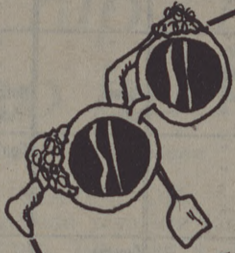


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Planning to be a sun god this summer? Does the thought of spending long lazy days concentrating solely on obtaining a deep sunburn appeal to you? The sun is there for all who are ready to brave the intense scrutiny of fellow sunbathers. But getting a tan isn't all fun and games. Tanning etiquette must be adhered to; you can't just go loping out to the pool wearing knee pants and a tube top. To fit in with the scene, you've got to outfit yourself with all the proper accoutrements of the sand and sun scene. Stereotyping, you might call it. The ideal plan is to get a tropical tan immediately, but this doesn't always work out. You can fake people out by putting up a good front, though. With the proper accessories, everyone will think that you were born to laze in the sun but just haven't gotten around to it this year. A big getting-ready-for summer shopping trip is definitely in order soon, whether you plan to be in AggieLand or at home. If you're here, with your books diligently stacked on the book-case, you'll need massive quantities of some of these items; if you'll be working your days away, there's still the weekends to play, so adjust your list accordingly. Can't make it to the beach? Grab the nearest friend who lives in an apartment complex and invite yourself over.

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- ☑ A swimsuit or sunscreen. Most people will opt for a swimsuit, but depending on where you're sunning, it could be optional. If you don't wear one, take lots of sunscreen for the first few days.
- ☑ Suntan lotion. Choose sun protection factors ranging from 16 down to 2. Five bottles, jars or tubes should see you through the summer.
- ☑ A lounge chair. The wonderfully cheap plastic kind go on sale for about \$10 and come in a variety of gaudy colors. If your apartment has enough pool furniture you won't need it there, but it will always come in handy for roughing it at the beach or lake.
- ☑ Float. Also available in cheap plastic models and gaudy colors. Once you've got it blown up you should keep it in a closet so you don't have to re-inflate it all the time. These are essential to being suave and debonair at the pool, if you can manage to get situated atop one before anybody else gets there. Splashing and splashing is undignified, but lounging with your feet on the edge of the pool and a drink in one hand is pure class.
- ☑ Beach ball or frisbee. For fun in the sun, throw in the direction of whoever you want to meet at the pool.
- ☑ A hat. The tackier the better. Large straw models with flowers are always nice. Gimme caps from obscure feed stores also are popular, as are purple sun visors. Anything that comes from a grocery store is acceptable.
- ☑ A cooler. One- or two-six pack size is acceptable. To be safe, get the kind that you can sit on, because if you don't, somebody will crush it. The size isn't what matters, it's what you put in it. Soft drinks look good only in commercials; for serious sun-soaking, you want something harder. Sangria is good, but beer is easier. Anything which has to be mixed or needs a lot of ice isn't a good choice, unless you want to keep running back and forth to the kitchen.
- ☑ Body lotion. Ask somebody else to put it on after a hectic day of sitting around getting third-degree burns.
- ☑ A radio or tape player. Radios are easier to keep up with but tapes offer a better selection of music. Suggested listening: Beach Boys, Christopher Cross and Jimmy Buffett, of course. But you could always be an individual and listen to country music — very avant garde.
- ☑ Sunglasses. Aviator style with mirror lenses are very cool. Disgustingly cool, as a matter of fact. But they keep the sun out of your eyes. But so do blue Mickey Mouse glasses.
- ☑ Beach towel. The bigger the better. The design should emphasize some pertinent aspect of your personality. Lovers walking on a beach are tacky; Tony the Tiger is childish. You're looking for something in between; you'll know when you find it.
- ☑ Reading material. Trashy novels which have nothing to do with school and/or learning are preferred. They should have standard plots and characters to be the ideal sun-worship reading. After all, you won't comprehend what you're reading. Lovers walking on you want to cover your face.
- ☑ Portable television. If you have electrical outlets near your set it's a lot easier to keep up with your soaps. Be careful not to set near any puddles.
- ☑ A tote bag. To carry all the above to and from your rendezvous point.

