

THE BATTALION

Bundle up

Winter fashions offer warmth and style

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As the wind whips through College Station and temperatures dip below 50 degrees, students are faced with the challenge of finding clothing that provides warmth and, above all, style.

Basic black and camel dominate the color spectrum for women and men, but winter does not have to be littered with bland neutrals. Bright, bold colored tops paired with black pants or a skirt provide a fun contrast to the usual earth-tone scheme. Men, use caution: Few guys can pull off fuchsia.

However, wearing black presents its own dilemma. There is a limit to how long a black item can be worn and still have its fresh, modern color.

Flip flops are banished to the back of the closet or relegated to shower duty during the cooler weather, meaning it is time to bring out the boots, but not necessarily those of the cowboy variety. When buying a new pair, think for the future and buy a simple style that will be fashionable for years to come. Keep boots polished to protect the leather and keep it looking new.

A popular trend for women is knee-high boots in a neutral shade, such as black or camel. These boots look best paired with a skirt that hits below the knee or at mid-calf. Knee-high boots can be worn for a night out or during the day, to a lunch with friends or a job interview.

Some trends for the season would make an easier transition into the College Station scene if followed in smaller amounts. Faux fur looks best in a vest paired with black flat-front pants and a black turtleneck. The gold mesh that could work as a skirt or pants probably works best as a tank or short-sleeve top with a black skirt or pants. Keep in mind, this necessitates a warm coat or sweater.

Accessories are reminiscent of the '80s. They are bigger, brighter and all about glitz and glam. Thick belts, lots of bracelets and big hoop earrings are back for nights on the town and are slowly making their way to day wear.

For men, the cool weather provides an opportunity to try some of the year's hottest looks. Forget about the sweater with the snowflakes that Grandma gave you three Christmases ago. Fine-gauge wool or silk-and-wool blend sweaters provide warmth and still look cool.

The coats available this year make it a prime time to choose a coat to invest in for years to come. A basic black or brown leather jacket, without too many buttons or zippers, will stand the test of time.

When all else fails, nothing beats jeans, tennis shoes and a maroon sweatshirt to face a chilly morning. There will be plenty of time to dress well after college, when today's students enter the business world and dressing well will be expected and easier to afford.

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Faux fur makes its triumphant return



Long coats make great suit accessories.

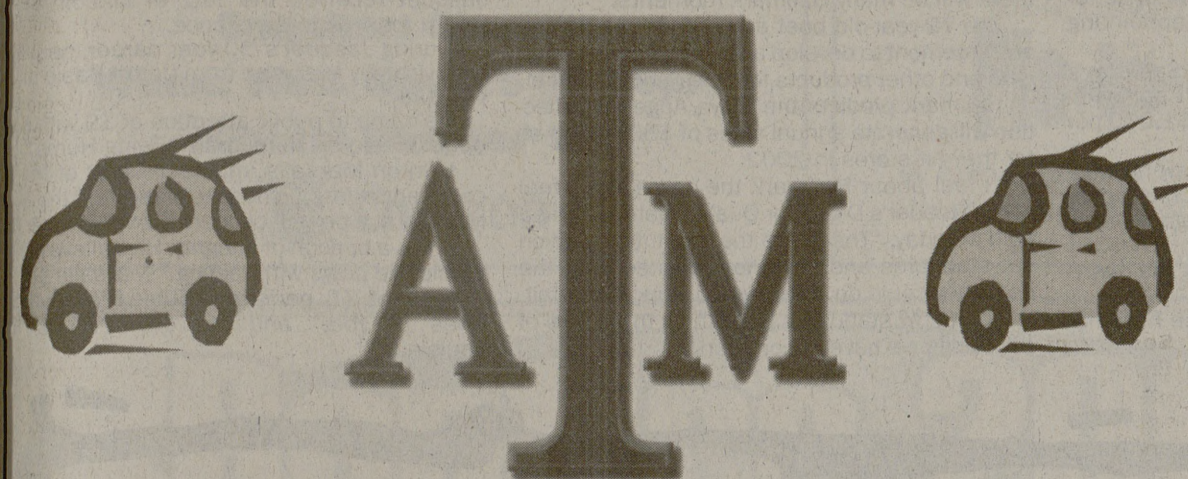


Knee-high boots with long skirts create a warm, but fashionable, look.



Dark jackets and bright shirts add flavor to a drab, buttoned-up winter landscape.

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