

....And Good Coordination

Usage Of Accessories Is Best Way To Build Wardrobe

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For Bruce Duke, a senior collections adjuster at Wachovia Bank, the secret to building a functional wardrobe is the usage of accessories and good coordination.

"With accessories you can project a dual image with the same outfit," remarked Duke. He illustrated this point by stating that a suit with tie and tie clip worn during 9 to 5 can be just as appropriate after 5 minus the tie, but adding a chain or handkerchief.

But working with accessories is not the sole key to dressing for Duke. His sharp sense of coordination affords him the look of a stylish and versatile wardrobe. "I may take a sportscoat and a pair of slacks from another suit and coordinate the pieces and create a totally different look," informed Duke.

To preserve that cross of a classy, yet stylish, dresser, Duke can often be seen donned in a double-breasted or single-breasted sportscoat. He admitted he is not a "faddish" dresser but one who tends to purchase clothing that are considered "standard" and endures through time.

For Duke a tailored fit outweighs a designer's label when it comes to clothing tastes. "If you can get your clothes to fit, it doesn't matter whether they're by Pierre Cardin or Bill Blass," remarked Duke. When buying, Duke's favorite shops include Holloway's, Websters or Kuppenheimer's.

Showing a preference for the colors rust, beige and blue and an avoidance of the color green, Duke asserted that two essentials components of a wardrobe are: shoes and a variety of shirts.



Bruce Duke
.....Senior collections adjuster

Although highly fashion conscious and motivated, there are times when Duke gets fashion tips from outside sources. He is especially interested in "GQ" magazine because of the emphasis it places on clothing coordination. Work plays a large role in Duke's attire. At Wachovia, the dress code is shirt and tie, Duke commented that even with an established code you still have to be fashion conscious.

"Without a sense of fashionability I could come to work with a polka dot tie and a striped shirt. Although I've adhered to the dress code, I couldn't consider myself a sharp dresser," expressed Duke.

A member of Friendship Baptist Church and the Junior Usher Board, there Duke is married to Jacqueline Denise Duke. He is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University and a former teammate of the Carolina Storm.

An avid outdoorsman,

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Duke enjoys baseball, swimming and fishing.



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