

Fashion revivals - your parents might be cooler than you think

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You may be surprised at what you might find in your parents' closets. Behind the tie rack and the rows of high heels just might be an old wardrobe that has recently come back into style.

"I have some of my mom's sweaters from the 70s," said freshman Katie Sharkey. "They look like something you could buy in stores today."

In the past couple of years, the fashion world has seen a comeback of many items that have been out of style since disco ruled the airwaves. Long, belted sweaters were a huge hit last fall and could be found in popular stores such as Express and The Limited.

Fashion magazines dictated that capri pants were back two summers ago, and sure enough,

classrooms and shopping malls were soon full of stylish girls wearing the same kind of cropped pants their mothers wore decades before.

One of the most long-lived and widespread fashion revivals has been flared-leg pants. From full out bell bottoms to the more conservative boot cut version, the mid 90s saw the transition from tapered pants to the wider style, previously worn by hippies.

"Flares should have never gone out of style," said sophomore Brielle Gould, who aspires to be a fashion designer. "They are so practical— they fit much better around your shoes."

More recently, thick-rimmed glasses have been spotted in fashion magazines and on the streets on both women and men. Tortoiseshell frames that were popular in the 60s, but have been labeled "geeky" since then,

are now a mark of the fashionably hip. The trend has gone as far as to hit people with perfect vision.

"I've always wanted glasses, so I got these cool non-prescription glasses that I wear if I want to feel studious," admitted sophomore Katherine Baggott. "I know it's just psychological, but they do make me feel smarter when I'm taking tests!"

Skirt lengths have been a fashion roller coaster since they finally rose above the ankle in the 1920s and 1930s, now al-

most any length is acceptable. While leg-baring miniskirts dominated the 80s and early 90s, the most recent trend has been knee-length skirts that line the walls of trendy stores and the pages of top fashion magazines.

And what better to wear with a skirt of any length than a pair of tall black leather boots? Primarily seen on hookers and biker chicks in most recent decades, the knee-high boots worn by the Mary Tyler Moore generation are now acceptable in

nearly all social circles.

Might as well go for the whole outfit, right? Go ahead and raid your mom's jewelry box and snatch those big silver hoops that half your friends already won't leave the house without. You'll probably be able to find some good rings in there, too.

I bet you never guessed your parents were so cool. Save the trendy clothing you wear now and maybe someday your kids will be modeling it around campus.

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