Finn, who went 2-for-3 on the day.

The UNC Tennis Center blistered Easter weekend, not from the unseasonably warm weather, but from the Clemson Tigers, who thumped the Tar Heel men's squad 9-0 Saturday.

Clemson improved to 14-5 with the win, 3-0 in the ACC. The Tar Heels fell to 12-7, 0-3.

The Tiger dominance should not be a surprise to many, considering that Clemson boasts of four All-Americans. Since 1979, the Tigers are

62-1 in ACC matches. In addition, they are so talented that the defending national amateur champion, Brian Page, plays at No. 2.

But the Tar Heels didn't roll give up very easily, as most matches were fairly contested and two went to three sets.

Kent Kinnear got things started for the Tigers at No. 1 by crunching Don Johnson, 6-2, 6-1. Page followed that with a 6-3, 7-6 win over scrappy James Krege, and John Sullivan thumped Thomas Tanner 6-3, 6-0 at No. 3.

But the fourth and fifth slots were far from easy, as the Tar Heel's John Bristow and Andre Janasik pushed Brandon Walters and Jim Spencer to the maximum before bowing, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, and 7-6, 2-6, 6-2, respectively.

In doubles, Kinnear and Vince Van Gelder downed Johnson and Tanner 6-3, 7-5; Sullivan and Page beat Krege and Bristow 6-2, 6-4; and Spencer and Todd Watkins pushed past Janasik and David Kessler 6-4, 7-6.

There was one bright spot at the Tennis Center over the weekend, however, as the UNC women's squad thumped Virginia Tech 7-2 on Friday.

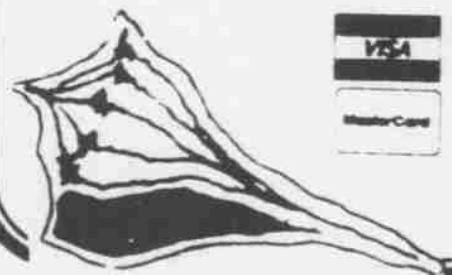
Spencer Barnes got things going with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Maria Lochiatto at No. 1, and after the Hokies' Laurie Shifflet beat Valerie Farmer 7-6, 6-4, Landis Cox, Dana Kanell and Dianna McCarthy won at Nos. 3, 4 and 5 to give the Tar Heels a 4-1 lead.

The Tar Heels moved to 13-8 on the year with the win.

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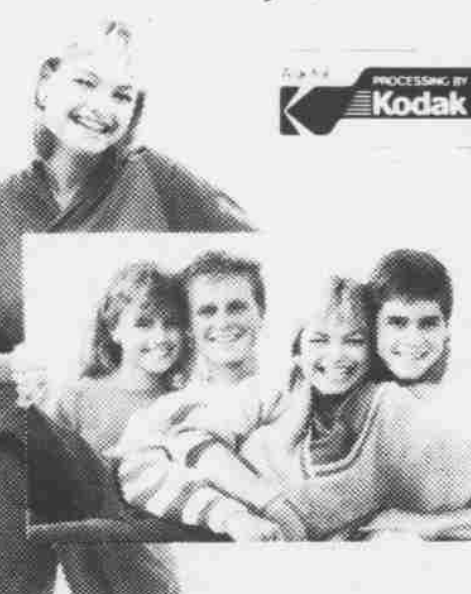


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an unsettling and important problem," Wallace said. "I think the council would do well to cool this issue for a while."

The University will continue to stand in opposition to the entertainment tax, according to Farris Womack, vice chancellor of business and finance.

"As far as I know, the University opinion has not changed since the last time this was proposed," he said.

Andresen said she felt the council really wanted to press on with the tax.

"If the University refuses to give us any support, this is going to be very difficult," she said. "I don't understand why we can't all work together to benefit both groups."

Neither Womack, Wallace nor Andresen would say how the tax would affect students and tickets to University-related events, such as football and basketball tickets that are paid for through student fees.

Budget from page 1

Martin spoke for the executive branch of the Student Government and requested funds for administrative costs and for several smaller organizations that are funded through the executive branch: UNTAS, Project Uplift and Project Well. The executive branch budgeted \$30,335 in expenditures for the coming fiscal year, and the committee recommended a \$28,925 allocation.

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Monday

3 p.m. **Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association and Student Development Counseling Center** will sponsor a discussion on "Developing a Positive Self-Identity." Union 226.

7 p.m. **Carolina Gay and Lesbian Association** will present a forum on religion and homosexuality. Many views will be represented. Union 208-209.

Items of Interest

Student Part-Time Employment Service will host the Employment Securities Commission every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m.

to help students locate part-time and summer jobs. Or go by 217E (Suite C) Union or call 962-0545. **The Health Professions Advising Office** is now taking applications for office peer adviser for next year. Applications are available in 201 D Steele Building for those seniors who are pre-med, pre-dent or pre-vet. **UNC Cheerleading** will hold varsity cheerleading open gym practice before tryouts April 4-6 from 7-9 p.m. in Fetzer Gym-nastics Room.