

Some People Feel That Braids Can Improve Your Appearance

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Some people feel that braids can improve anyone's appearance. Then there are others who feel that the braid look is simply the pickin' look. Whatever direction you lean toward, the fact remains that the two major styles are cut-blow dry and braids.

On Johnson C. Smith senior, Marla Davis, decided on the braided look. "You don't have to spend time at night rolling," Ms. Davis said about the braids. "It's easy to wash and in the morning I just take the scarf off and I don't take time styling it."

Will braids change your life? For Ms. Davis they did. "People stare at me at the malls. They ask me where did I get it done, how long did it take, can I wash it," she began. "Women usually ask about the braiding; men just compliment."

Stylist for Ms. Davis was Loretta Johnson, a beautician at Tena's House of Charm on Beatties Ford Rd. According to Ms. Johnson, a braider doesn't need a license.

"You don't need a license to braid," Ms. Johnson said, "because there are no chemicals involved, but you do have to be licensed to wash the person's hair."

Braids can be kept from four to six months depending on how fast your hair grows, Ms. Johnson commented. A person's hair can grow from one fourth to one half an inch in a month if the technique has been executed properly.

"It's not really the product of braids that makes your hair healthier," Ms. Johnson remarked, "but who does it and how you take care of your hair." Some people are being ripped off, according to Ms. Johnson, because the braiders don't know what they are doing.



MARLA DAVIS
...With new braided look

"The braids must be tight," Ms. Johnson explained. "If they are not, then you know you aren't getting your money's worth."

The only disadvantage of braids may be related to this tightness, but it's only temporary. "Since I had my hair braided for months - when I did comb it out I was tender headed," Ms. Johnson noted. But in the same respect this time also

Irwin Schedules Mini-Courses

Irwin Avenue Elementary School, located downtown at 329 North Irwin Avenue, is giving its students a choice of over 50 mini-courses beginning this week. Mini-courses, taught by Irwin staff, parents and friends, give students a taste of new skills and experiences in sports, handicrafts, the arts, and more.

A sampling of the avail-

able courses, selected by Irwin's kindergarten through fifth-grade students from the mini-course catalog, includes urban hiking, piano, archery, photography, basketball, quilting and puppetry.

Mini-courses will be taught twice weekly for one hour from April 9-25. Another series of mini-courses will be available to students in late May.

come loose. It is harder to do and it takes more time. But it can be done," she stated.

Completion and cost of a braided style depends on the style, type of hair, and whether or not the customer receives extensions. (Extensions are extra hair braided onto original hair.) Ms. Johnson charges a minimum of \$55.

As far as caring for braided hair, the process is not difficult according to Ms. Johnson. "You can shampoo with braids and beads and use only conditioner," she began. "You never hold your head over in the sink - you'll tangle the braids and beads. Always keep your head back, wet it real good and use a toothbrush between the parts. If there are no parts, let the water rinse through it good." Braids and scalp can also be lubricated with grease or baby oil with Q-tips.

Birthday Party

It was a time for eating good food, dancing and simply having a fun time at the birthday party for Peggy Reid and Rose Watkins last Saturday.

More than 50 people attended the bash. Annie Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barron, Doris Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Stevenson, Terry Croslin, Charles Scott, Samuel Scott, Harry Weldon, and Olivia Funderburke were just a few of the people enjoying the music and treats.

Hostesses Deloris Scott, Diane Kirk, Jean Stevenson and a host of friends provided a variety of dishes ranging from fried chicken and Bar-B-Que ribs to home-made cakes.

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