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FASHION EDITORIAL Fashion Soars Sky High — Quality Is Low!

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Mode! Mode! Mode! Fashion! Fashion!

Fashion! It's a continuous conver-

sational topic, and the focus

heightens with escalating prices.

Retailers are sticking hefty prices

on garments that are below

busting and fabrics are fading.

Shrinkage is a common

A \$300 designer dress often is

unlined and poorly constructed.

Expensive does not necessarily

mean quality. Consumers, in view

of inflation, are taking a longer

Retailers, on the other hand, say

consumers always complain. But

look at garment quality.

Hems are unraveling, seams are

dollar on the European market has caused textile imports to soar and predict the increases will continue. T'

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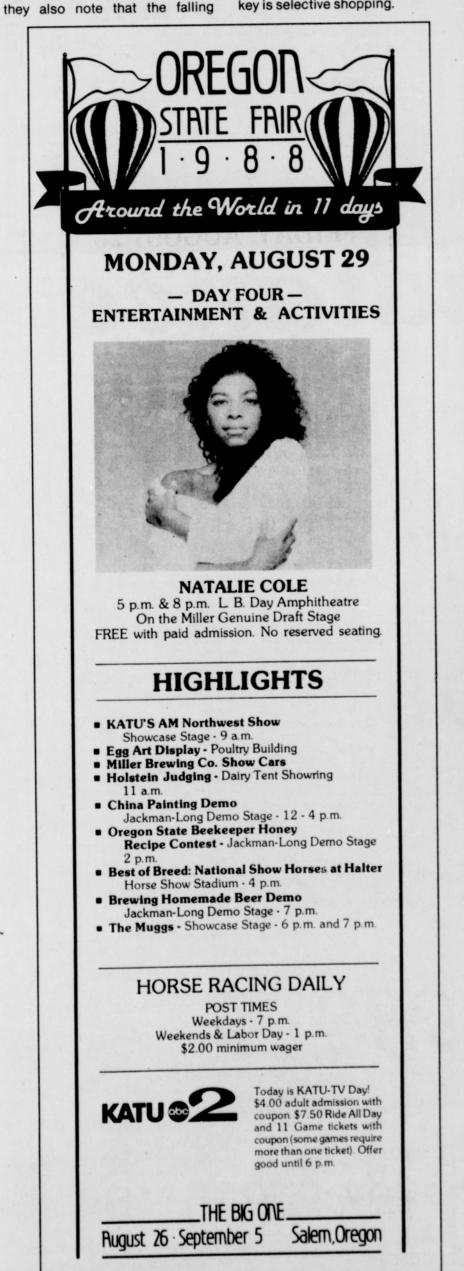
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In view of this, those of us who are serious fashion animals may have to consider discount designer stores and half-yearly sales.

Remembering quality, not quantity, is vital in selecting yourfashion wardrobe. You will enjoy more use from a few classic items. Stick to pure natural fibers. Before you purchase a garment, turn it inside out and check the seams. This will indicate how well the garment is constructed. When buying coats and jackets make sure you have extra buttons.

In order for your clothes to flatter you, they must fit well. Have all alterations done before you wear something new. Remember fashion length is optional, so select the length that's most flattering to you.

Fashion says a great deal about who we are, so it is very important to send the correct fashion message. With patience and effort it is possible to dress wonderfully. The key is selective shopping.



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Scarves were paraded down the runways of New York and Paris, wrapped around the head and throat and trailing dramatically behind. Worn under wide brim hats, with lots of heavy pearls and gold chained belts. Scarves flung over the shoulders to give a draping effect. A new, yet very feminine touch, the scraf is pinned to the side of a skirt or dress pocket with a large gold or pearl pin.

