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Spring enrollment has arrived! Hold on tight as you tread through FASFA forms, enrollment lines and the mad rush to get that one class at that certain time. Here is some insight to help you connect with professors you might meet in the classroom this spring...
### Prof. Kistler

- **Name:** Prof. Roy
- **Department:** Mathematics
- **Years Here:** 5
- **Favorite Course:** Statistics because it is my specialty.
- **Best Thing About a New Semester:** New students and hopefully full classes.
- **Pet Peeve:** When I do a problem on the board and a student raises their hand saying that they did it "their way" and got the same answer. There is no such thing as "my way" when it comes to math. There are multiple ways to get the same answer.
- **Embarrassing Moment:** The first semester I came here my accent was very heavy. After showing a student how to do a problem the woman behind her said that we should do another to make sure she got it. I responded that would be a good idea. On evaluations students alluded to that saying I was sarcastic. It was my accent. I really thought it was a good idea to do another problem.
- **Students Can Expect:** I set high expectations but show my students how to achieve them.
- **Advice:** Students are not in high school anymore and need to take responsibility. Students need to do homework even if they aren’t being graded on it.

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### Prof. Decker

- **Name:** Prof. Decker
- **Department:** English
- **Years Here:** 10
- **Pet Peeve:** Slackers and people who just don’t show up.
- **Embarrassing Moment:** A student came up during the middle of class at break time and told me my shirt was on inside out.
- **Students Can Expect:** To work hard for a grade. Focus on organization, attitude and willingness.
- **Advice:** Get a planner! Don’t get behind. Come to class—everyday!
Meet: Prof. Schrock
Department: Psychology
Years Here: 20

**Best Thing About a New Semester:** It is bittersweet. I like getting to know new students but it is sad to say goodbye to the old ones. I tweak the course a little bit too.

**Pet Peeve:** Talking—not only is it distracting to me but also the class. Students paid for this class and need to get the most out of their money.

**Students Can Expect:** I hope if they take my course and get an “A” they can expect to go anywhere in the nation and take the same course getting the same grade.

**Funniest Moment:** When I was teaching high school I got very upset with my class because they were talking. There was a metal waste basket on the floor and I kicked it. It flew in the air almost taking off a girl’s head.

**Advice:** If I give advice it will probably go in one ear and out the other. But, if you are in a class that you have to be in because it is required, get something out of it besides a grade. A well stocked mind works better. Learn for intellectual pleasure. A student can get a grade without experiencing the topic. Have an open mind and learn something. Look for doors to open a new universe for your life. Take challenges and learn. For example I was afraid of Shakespeare but now I am not because the classes I took about the subject I learned from.

**Favorite Project:** We do class experiments and if I told you my favorite one it would ruin the experiment because it relies heavily on deception. Before privacy rights we used to go to the Manteno Mental Hospital, they would let us right onto the wards to experience every type of mental disorder. One time we went on the psychopath floor with all males who had committed some horrible crimes. My group was all females. The men converged on us after seeing the girls. It was scary but they only asked for the girls’ phone numbers. Everything turned out ok.

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**The Do’s and Don’ts of Spring 10’**

**Do:**
- Go to class
- Ask questions
- Contact teachers
- Learn something
- Have a good attitude
- Try
- Breathe
- Get a Planner

**Don’t:**
- Whisper
- Text
- Do math “Your way”
- Be afraid of Shakespeare
- Get behind
- Miss Class
- Just get a grade

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Special thanks to all the teachers who participated in interviews with me. Thank you for your time and dedication to higher education.

*By: Katherine M. Bruce*
Life at a University!

Life on university campus seems very enjoyable from the looks of it. But always remember, business before pleasure. Going to a big school is much different than going to KCC. There are more responsibilities and people seem more enthusiastic about going to school. Visiting a university campus should be really helpful as you visualize how life would be at a university. There are a few things students should have info on before taking this big step.

Dorms

Dorms are of critical importance to this experience. Some college graduates had there best times in there dorms. Dormitories have both advantages and disadvantages.

Some of the advantages are companionship and the full campus experience. When living in dorms it is very hard to be lonely. There is always someone there to hang out with and is also an easy opportunity to meet new people. Students don't feel intrigued to meet others at our campus, but seem to be a lot more excited to meet others in their college dormitories. Many newcomers become homesick and the company of your fellow parts of the dorm should help.
drastically.

College dorms also offer the full university experience. After living in a dorm for a while you start to feel a part of the campus. You are immediately involved with everything. Students living off campus start to lose their feeling as a part of the campus because they aren't right in the midst of it anymore. Students living in dorms always catch the news about whatever is going on throughout the campus. What kind of experience would it be if you don't feel a part of the campus?

Although it seems so fun! Yes, there are also disadvantages to dorms. The most well known disadvantages of dorms are lack of privacy and roommate conflicts. It's almost impossible to enjoy the company of others with your roommate barging in the door. Although it's hard to be lonely, it's also hard to be alone.

More than likely students won't enjoy their roommate. Sleeping alone with a stranger isn't what most students enjoy. The two students could be completely opposite and just don't connect. You could be a party animal and your roommate could be a quiet person. Roommates always have the info on what's going on in your life; and vice-versa. These are often the reasons why roommates want to get their own dorm. But I don't think we all have a couple extra thousand to spend on a room. Until we do, you have to put up with it!

Getting Involved!

University campuses have tons of things to get into. The primary reason for going to school is to get an education, but
getting involved and connecting with people is just as important. The opportunity to learn doesn’t stop outside the classroom. Generally getting involved with something on campus will make you a better student. There are groups, clubs, extra-curricular activities, etc. These are all opportunities to learn more about yourself and others.

Some of the most prestigious groups known at campuses are Greek organizations. These sororities and fraternities bring life and fun to the campus but also give you a chance to connect with others and form strong relationships.

These organizations are offered your sophomore year. These clubs are tough to get into as you have to complete crazy tasks and do things out of the ordinary. Fraternities and sororities make you stand out from the rest and you connect with a lot more people than as just a regular student. Being a member of these clubs will also get you recognized when applying for careers after college. There’s no disadvantage to being a part of this as long as you can put up with it.

Extra-curricular activities play a pivotal role on a university campus. These activities are things to do outside of the classroom. As a student, you’re going to get bored at times; enjoying your favorite
activities should do the trick. Most campuses have recreational centers where most students enjoy doing whatever they enjoy doing. The good thing about extracurricular activities on a university campus is that you’re not the only person enjoying the activities; there yet is another way to connect with people. Playing sports also is a good way of getting involved. Sports teams often gain some type of strong companionship as every member of the team works together. Even if you can’t play for the actual sports team, most universities offer intramural sports. Intramural sports offer a lot of fun and a good way to stay in shape. Getting involved can offer more than just doing something; it can offer you a chance to learn more about yourself and connect with others.

Staying Focus

Although people have so much fun and connect with a lot of people in college, staying focused is the key to success.

With the entire ruckus going on is it hard to stay on track. Many students love to party and partying too much can lead to a bad grade point average. One could get so drunk on a thirsty Thursday and forget about class on Friday. Some people have a little bit too much fun in their college experience that they forget the original reason for being there is to get an education. There is a game or party every Friday or Saturday and many assignments are to be done over the weekend. Most students think fun first then class, which usually results to failure. Hanging with the wrong crowd could be a key also. Having good friends that want to be successful usually leans off to you. Connect with people but not with everyone; people who put their priorities first before
partying and having fun are usually the top prospects. It's also easy to forget things; that's why it's not always good to get involved with everything. As humans we aren't programmed to handle everything at once. Having the mindset to stay focused should play its part as you grasp a success at your next move.

Jared Hughes
Go Green, Think Green, Act Green

Easy, Affordable ways for students to be green on campus and at home

Going green means you are committed to protecting the natural resources in our environment. You can be good to the earth without giving up things you love. As a student, there are lots of things you can do to be more environmentally friendly. Whether you are participating in campus recycling or practicing conservation in your dorm room, you can make a difference. At home, turn off all electronics when you are not using them. Although it is very convenient to have your computer on all day, it is sucking up energy. Making sure everything is turned off and unplugged will help reduce your electricity bill, and that is money you can spend elsewhere. While you are at it, buy a water filter for your dorm or apartment. There is no reason to spend at least $2 a day on bottled water when you can purchase an inexpensive water filter. Stop using plastic bags, whenever you head over to the grocery store bring your own bags. In case you need an incentive, some stores are now giving their customers a couple of cents back when they use reusable bags. Consider using Thrift Stores when shopping for clothing and accessories. Getting in the habit of

Buying sturdy wear will also reduce your need to replace constantly. Choose biodegradable cleaning products with minimal toxins for your dorm room. Take shorter showers, and you will save thousands of gallons and pounds of CO2 by reducing your shower time. Take advantage of smart choices, if your school offers it, look for local, organic and fair trade food choices. Get involved and make a difference for yourself and others on campus, by becoming a role model, practice what you preach, and inspire those around you. As a student on the run, it can be difficult to make sustainable decisions, when those around you are not on board. In that case, your best bet is to lead by example and try to educate those who listen.

Written By: Christyna Phillips
Local...
National....
Worldwide.
News brought to you. With style.

October

Written by: Nick Stucker
The Bradley Fire.

During mid-day on Wednesday, a fire broke out from an explosive blast which overtook and eventually destroyed a Bradley pallet business. Firefighters from Bradley, Bourbonnais, Manteno, and Pecatonica helped in extinguishing the fire. As a result of the fire, Route 50 was closed for nearly four hours.

Fortunately no one was inside of the building at the time of the fire so no one was hurt. Now however, investigators are still looking into the situation deeply as to the cause of the sudden blaze which totally destroyed Pallets Unlimited Inc. No damage estimate has been documented.
The Man with a Plan

We are entering our ninth year in the Iraq War. President Obama is adamant about settling the Afghan conflict and the assault on the Taliban strongholds, before troop reduction is even thought about. However, the rising violence with the Taliban and resurgence has placed the Obama Administration on the defensive.

Seen here is Gen. Stanley McChrystal who had proposed a written document to the President to actually request 40,000 more U.S. soldiers. However, it has been reported that Obama is not even thinking of increasing or decreasing troop levels until a firm strategy for Afghanistan has been planned.

Vice President Joe Biden has clearly stated and challenged McChrystal's proposal privately and openly. Biden states "We should focus on the mission of rooting out al Qaeda and Taliban fighters with predator drones and special forces raids and leave the troop levels as they are for now."

Now, at this point, whatever decision the President makes he "must stand boldly and firmly and outline his case to the American people" Rep. Peter Hoekstra says.
Rwandan Genocide Suspect Arrested

In Uganda, police arrest the most wanted suspect of the Rwandan Genocide, Iidephonse Nizeyimana was found and arrested in a suburb hotel and transferred Tuesday to U.N. detention facility in Arusha, Tanzania.

The 100-day genocide attack started in April of 1994. The numbers of dead are estimated around one million...nearly 10 percent of the central South African population. Others were raped and disfigured. There are nearly 13 other fugitives on the list to be captured, and Iidephonse is the second caught in a two month period.
Ravaged by War

By Jeanine Sims and Tyler Zabel

Many people may feel detached from the conflicts overseas, unless you know someone involved; you might feel as if it doesn’t affect you. But consider this: if you pay taxes, you are paying for this war. Based upon the work of Nobel Prize winning economist Joseph Stiglitz and his colleague Linda Bilmes, the per day cost of the Iraq War for the first 4 years has been $720 million. In these tough economic times, many are struggling to make ends meet.

From single moms trying to feed their children, to college students desperately trying to finance their education, it seems everyone is struggling to make ends meet. How would you spend that exorbitant amount of money? An affordable housing unit costs around $111,061. This $720 million could buy 6,482 homes. It costs $624 to give a child free school lunches for a year. One day of the Iraq war could buy lunch for 1,153,846 children. The average cost of a four-year state university is $20,628. The money wasted on just a single day of this occupation could put 34,904 students through college.

Rather than seeing these occupations through politicians and media pundits drooling on from the other side of your television, we are here to present you with a few words from a former soldier who has been intimately connected to these conflicts. Tyler Zabel is an ex-infantryman from the National Guard who trained with Charlie 1-178 in Kankakee, Illinois. Motivated by his strong ideals of freedom and loyalty, he enlisted at the young age of 17 with the intention of protecting his country and defending his family.

Immediately following his graduation from high school, Zabel was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia to begin basic training. Fort Benning is also the home of the highly controversial School of the Americas. The SOA is a facility where young latino boys are taken from their homes, instructed in methods of torture, then sent back to their native lands to oppress their own people. Upon entering Fort Benning, Zabel slowly started to realize something was wrong as he callously screamed chants of killing and sang songs about the way napalm sticks to the skin of children. Nevertheless, he continued to obey the orders he was given in bayonet training as he stabbed a plastic dummy with the knife on the end of his rifle, yelling “KILL! KILL!! KILL!!!!”. In his
own words, “I realized that the beautiful ideas of freedom and democracy I had been told I was to be fighting for had been somehow lost to the need for blind violence and bloodshed.”

After meeting a young woman in Chicago who had experienced war first-hand during her childhood in El Salvador, his perspective was deepened and he became a committed pacifist. After seeing war from a child’s perspective, he decided to apply for conscientious objector status in his unit. A C.O. (conscientious objector) classification means that he had developed views against war that had crystallized after joining, thus he was required to prove this through a long arduous process of interviews and essays. The military’s application system for Conscientious Objectors seems designed to prevent people like Tyler – who are morally opposed to the combat missions for which they are being trained – from acting on their moral convictions. In addition to three official interviews (including both a religious and a psychological evaluation), Tyler was required to submit a long essay explaining his refusal to engage in combat. Only then would he begin the excruciating process of waiting for his application to be reviewed, which usually takes between six months and one year, during which time the applicant remains an active member of his unit.

In Tyler’s case, however, the system was especially unfriendly. One of the first officers he consulted about his application, his squad leader Sergeant First Class Washington, provided false information about Tyler’s eligibility, claiming that his lack of religious affiliation would prevent him from becoming a C.O. (This has not been true since a Supreme Court decision in 1971 expanded the basis for Conscientious Objection beyond religious grounds.)

Then, a few months later, when it seemed that the worst was over, Tyler received a call from the military notifying him that he would be deployed to Afghanistan in one week. He was flabbergasted. Normal practice within the military allows six months advance notice for casualties such as this – and Tyler had already informed the military at length of his pacifism and opposition to the war in Afghanistan. Suddenly, his life was thrown into a state of panic. The personal transformation he had undergone during the previous year, his relationships, his work, his life itself, the U.S. government was asking him to sacrifice all of this for a war that he found morally abhorrent.

But this was not the end. Just one day before Tyler was scheduled to leave for Afghanistan, he received another call from the military indicating that he would not have to deploy after all. Then, as if this torment was not enough, he was contacted yet again a month later with reissued orders for deployment. In Tyler’s mind, this was the last straw. Instead of reporting for deployment, he decided to go AWOL and face the risk of military prosecution. After weeks in hiding – during which time he could not work and rarely left his home – he decided to turn himself in to his old unit. The response of his commanders was to “demote” him to a lower rank – indicating that their intention was not to enforce
military policy, but to manipulate Tyler (an active war resister) into psychological submission.

For several months Tyler has lived in a state of legal and existential limbo, knowing that the military could show up at any moment to haul him off to prison (or worse, to Afghanistan). He has received advice from numerous activists and politicians, but his best allies have been fellow veterans from IVAW, whose support has strengthened his will and inspired him to speak out publicly. Now, empowered by these relations of solidarity, he is determined not only to resist the military's internal abuses, but to combat the spread of militarism throughout society. "They need this war [in Afghanistan] to continue to expand the military-industrial complex," he says. "which our society now depends on" — but we can resist this expansion by "closing the door to recruitment, and opening the door for resistance," both within and outside the military.
SHOULD I TAKE AN ONLINE COURSE?

Kankakee Community College has many online courses which are offered to students each semester. Also, online classes may be taken from almost any community college or university across the United States. In fact, there are even online classes a student may register for which are available from universities outside of the United States. The Big Question seems to be: Who should take an online class?

Statistics revealed in February 2008 reveal only 30% of students who enroll in online classes actually complete the course. These numbers should give educators a cause to wonder about the low attrition rate. After reviewing some of the different research on this topic, this writer found certain characteristics add to the success or failure of an online student. The primary reason for students who are not finished an online class is a lack of communication between the learner, his or her peers, and the instructor. For those who are engaged in teaching an online class, it is necessary to remember to handle each student on an individual basis, similar to how one manages students in the traditional classroom environment. Introverted students feel much safer and comfortable in an online class: while extroverts find online class often boring and mundane. Online learning is a good choice for anyone who has family obligations, geographic barriers, time constraints, and disabilities. However, any student who registers for an online class should plan his/her time wisely and definitely communicate...
New Releases

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- Couples Retreat
- Classic Cinemas Meadowview
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New on DVD

- Year One
- My Fair Lady
- Drag Me To Hell
- Anvil! The Story of Anvil
- Management
- The Proposal
- Transformers Revenge of the Fallen
- Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs
- Up
- Orphan

Coming Soon to DVD
Zombieland

Witty and funny. This movie is great fun. It is a feel good movie - I left the theatre grinning from ear to ear. Go see it!

- Tom People

Assimilation of Aging

Beautifully scripted and acted, with an obviously fantastical premise that serves as a devastating critique of the "real" world. About midway through the movie, you realize that you are actually watching a very daring and subversive critique of religion—this is much more the theme than truth or lying. Think of this as "Dogma" for adults. And Gervais is spot on at every moment. I'm also happy to report that while I've never been a Jennifer Garner fan, she contributes an excellent performance. In fact, there's not a mis-performance in the entire movie. It's an obvious love child as you might guess from all the high-powered cameos.

-Jed Dye

Couples Retreat

From the previews, I could tell that this was one to catch on TBS, 2-3 years from now, on a rainy Saturday with nothing else to do.

-Hugh Morris
Year One

Horrid!!! Nothing interesting, different or funny. Just boring banality. Both Black and Cera play the same ol' characters they always play.

-Ella Vador

Drag Me to Hell

Personally I thought this was one of the scarier movies I have seen lately. It did have its moments when it was a bit cheesy but all in all I have to give it a thumbs up.

-Laura Norder

The Proposal

The plot is incredulous and the characters relentlessly cliché, as well as borrowed from Shakespeare's TAMING OF THE SHREW, where a snotty high flying female editor blackmails her timid and handsome talented P.A. to enter into a paper marriage to avoid deportation from USA, yet it is sporadically funny and engaging because of the naturally talented Sandra Bullock who gives the jaded role a vague but definitive tenderness and Ryan Reynolds proves he is the most charming Hollywood male star for routine romantic comedy genre presently.

-Doug Graves

Up

It lifted my spirits and left me with worthwhile ideas to ponder. It certainly shows smart fun and does tug at you heart strings. The movie reiterates what Walt Disney once said, "for every laugh there must be a tear." Go see it! It is probably my favorite Pixar animated movie of all!

-Tish Hughes

Orphan

Comparable to the Good Son in it's premise, this movie was sure to mess with your head.

-Doug Graves

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs

Hilarious - definitely worth a watch if you haven't seen it yet :)

-Marsha Mellow

FOR RENT

- Olive Yew
Local Talent

Local talent needs to be nurtured. We all want to see our family, friends, and neighbors succeed. When we find talent within our neighbors, we should support them and urge them forward. This gives us the privilege of saying, "Hey, I knew that person before they were famous." Lupe Carroll is one of these lucky and talented people. The Kankakee and Chicago land areas have embraced him and watched him evolve.

He has been playing for twelve years and has spent the last seven performing. He puts his heart into music because of what music can do. For instance it will, he says, "not just emotionally get you through a hard day or something, but make you run faster, think better, fight harder." His songs are not only humble, they are truthful. He plays what he knows from both observing and living life which gives him his style of music. Though his songs are hard to classify he likes to think of them as definitely soulful with a dash of folk. He has found inspiration in artists such as; Van Morrison, B.B. King, Johnny Lang, and Cat Stevens. However, not all inspiration has to be found in someone or something tremendous. Lupe tends to find muses in the little things in life as well. "Sometimes a good, deep sounding sentence out of a friend's mouth can drive me to want to write a song and play that style" (Lupe Carroll). This down to earth, open minded style is what allows Lupe to truly connect with his audience.

When he performs, not only does his voice and instrumentals attract an audience, his lyrics and ambiance truly allows his listeners to connect with him. He creates an atmosphere of contentment and satisfaction with life, and eases his crowd into serenity only being there can explain.

He does post his music on his MySpace account which is www.myspace.com/lupecarroll. On this site he also updates any shows he has booked or any new song releases that he wants to share with his fans. Of his songs, his favorite is "My Prayer" but he has many great songs such as "Know Your Limits"
and “The Way You Do”. As final words of encouragement from Lupe Carroll, “if you’re making music with your heart and soul, not just to do what’s fresh or cool at the time, but with real passion, don’t ever give up.” Although he is still working on releasing a CD, he hopes that his ambition and passion will lead him down a successful road. And it’s with this positive outlook that he will most certainly get on whatever path he desires.

On the Rise
Lady GaGa has taken America by storm. In recent months she has released hit songs including; “Just Dance”, “Paparazzi”, and “Beautiful Dirty Rich”. Lady GaGa has caught our attention with her lyrics, her style, and her theatrical eccentricities. The Lady GaGa Biography stated that, “GaGa is the girl who at age 4 learned to play the piano by ear. By age 13, she had written her first piano ballad. At age 14, she played open mike nights at clubs such as New York’s The Bitter End.” With such an impressive history, explaining how and why she reached the top so quickly isn’t part of our agenda. What we now need to know is, how long will this star remain in the spotlight? Can we expect to continue being shocked by this astounding performer or, will she fade into the shadows of what she’s already accomplished? With the passion that radiates off of her and her style resembling that of so many different varieties of music, it is hard to imagine that she’ll drop off of our radar. For as long as she continues to have the spunky, wildly eclectic lifestyle she’ll continue to hold our attention. We can only hope to continue hearing from this up and coming star.
FALL FASHION FOR THE COST-EFFICIENT COLLEGE STUDENT

BY LINDY NANO

Leaves are changing color, temperatures are dropping. Halloween is around the corner, this can only mean one thing: Autumn is among us! As a current college student, I understand the desire to want to look good this fall but are your funds in the fashion department lacking? Don’t worry! To get ready for the chilly season I have all the latest trends and where to find them FOR LESS! Yes, that’s right I said LESS! Now there’s no excuse to skip from summer to winter, enjoy all the fall fun in between! Set your alma early and take off those sweatpants and sweatshirts, you can be fashionable this fall! Just follow these simple tips and even you won’t be emptying out your wallet this season (Your parents will be thanking you!) Learn the latest fashions for fall and you will be turning heads when you walk into classrooms, not because you are late, but because of your seasonal swagger.

FASHION FADS FOR THE FEMALES

HOT TREND #1 SKINNY JEANS:

When it comes to denim, this year’s hottest look is the skinny jean. This pencil thin, stretchy pant can be found in a variety of colors including denim, black and more vibrant colors such as red or pink. This look is versatile; it can be dressed up for a weekend date or dressed down for that early morning class. Not comfortable in skinny jeans? Boot cut and boyfriend cut jeans are still trendy styles.

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Target and Target.com (Skinny jeans from $16-$28)
HOT TREND #2 LEGGINGS:

Leggings are a hot trend for students but they are turning the heat up for the cold with denim, metallic, sequin and even jeweled leggings for the fall. Beyonce is a celebrity that has been recently spotted sporting a pair of denim leggings. Leggings are another versatile trend that can be dressed up (with a chic top or jacket) or can be dressed down (with an oversized athletic shirt and a pair of sneakers).

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Marshalls (Leggings from $5.99-$9.99)

HOT TREND #3 PLAID:

This is a trend that has come in and out of fashion for several decades. For those who have continued to wear plaid throughout, congratulations to you; it is now back in style. For more casual campuses like ours here at KCC, plaid is definitely a winner. From oversized to fitted numbers, plaid can add style to a college wardrobe.

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Marshalls (Plaid shirts from $12.99)

HOT TREND #4 MAXI DRESSES AND MINI DRESSES:

Good news for those of you who enjoyed the long, flowing maxi dresses that were all the rage this summer, they can now be turned into a fall look with a simple cardigan to keep warm. This confident yet comfortable look is just the attire needed for a college classroom. For the more brave souls, the mini dress is shorter, tighter, sleeveless, colorful, and is as short as the wearer dares. While I don't recommend trying to sit through a lecture in a mini dress, it can be part of your weekend attire. For the chilly temps, be sure to pair your mini dress with a trendy jacket and knee-high boots.

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Target and Target.com (Maxi and Mini dresses from $20.98)
HOT TRENDS #5 JACKETS:

This season, 80’s inspired looks are hitting store shelves. The hottest styles consist of 4 must-have pieces to add to your closet:

1. Leather/Motorcycle Jacket- very popular and many celebs are showing their love for leather this fall from Lindsay to Mischa. For a more budget conscious consumer like us college students, try faux leather or “pleather” jackets. They are just as easy to find with a price tag that’s not going to break you or Mom and Dad’s bank.

2. Military Jacket- this is a trend that has spread since the passing of the late great King of Pop, Michael Jackson. His legendary and stylish military jackets from the 80’s were part of his signature look and have found their way back into the fashion world.

3. Cropped Jacket- This item is a great piece for fall! It coordinates well with everything from skirts to pants and can add needed style to any boring outfit.

4. Boyfriend/Blazer Jacket- This trend is another classic that stems from the 80’s. It can be paired with an evening or cocktail dress for a more sophisticated look or with a pair of jeans for a casual look.

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Wal-Mart and Walmart.com (Jackets from $20-$25) & Target and Target.com (Jackets from $7.49-$44.99)

HOT TREND #6 SHOES:

One of the most important things you can buy for fall fashion is a fabulous pair of shoes. Shoes can be just as important as the clothes you wear and the bag that you carry. Don’t worry! I have found 6 shoe trends that will be sure to satisfy your foot fetish and your college budget!
1. Ankle boots- this was a popular trend last year and has trickled its way into fall 2009.

Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Payless Shoe Source and Paylessshoesource.com (Ankle boots from $24.99)

2. Sky High Platform heels- ultra high heels are hitting mainstream instead of just runway. These shoes make a statement that height is in and is here to stay! Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Payless Shoe Source and Paylessshoesource.com (Platform Heels from $9.98-$29.99)

3. Over-the-knee boots- if you have the college confidence to make them work, these boots can make a statement with skinny jeans, shorts, and skirts for fall. Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Target and Target.com (Boots from $29.99-$44.99)

4. Flats- easy to wear, easy on the budget. Enough said. Look for oxford flats this season for those of you who are fans of the ballet flat, this is a fresh alternative. Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Payless Shoe Source and Paylessshoesource.com (Flats from $12.99-$22.99)

5. Doc Martens- the hot trend of the season is the patent leather version. Docs can run pretty expensive but luckily there are many knockoffs available for the budget conscious consumer like you! Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Hot Topic and Hottopic.com (Knockoff Doc Martens from $49.99)

6. Purple pumps- Purple is the fall color to wear for the season. Pumps are a shoe that can be reasonably priced and worn for a ladies night out or a sizzling Saturday night date.

Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Target and Target.com (Purple Pumps from $19.99-$29.99)
HOT TREND #2

Handbags are an essential accessory to every woman's outfit. Offer trends that are a and style with animal prints, leather. Size for this from medium sized to large as purses and also book bags for the college female.

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Marshalls (Designer brand bags from $9.99 and up)

8 FALL FASHION TRENDS FOR THE MEN

HOT TREND #1 DENIM:

From skinny to straight, boot cut to baggy and all that's in between, the denim for fall is dizzying. This season is all about finding a fit that works for you. Be ready for a resurgence of washed, tattered and distressed styles that have been on the radar for a while now.

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Target and Target.com (Jeans from $19.99-$34.99)

HOT TREND #2 GRAPHIC TEES:

Always a popular trend for men of all ages. What better way to make a loud statement than by the design on your chest? These are a favorite and easy on the wallet.

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Wal-Mart and Walmart.com (Tees from $3.00-$12.00)
HOT TREND #3 THE HOODIE:

The hooded sweatshirt has become the cold-weather T-Shirt. Bright colors, graphics and mixed fabrics are a new way to wear the hoodie for fall. This is a great piece for waking up late for your 8 a.m. class but do not dare wear this on a date fellas.

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Target and Target.com (Hoodies from $10.99-$26.99)

HOT TREND #4 THE CARDIGAN:

This fall piece has been popular for a few seasons. For a retro style, pair a cardigan over a tee or button down. This seasonal must-have can be paired with skinny jeans and geek-chic glasses for a current fall look.

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Target and Target.com (Cardigans from $21.99-$27.99)

HOT TREND #5 VESTS:

This trend for men continues to hold on. For a more casual look, pair with a tee. For a dressed up look, pair with a button down shirt and tie (The Jonas Brothers look).

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Target and Target.com (Vests from $16.00-$29.99)

HOT TREND #6 PLAID FLANNEL SHIRTS:

A reflux of the 90's grunge? Plaid seems to be everywhere this season and the shirts are reasonably priced. Still have flannels from previous years? Now's the time to recycle your style (pending that the shirts still fit) and save your money.

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Wal-Mart and Walmart.com (Shirts from $9.50-$11.50)
HOT TREND #7 SNEAKERS:

80's are back with a vengeance! The unlaced retro high top sneakers are coming alive in 2009! Urban hipsters wear styles that reflect old school but still express individual style. Look for neons, metallics, and different textured sneaks to be giving fall it's kick!

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Hot Topic and Hottopic.com (High top sneakers from $49.99)

HOT TREND #8 GEEK CHIC GLASSES:

Look for different styles this fall with chunky, oversized, thick horn-rimmed (like in the series Mad Men) and mid 80's oversized. This trend stretches from celebrities like Justin Timberlake to college campus students (like you!)

***Find this HOT TREND FOR LESS @ Geekgonechic.com (Glasses from $12.95)

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- Oct. 23—Spring class schedule available in Student Services.
- Oct. 26—Credit division registration begins for Spring 2010 semester; first day to file petitions for December and May graduation.
- Oct. 30—Last day to withdraw with a grade of "W" for 16-week courses.
- *Nov. 11—Veterans Day—no classes; Campus is open until 5 p.m.
- Nov. 20—Last day to withdraw with a grade of "W" for second eight-week session courses.
- Nov. 25—Thanksgiving vacation begins at 5 p.m.
- *Nov. 26-29—Thanksgiving vacation—campus closed.
- Dec. 4—Last day for spring semester preregistration.
- Dec. 11—Last day for preregistered students (Spring 2010) to pay for reserved courses. Students will be dropped from courses for failure to meet this deadline. Registration continues through Jan. 8.
- Dec. 11—Last day of fall semester courses; final day to petition for December graduation.
- Dec. 12—Final exams for Saturday courses.
- Dec. 14-17—Final exams.
- Dec. 21-22—Campus is open until 5 p.m.

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