

Focus on Fashion

Ebony Fashion Fair is *Living It Up*

Event raises money for local scholarships

Clothes have everything to do with attitude, both of yourself and those around you. Walk out into a party dressed in your dullest gray outfit and no amount of dancing or drink will make you feel better. But go out on the town in sparkling textures and color, and you'll feel like a million bucks.

The Ebony Fashion Fair has been celebrating the phenomena of glamour since 1958, and continues with the exciting, traveling fashion show. The theme for the 47th extravaganza is "Living It Up," featuring designs from world famous designers such as Givenchy, Oscar de la Renta, Bob Mackie, Christian LaCroix, Hanae Mori, and black designers Fusha and Kate Mack.

The provocative styles will be featured on 13 models, including 11 gorgeous women (one full-figured) and two men who are very easy on the eyes.

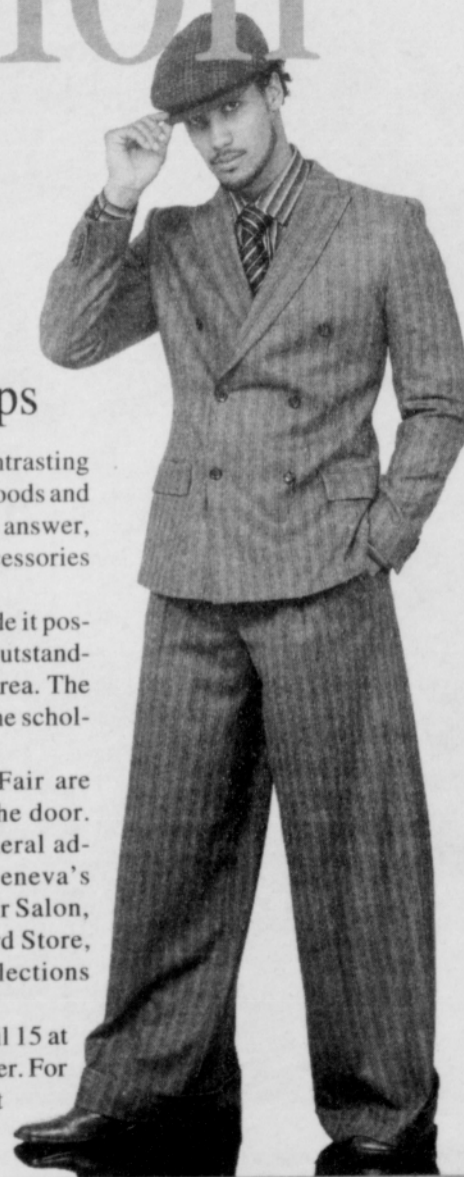
This year's show proves that dark colors are

out the door, with bold, bright and contrasting colors making a comeback to uplift moods and turn heads. Simplicity is no longer the answer, either, with decorative, elaborate accessories from broaches and bracelets.

Proceeds from previous shows made it possible to give over 85 scholarships to outstanding seniors throughout the Portland area. The goal this year is to raise \$30,000 for the scholarship fund.

Tickets for the Ebony Fashion Fair are selling quickly, with none sold at the door. Prices are \$75 for patrons, \$45 general admission and can be purchased at Geneva's Shear Perfection, Domonique's Hair Salon, Equilibrium Salon, One Stop Record Store, Tondalayera Designer's Salon, Reflections Coffeehouse, and Me Rae's.

The event will be held Friday, April 15 at 8 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center. For more information, visit on the web at www.ebonyfashionfair.com.



Nordstrom Rack Gets A Makeover

Nordstrom Rack, the clearance center of fine retailer Nordstrom is at a new downtown location. The store is on two levels in the ODS Tower on Southwest Second Avenue, twice the size of the old location on Fourth and Morrison and only two blocks away.

Nordstrom Rack's merchandise comes from the Nordstrom stores and website but at savings of up to 75 percent off of regular prices.

Nordstrom has a reputation for providing great customer

Portland's new and expanded Nordstrom Rack features a diverse selection of hot styles and fashions.



service and thrives on their life long customers. The downtown location originally opened in 1986 was an underground store and a new look was way over due. The new store at the ODS tower not only looks more appealing but is also brighter.

"We are thrilled to have Nordstrom Rack at the ODS Tower," said Greg Johnson, president of Wright Runstad and Company, co-owner and property manager of the building. "We think Nordstrom Rack will be a welcomed addition to our tenants and the new store will only enhance Portland's growing retail core."

There are 49 Nordstrom Racks in the country, including one across from the Clackamas Town Center.