Rain

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Spring seems to be synonymous with sun and bright days, but wet muddy weather plays an all too important role during this season.

If your umbrella has sprung a leak and your raincoat is coming apart at the seams, you'll have a wide variety of fashions with which to replace these essential items in your wardrobe.

New in umbrellas this spring is the clear plastic type, which will accompany an outfit of any color. Of course plaids and plain colors still dominate the umbrella field. Folding umbrellas are popular with students since they fold up to about one third the size of a standard umbrella. They are easier to carry with an armload of books, and any surprise shower will find you prepared.

Another simple precautionary measure is the accordion folded plastic rain scarf which you can buy in a coin purse, with a keychain or in its own plastic container. Many silk scarves are treated to make them water repellent so they won't get limp and soggy in a light shower.

Of course the trench coat is still a favorite raincoat. Other rainwear includes cotton knit all-weather coats which are mainly plain colored. Some cotton coats treated with Dupont Zelan are reversible, with one side a solid color and the reverse side a bright flowered design.

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A flared skirted raincoat, which amply covers a full skirted shirtwaist dress, is also available. Another style of raincoat has a lower section which zips on and off, giving the wearer a car coat or a raincoat whenever she chooses. The collars and trim on the new raincoats are of cotton knit, velveteen and corduroy.

To help you ford the puddles are lightweight plastic boots, which will appear most commonly in a smoky color, since the clear plastic tends to discolor quickly.

When those spring rainclouds sweep across the sky, don’t run inside, but put on your new raincoat and boots, open your umbrella and go out and enjoy yourself.

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If your room needs a little pickup or an overall housecleaning you can accomplish sparkling wonders with a little paste or liquid wax. Here are a few wax tricks to polish up on. They’re easy, quick and helpful.

1. If desk drawers, doors or windows stick, rub the edges with wax of any type. However, paste wax is the preferred lubricant.

2. Dust, pencil shavings and other loose dirt won’t collect on the bottom and sides of wastebaskets which have been waxed.

3. When hangers “stick” on the clothes closet rod, put some self-polishing wax on the rod, so they’ll slip along easily.

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Another clerk said she enjoyed working with the college shoppers because they include her in their plans. For instance, if a college shopper were coordinating a costume, the clerk felt that she was made a vital part of that plan.

A few suggestions were given by Campustown clerks to make you a better customer. One clerk suggested that the college coed do her shopping with a list. She explained that usually the woman who shops with a list gets home with the things she needs, and hasn’t wasted money buying things she doesn’t really need.

Another suggestion is to watch for and take advantage of the specials offered from time to time. This can take the form of buying the large size in such staples as soap, cosmetics and other drug products, or buying clothes on end of the season sales. These things can often mean a considerable saving to the budget-conscious Iowa State coed.

The Iowa State coeds are described as “a fine shopping group to work for” because of their courteousness and progressiveness, along with a certain amount of individuality.