



**Shadow dancer**

A statue near Rudder Tower makes a striking silhouette as it contrasts with the sunlight.

Photo by Jay Janner

## Fashion update: Muffy and Suzi now wear bows

A lot of people are worried about their lives being infiltrated by various alien and damaging forces.

Some people are afraid that communists are infiltrating our country.

Some people are afraid that secular humanists are infiltrating our schools.

Some people are afraid that AIDS is infiltrating our blood supply.

Some people are afraid that fluoride is infiltrating our water supply.

Some people are afraid that Joe Barton and Jim Bakker are actually the same person. (Ever notice that they look alike, have ugly wives and always seem to be wanting more money for dumb causes like star wars, Contras and sending missionaries to California?)

All that aside, there has been an infiltration on the Texas A&M campus.

No, it's not teapigs or hippies or birds that crap on the sidewalk.

It's something worse. It's something that comes from the lowest reaches of fashion hell.

It's the BOWHEADS.

Their distinguishing characteristics are denim skirts, too much make-up, mopeds, high-pitched squeals of laughter, silver shoes, silver jewelry, silver purses and — you can't miss it — big ugly bows on their heads.

You see them all over campus and especially in the Blocker Building, where they attend classes such as BANA 217, Accounting 209, Yuppie Science 374 and Husband Finding 403B.

If you go to any trendy place like Zephers or the Rox-Z you won't be able to throw a Corona bottle without hitting at least four of them and getting beer all over the Greek letters on their sweatshirts.

If you're stupid enough to go to a mall, you'll see more bowheads per shoe store than you'll hear bad songs per hour on a local radio station.

I have never understood women's fashions, but since I like looking at women, I can't help but notice what they're wearing.

I never understood why women a few years ago felt they had to wear those gold belts that Wonder Woman used to keep her star-spangled bloomers from falling down.

I never understood why women felt they had to take every necklace they owned and twist them into one big necklace.

I never understood why women felt they had to wear shoes made out of the same plastic used in the baskets that burger joints use to hold french fries and onion rings.

Today, I don't understand why some women feel they have to wear earrings the size of hubcaps.

I don't understand why some women feel they have to roll up the

legs of their sweatsuit pants to just under the knee.

I don't understand why some women feel they have to carry a purse that looks like it's been wrapped in Reynolds Wrap and is ready to go into the oven next to the baked potatoes.

For some reason, silver seems to be in this year. It's in the purses, the jewelry, the bows and the shoes.

It's in everything, except for my pocket. Silver jewelry has never been uncommon, but what's the deal with silver shoes?

I saw a commercial for Marilyn Monroe shoes on TV the other day. I guess many women admire Marilyn Monroe's movies and would like to wear shoes associated with her. But where did the silver shoes come from? Was there some movie hero who wore silver shoes? I can't think of one except for the Tin Woodman in "The Wizard of Oz."

What possessed hundreds of supposedly intelligent college women to wear the same type of bows that they used to wear to Sunday school when they were nine years old?

Are those shiny black-patten leather shoes also going to make a comeback?

How about training bras? All kidding aside, the bows are useful.

I have compiled a list of five uses for bows and bowheads.

1. Kites: It used to be fun to take your date out to a park and fly a kite. Now, if you're dating a bowhead, you don't have to buy a kite. Just tie a string to your date and watch her fly.

2. Airfoils: The type of women who wear bows were not always called bowheads.

They used to be called airheads in the days before bows.

The bows help make these women more aerodynamic.

3. Fans: Get two bowheads together and start them talking — it's not that hard to do. The movements of their heads and bows will start the air circulating in even the most stuffy room. It's economical, too.

4. Satellite Dishes: Why spend money on expensive satellite dishes when you can just get a bowhead to stand on your roof. Find a bowhead wearing one of those huge, silver bows and you'll be able to pick up signals from every TV satellite in orbit. The only trouble is that bowheads tend to be partial to "Dynasty" and "General Hospital."

5. Oral Sex: I have a good use for bows during oral sex, but I can't go in to any details since this is a family newspaper.

The bowheads are here, but thanks to the way fashions change, they won't be here for long.

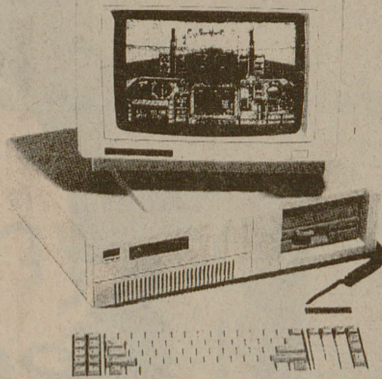
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