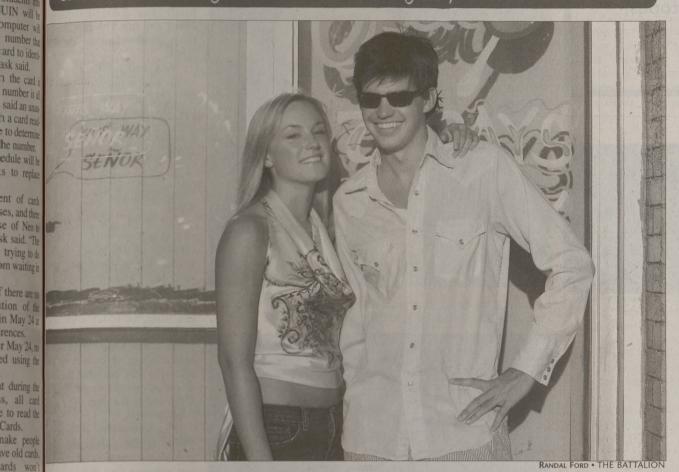
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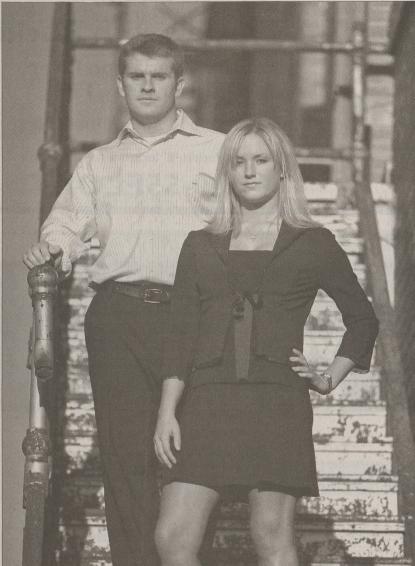
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students heading for the beach or big city know what to wear.



0, it's not Marissa and Seth from "The OC," but it is freshman biomedical science major Kate Furst and sophomore business major httick Turner. These two are Californians at heart with fashion creativity and a laid-back surfer attitude.



RANDAL FORD . THE BATTALION Tommy Nelson, a business major and Furst are ready for the city in a New York minute. Today, shorter skirts and casual Fridays at the office are popular.

By Lauren Smith THE BATTALION

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There are the fans of "Friends" who refuse to refer to Joey as att LeBlanc and insist that the "Rachel" will never go out of we. Even though "Friends" is actually filmed in a studio in Los geles, television viewers start to think after a decade that everyin New York City is not only attractive, but they also have formous apartments with bank accounts to match.

Because the closest many people of small-town USA will get to

big cities is by watching shows such as "Friends," "Sex and the City" and "The O.C.," viewers often develop a skewed view of fashion in the big cities. Moving from some place like College Station to Los Angeles will call for a few wardrobe adjustments, and looking to some of the new television stars could give the virgin to the big city some wardrobe inspiration.

Lauren Bishop of The Cincinnati Enquirer cited "The O.C." as one of the possible shows that can fill the style void that "Friends"

'Many say Marissa (Mischa Barton) on the 90210-esque soap

is a huge fashion influence. She usually sports tiny tops, ruffled mini skirts and flats and has a penchant for Marc by Marc Jacobs and BCBG," Bishop said. "Brooding Ryan Atwood (Benjamin McKenzie) wears aT-shirt, jeans and an ever-present wrist cuff; Seth Cohen (Adam Brody) is a part skater boy, part prep.'

The trend in short skirts becoming passe in the office began several years ago on "Ally McBeal," as the female lawyers often wore them around the office. Every woman on "The Apprentice" did her

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