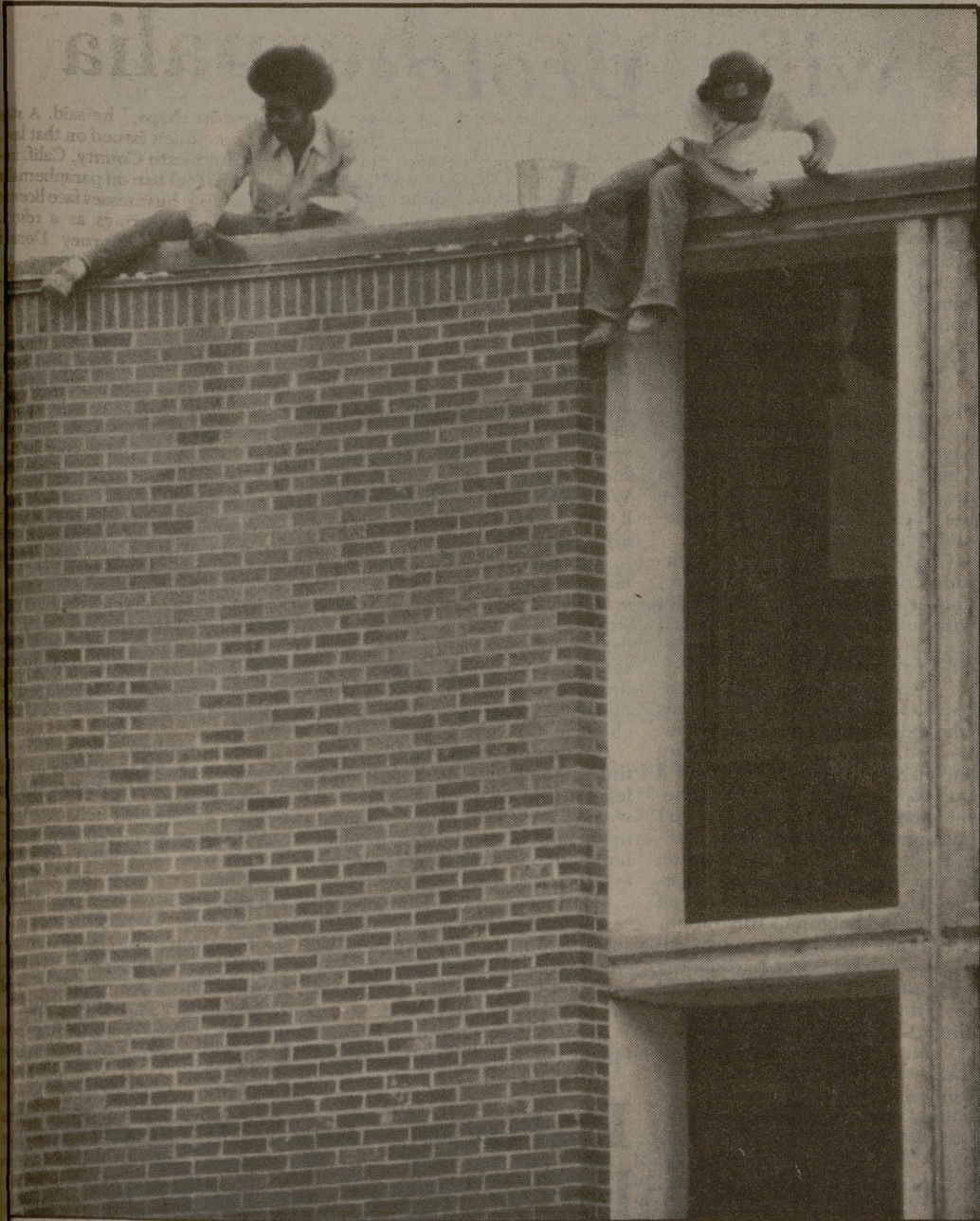


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On the edge

Staff photo by Brian Tate

Drew Woods Construction workers put the finishing touches on the roof trim to the new modular dormitory. The building, one of

two new dormitories being completed on campus, is located next to Fowler Hall. It will house female students this fall.

Fashion writer cuts costs

United Press International
NEW YORK — America's top fashion designers began showing their fall-winter ready-to-wear collections this week and for the average woman, whose budget probably is pretty strapped, the outlook isn't good.

Undaunted by last week's report by the World Bank that the United States is no longer among the top five wealthiest nations in the world, Seventh Avenue's finest designers have managed to churn out a fantastic array of \$400 blazers, \$150 ruffled silk blouses, bloomers and skirts that go for three-digits plus and evening wear that often runs in the four-digit bracket.

And to make matters worse, Women's Wear Daily says the "preppy look" — the mainstay of

every conservative spender's closet — is on the way out.

None of this, however, ruffles the fashionable feathers of France-Michell Adler, a charming native of France who can shop The GAP ("Levis for Guys & Gals") and come out looking as smart as Henri Bendel's and better than Bloomingdale's or Saks Fifth Avenue.

Adler, who is a fashion columnist for the New York Post, has written a book entitled "Sport-fashion." The book is filled with photos and sketches showing women how to wear a \$9 pastel-colored sweatshirt with pleated skirt and jewelry for the office, or a tank top and tuxedo pants for an evening on the town.

"I haven't bought a blouse or

sweater in two years," Adler said during an interview. "Those hand-knit sweaters that are so popular now run \$200 and as for a silk blouse, four trips to the cleaners and you have a sweatshirt."

The pale yellow sweatshirt Adler wore matched with a leopard-spotted silk scarf, turquoise culottes, pastel-colored nylons and low heeled, suede pumps looked nothing like the kind of faded mess one sees in college gymnasiums.

It was a neat fit and only upon close inspection could one see it wasn't a sweater. "You can wash it and the synthetic-cotton sweatshirts don't fade; you can share part of your wardrobe with your husband, and they come in dozens

of colors," she said.

Her book is full of cost-cutting hints: "A Ralph Lauren tweed jacket costs over \$300, but you can buy a hacking jacket for \$100 and up at your local riding-equipment store. If that's still too much, consider an Olympic coat which starts at \$50. Worn by Olympic riders, this dashing coat comes in red, black, bright blue, and green."

And if you think these looks are fine — but only for the very young — Adler herself, 39, belies such reasoning.

As Adler says: "Sports fashion is fun, colorful, and inexpensive. American born and bred, it represents the American spirit and competitive mentality and epitomizes the American love of comfort and casualness."

Cattle supply down, beef costs may rise

United Press International
WASHINGTON — The number of cattle newly placed in feedlots and marketed after being fattened all hit their lowest April 1 levels since 1975.

The Agriculture Department said Monday that 9.76 million head were in feedlots in 23 states on April 1. That is down 4 percent from a year earlier and 12 percent from two years ago.

Experts said the eventual result will be higher cattle and beef prices than the recent bargain prices caused by record supplies of meat.

Cattle placed in feedlots from January to March totaled 5.15 mil-

lion, down 1 percent from a year earlier and 12 percent from two years earlier.

Marketings in the first quarter totaled 6 million head, down 2 percent from a year earlier and 11 percent from two years earlier.

Producers expect to sell 5.54 million fattened cattle during the spring quarter, 2 percent fewer than the same period a year ago. That estimate would represent a decline of 10 percent from two years ago.

The figures were based on an April 1 survey in 23 states, an expanded survey done four times a year. Monthly surveys count cattle on feed in just seven states.

Violent weather hits U.S.

United Press International
Intense thunderstorms reached across the Southeast into the Plains states, spawning a series of tornadoes, killing one person and injuring three others.

Three people were struck by lightning described by onlookers as falling in "sheets" in a violent thunderstorm in Cypress, Calif., Monday, but no other damage was reported.

John Claridge, 56, was hit in his left elbow by a lightning bolt that passed through his body and went out his other elbow during the California storm. He was listed in stable condition with burns over his upper body.

Another jolt hit Andy Arteaga, 20, knocking him about six feet. He was hospitalized in stable condition with a head injury. A quarter of a mile away, Donna Runyon, 31, was leaning against a metal pole that was hit by a bolt. She suffered numbness in her arm and was not hospitalized.

Fierce winds gusting at 40 mph uprooted a tree in Atlanta, killing one person in a pickup truck. Three tornadoes twisted into Columbia, S.C., but no damages were reported.

The tornadoes came on the heels of a twister that devastated Tulsa, Okla., during the weekend. That "surprise tornado" killed five people, injured 51 others and demolished buildings for 18 miles. Mike Pass, at the National Weather Service in Tulsa said he knew of nothing more than small hail in the area Easter night until he saw the tornado on radar.

A few residents of a small rural trailer park near Bixby, who were lucky enough to escape the funnel cloud, dug through the rubble Monday to gather their remaining sparse possessions.

Families of the five dead searched the shredded debris for keepsakes. One man wept as he retrieved family possessions. Another gazed at a small crowd of reporters and police and said, "I wish all these people would just go home."

Thunderstorms in southwestern Texas brought heavy rain and large hail. Two tornadoes were re-

ported near San Angelo, Texas and large hail fell near Water Valley, Texas.

More than 2 inches of rain drenched Fredericksburg, Texas within an hour and the Pedernales River inched up to a near-flood stage.

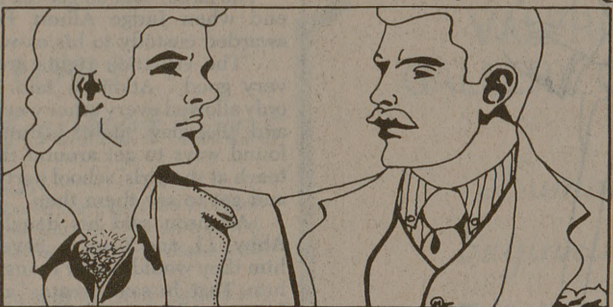
A tornado produced by a severe thunderstorm damaged a farm building in Wheatland, Wyo., and caused a power outage in the east-

ern Wyoming town Monday.

Cold winds whisked through upper Michigan into New England, dropping temperatures into the 20s.

A frost-freeze warning was issued in Virginia and the National Weather Service said an Arctic high-pressure system over the state would bring unseasonably cold temperatures.

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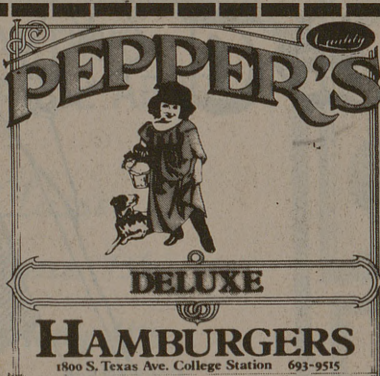
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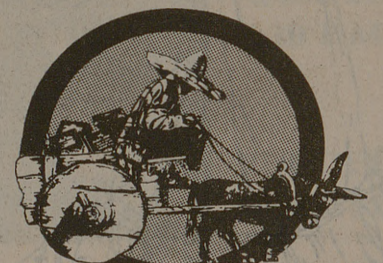
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