



All that glitters is big fashion news and Louis Feraud beaded a copper tone cocktail dress to add sparkling highlights to the burgundy ostrich feather trim.

Timeless elegance is unquestionably Christian Dior's gold lame gown with sparkling jewels on the collar and shoulder with matching lame stole. Full skirt is accorded with black leather belt.

The Look Of Elegance

Fashion Fair Here Friday

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It's October and, along with the expected fall activities, comes the Ebony Fashion Fair for 1981.

This year's theme, "The Look of Elegance," is synonomous with the outpouring of lavish, opulent designs with more rich news in fabric mixture of textures and styling for a look that's dramatic by day and dazzling at night.

The traveling fashion extravaganza was originally presented in a few selected cities for the purpose of featuring black models in world famous-designer fashions. Accepted widely for its elegance and panache, the show has expanded through the years to an entourage of professionals touring 171 cities with 22 professionals plus stage and business managers.

The Look of Elegance will be showcased at the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium, Friday, October 30, at 8 p.m. Highlighting the "Haute Couture" from the lines of both European and American designers, this year, the emphasis is on the waist, with hemlines falling at all points on the leg.

The layered look is very much in fashion with easy moving long skirts paired with hipbone length jackets, textured sweaters and huge, sweeping shawls. Designers are moving in the direction of "more" is better. More fabrics in more a variety, more color and more contrast.

Most prevalent was the combination of skirt with pants, jacket and huge shawl. Whether flung across the shoulders to keep out the chill or draped dramatically on the arm, the shawl is again one of the highlights of the

fall. A return to glamour, beauty and style is apparent in the eighties and fashion trends for evening, reflect that elegant feeling with entrance making gowns in velvet satin and lame embroidered with semi-precious stones. The fashion message is multi-faceted, revolving around big, loose, long and layered looks.

The couture collection is personally selected by Mrs. Eunice and Linda Johnson, the wife and daughter of publisher John H. Johnson. The Johnsons spend much of the spring touring the showrooms of such leading designers as Stephen Burrows, Christian Dior, Yves St.



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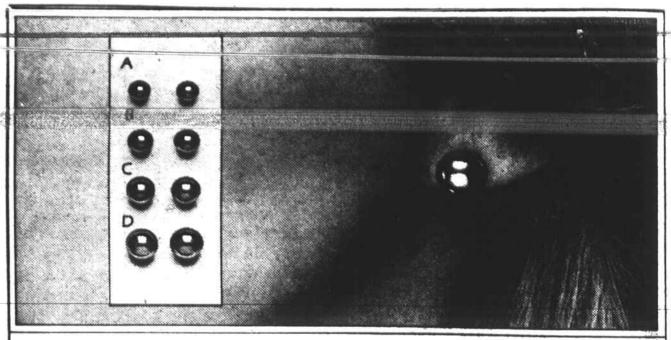
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