

Raver Chic

Techno fashion escapes from nightclubs to run wild on the streets

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The look born late at night to the pulse of techno music is crossing over to everyday fashion. The big, bright, bold look once reserved for ravers dancing all night long can be seen on people cruising the mall.

Julie Quintero, a sophomore journalism major, said she has seen more people on the street wearing the same clothing items she sees at raves.

"A lot of the styles have really crossed over into everyday fashion," Quintero said. "All different kinds of people are wearing brighter colors and T-shirts with '80s logos."

"I think that beads have translated to the most diverse kinds of people. Everyone from little girls to Ricky Martin is wearing beaded bracelets."

The look is similar for men and women. Pants are big, shirts are bright, toys are accessories, shoes are comfortable, and hair is anything but conservative.

PANTS

"Phat pants," wide-leg pants with circumferences from 30 to 69 inches, are one of the most recognizable trademarks of the rave scene.

Justin Henson, a junior biomedical science major, said the style of phat pants worn at raves depends on whether the person is into the music or the look.

"The new kids that are into it because it's trendy wear phat pants with lots of pockets, snaps and straps," Henson said. "The ravers who are there for the music and know how to dance, wear phat pants — the phatter the better. The style is simpler — dark denim and khaki chinos are the most popular styles."

SHIRTS

The characters that you watched on Saturday-morning cartoons are back — on the T-shirts of ravers.

Retro images such as cereal box characters like Cap'n Crunch and cartoons like Mighty Mouse are popular T-shirt icons.

"T-shirts with old-school logos such as Atari or Thundercats

look good under the lights at raves because of the bright colors in their designs," Henson said.

Erin Toomey, a senior biomedical engineering major, said she prefers to wear tank tops at raves because they are more comfortable.

"Tank tops are easier to dance in, and you still look good," Toomey said.

ACCESSORIES

Don't worry, you can bring your toys with you to the rave. Anything you can play with is an appropriate accessory. Cell phones, pacifiers, glow sticks and other reflective things are all part of the ensemble.

Ravers pile on as many beaded bracelets and necklaces as possible.

"Making beaded necklaces and bracelets and trading them is really big right now," Toomey said. "Trading all your bracelets away and wearing new ones that other people have given you is something people brag about."

Belts are one item for which there is a dramatic difference in style for men and women. Men wear simple nylon belts, while women opt for oversized belts made of pleather or suede.

SHOES

Basic sneakers that are easy to dance in and might have come out of Run DMC's closet are the shoes of choice for ravers.

"Old-school Addidas is seen the most," Toomey said. "The style that has a rubber shell tip of a bright color, such as blue."

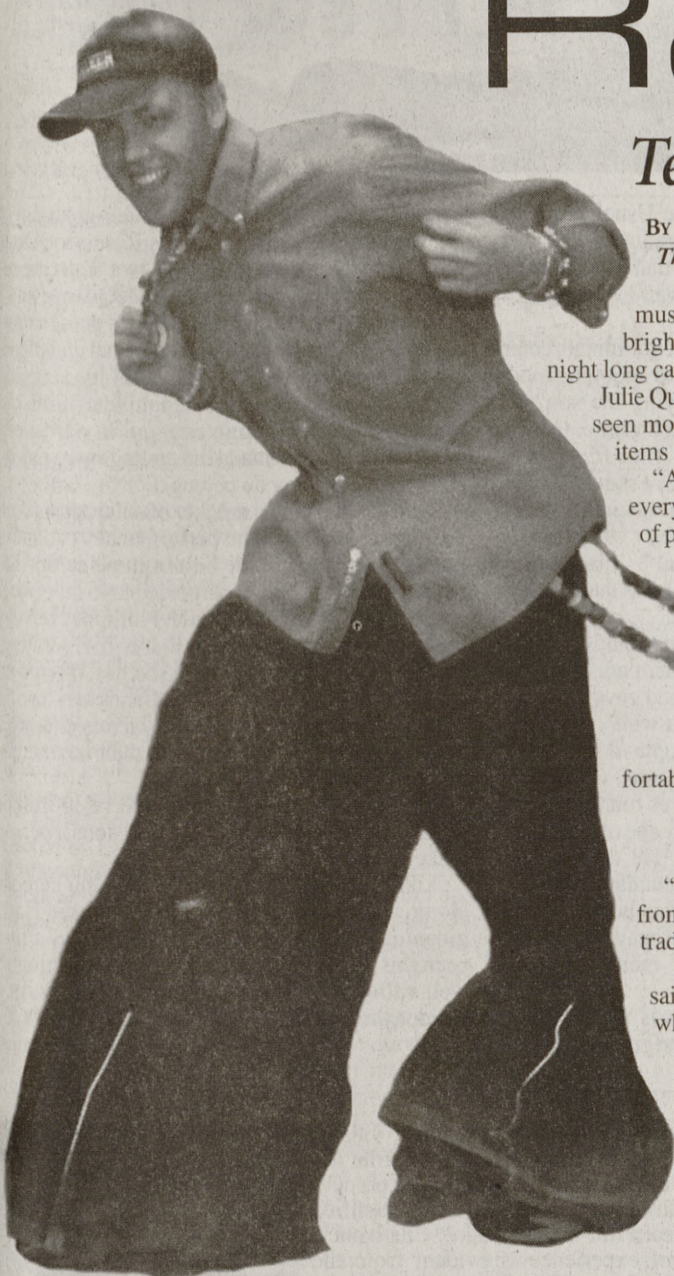
HAIR

Hair is another avenue of expression for ravers.

Guys' hair is spiked and dyed blue, pink, green or yellow. "Girls have a lot of different things they can do with their hair," Toomey said. "I like to wear mine in a ponytail or pigtails and try different colors."

"Hair accessories are really big, everything from glitter to disco balls and tiaras."

Visors are essential for keeping the sweat out of your eyes during a heated dance while still looking sharp. Cartoon characters and athletic logos are frequent visor toppers.



Justin Henson (left) and Erin Toomey (right) photographed by CHAD ADAMS/THE BATTALION

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Police said that the manager of the apartment complex, where Roman was found, went to check on Roman after she was called by a neighbor.

Roman's 3-year-old son was found in the apartment on Monday. The child was admitted to the College Station Medical Center for observation and will be released when he is released.

Line tradition

Continue Sat.

The "root line" tradition at football games will continue on Saturday. The Wyoming Class of 2001 will go back at halftime for a yell. Afterward, the seniors will go outside the team end and the football players will run through the line for the first time.

The east gate will be open at 10 a.m. and is the only gate which participating seniors can enter and exit the field. The team is on the field at 11 a.m. Participants must exit the field by 11:30 a.m. because the north gate will close five minutes before the game ends.

CEO Engineering Career

Co-ops and interns from 3 p.m. at Reed Arena.

The Center will be hosting an on-campus interviewing session in Rudder 302 (liberal arts) from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Koldus 111. The Center will be hosting a Search Strategies session in Koldus 111.

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