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The Washington Star

Tuesday, March 30, 1976

Designers Honor Betty Ford

Eleni on Fashion: Cited for Her Support of the Industry

NEW YORK — Mrs. Gerald R. Ford said yesterday, "Nixon's Final Days," the new Robert Woodward and Carl Bernstein book, "will be considered fiction" in

nated at the school). Mrs. Ford was aware that such fashion greats as the late Norman Norell, Adrian and Clare McCardle, among many others, had attended

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Betty on *The Book*

**SHE DOESN'T HEM & HAW
AT PARSONS AWARD GALA**

By ANNA QUINDLEN

The program read like a list of the finest labels Seventh Avenue has to offer: Donald Brooks, Albert Capraro, Kasper, Calvin Klein, Shannon Rodgers, Chester Weinberg, Betty Ford—

ceiving her prize—a miniature sterling silver replica of the Parsons table—the First Lady fielded questions about excerpts from their new book, which portrays former President Nixon as a distraught and drinking heavily during his last months in office.

Daily News 3/31/76
79 busy says

Lauren & Sue Are Dressalikes

Among those present at the Lazars were Lauren Bacall and Mengers, the agent, both wearing the same Zandra Rhodes dress. That was a sight to see. Veronique (Mrs. Gregory) Peck was in another Zandra Rhodes. Marlo Thomas came with David Geffen record tycoon. Diane von Furstenberg came with Barry Diller. Collins came with Ron Kass because she's married to him, Audrey Hepburn came with Dr. Andrea Dotti because likewise—no matter what you hear or what interesting pictures you see in the Los Angeles papers. Clay Felker, the New York publisher, was there and Kelly and Audrey and Billy Wilder, Joanne and Johnny Carson, Russell, Suzanne and Mark Goodson, Mary Margare and Valenti, Judy and Bill Green from New York, Portland Mason, G. Kane of the "Hester Street" Kanes and so on into the night. All stayed until 2. An autograph hunter would have freaked, so

Betty Ford reminisced about her days as a Seventh Ave. model and her stint as fashion director of a Grand Rapids store at the Fashion Critics Award Show honoring her at the New York Hotel. Mrs. Ford, in a pink crepe Luis Estevez, sat with the Henry T. Ford (he's chairman of board of Parsons) and August Heckscher, chairman of the board of overseers).

At Albert Capraro's table (he's Betty Ford's favorite designer) were such as Luciana Avedon in a green chiffon by Albert Capraro, Polly Bergen in a black chiffon by Albert Capraro, Catherine Deneuve in black crepe, Delfina Rattazzi in an azalea print (she is one of the queens of the Azalea Festival along with Susan Ford) and Diana Vreeland who had shown Mrs. Ford all around the Metropolitan Museum that afternoon and was so tired that her chic pink tongue was hanging out.

Lexington Ball Down the Stretch

This year's Lexington Ball on April 22 will be held in

Parsons Honors Betty



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ors Betty Ford and 7th Ave. Rejoices





Betty Ford and the critics: (back row: Liz Claiborne, Shannon Rodgers, Leo Narducci (hidden), Anthony Muto, Calvin Klein, Piero Dimitri, Ann Keagy of Parsons (hidden). Front row: Donna Karan, Donald Brooks, Albert Capraro, Betty Ford, Kasper, Kay Unger, Chester Weinberg.

EYE® VIEW

Parsons to Parsons

NEW YORK — "It was a coup for us to get Betty Ford to attend," said Calvin Klein, referring to the Parsons School of Design's guest of honor at Monday night's show and dinner-dance. While most of the guests were impressed



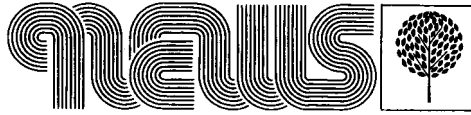
NEWS RELEASE Howard L. Levine, *Director of Public Relations*
Barbara Grimaldi, *Assistant Director*

PARSONS 1976 FASHION CRITICS AWARDS SHOW AND DINNER:

Events press may cover --

- 1) Photo session - starting at 6 p.m., Rendezvous Trianon Room, Grand Ballroom level -- see attached photo script.
- 2) Fashion Show, which will introduce the prizewinning fashion collection created by Parsons students, will begin at 7 p.m. and end at approximately 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. You may cover this event from the Grand Ballroom balcony only. Please use stairway to reach the balcony level from Grand Ballroom level.
- 3) Award presentations - will begin at approximately 8 p.m. in Grand Ballroom. Parsons fashion design students will receive their awards first from leading fashion designers who have served as critics at Parsons this year. Mrs. Ford will then receive the Parsons Award (for her strong encouragement and support of the American fashion industry). This segment of the program is expected to end at approximately 8:30 p.m.

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**PHOTO CAPTIONS -- PARSONS AWARD TO MRS. GERALD R. FORD, New York Hilton
Hotel, March 29, 1976**

The photographic set-ups will be arranged in order as below. Full captions, left to right, are listed below. If there are any changes, they will be announced to you.

If there are any questions please ask for Barbara Grimaldi or Howard Levine, of the Parsons Public Relations Staff, or Patty Matson, of the White House Public Relations Staff.

1. LOEB/MRS. FORD/EVERETT -- Mr. Loeb presenting Parsons Award to Mrs. Ford

(Henry A. Loeb, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Parsons School of Design; Mrs. Ford; Dr. John R. Everett, President of Parsons School of Design)

2. HOLLINGSWORTH/LOEB/MRS. FORD/EVERETT -- Mr. Loeb presenting Parsons Award
to Mrs. Ford

(Michelle Hollingsworth of Altus, Okla., Parsons Fashion Design senior who will receive the "Student Designer of the Year" Award for design excellence in tonight's show; Henry A. Loeb, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Parsons School of Design; Mrs. Ford; Dr. John R. Everett, President, Parsons School of Design)

3. ZIMMERMAN/LOEB/MRS. FORD/EVERETT/HECKSCHER -- Mr. Loeb presenting Parsons
Award to Mrs. Ford

(Sanford J. Zimmerman, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Abraham & Straus, Brooklyn, Chairman of the Parsons Dinner; Henry A. Loeb, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Parsons School of Design; Mrs. Ford; Dr. John R. Everett, President, Parsons School of Design)

4. LEVY/ZIMMERMAN/LOEB/MRS. FORD/EVERETT/NEWHOUSE/HECKSCHER -- Mr. Loeb
presenting Parsons
Award to Mrs. Ford

(David R. Levy, Dean, Parsons School of Design; Sanford J. Zimmerman, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Abraham & Straus, Brooklyn, Chairman of Parsons Dinner; Henry A. Loeb, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Parsons School of Design; Mrs. Ford; Dr. John R. Everett, President, Parsons School of Design; Mrs. Samuel I. Newhouse, Chairman, Special Reception Committee; August Heckscher, Chairman, Board of Overseers, Parsons School of Design)

5. ZIMMERMAN/MRS. FORD/NEWHOUSE

(Sanford J. Zimmerman, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Abraham & Straus, Brooklyn, Chairman of the Parsons Dinner; Mrs. Ford; Mrs. Samuel I. Newhouse, Chairman, Special Reception Committee)

6. Mrs. Ford and Parsons Fashion Design students who will receive designer awards at this evening's show:

Back row: Classen / Dane / Dwyer / Manley / Pastor / Smalls / Vitiello

Front row: Keagy / Rosen / Jones / Mrs. Ford / Hollingsworth / Sabol

Back row: (Kimberly Classen, 21, of Oak Park, Ill., winner of the Liz Claiborne Award; Kim Dane, 24, of Key Biscayne, Fla., winner of the Leo Narducci Award; Carolyn Dwyer, 20, of Albany, N.Y., winner of the Albert Capraro Award; Diane Manley, 19, of Wyckoff, N.J., winner of the Kay Unger Award; Patte Pastor, 22, of Edison, N.J., winner of the Calvin Klein Award; Laura Smalls, 20, of Astoria, N.Y., winner of the Donald Brooks Award; Immaculate Vitiello, 20, of Englewood Cliffs, N.J., winner of the Donna Karan Award)

Front row: Ann Keagy, Director, Fashion Design Dept., Parsons School of Design; Nancy Rosen, 21, of Portland, Ore., winner of both the Chester Weinberg and the Piero Dimitri Awards; Eric Jones, 22, of Newark, N.J. winner of the Shannon Rodgers Award; Mrs. Ford; Michelle Hollingsworth, 22, of Altus, Okla., winner of the Student Designer of the Year Award and the Kasper Award; David Sabol, 22, of Fishkill, N.Y., winner of the Anthony Muto Award)

7. Mrs. Ford and designers who have served as Fashion Design Critics during the 1975-76 school year:

Back row: Claiborne / Rodgers / Narducci / Muto / Klein / Dimitri / Keagy

Front row: Karan / Brooks / Capraro / Mrs. Ford / Kasper / Unger / Weinberg

(Liz Claiborne; Shannon Rodgers; Leo Narducci; Anthony Muto; Calvin Klein; Piero Dimitri; Ann Keagy, Chairman, Fashion Design Dept., Parsons School of Design)

Donna Karan; Donald Brooks; Albert Capraro; Mrs. Ford; Kasper; Kay Unger;
Chester Weinberg)

8. Mrs. Ford and the Fashion Design Critics who are Parsons alumni:

Brooks / Karan / Capraro / Mrs. Ford / Kasper / Unger / Weinberg / Keagy

(Donald Brooks, Donna Karan, Albert Capraro, Mrs. Ford; Kasper, Kay Unger,
Chester Weinberg, Ann Keagy, Chairman, Fashion Design Dept., Parsons School
of Design)

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PHOTOS WITHOUT MRS. FORD:

9. New Jersey students who are award winners, and their Designer-Critics:

Rodgers / Klein / Karan / Unger

Jones / Pastor / Vitiello / Manley

(Shannon Rodgers, Calvin Klein, Donna Karan, Kay Unger.

Eric Jones, 22, of Newark, winner of the Shannon Rodgers Award; Patte Pastor, 22, of Edison, winner of the Calvin Klein Award; Immaculate Vitiello, 20, of Englewood Cliffs, winner of the Donna Karan Award; Diane Manley, 19, of Wyckoff, winner of the Kay Unger Award.)

10. Individual student winners and their designer-critic. Third person in each photo is David L. Levy, Dean, Parsons School of Design --

- A. DONALD BROOKS/LAURA SMALLS/DAVID LEVY
- B. ALBERT CAPRARO/CAROLYN DWYER/DAVID LEVY
- C. LIZ CLAIBORNE/KIMBERLY CLASSEN/DAVID LEVY
- D. PIERO DIMITRI/NANCY ROSEN/CHESTER WEINBERG/DAVID LEVY (Ms. Rosen won two designer awards)
- E. DONNA KARAN/IMMACULATE VITIELLO/DAVID LEVY
- F. KASPER/MICHELLE HOLLINGSWORTH/DAVID LEVY
- G. CALVIN KLEIN/PATTE PASTOR/DAVID LEVY
- H. ANTHONY MUTO/DAVID SABOL/DAVID LEVY
- I. LEO NARDUCCI/KIM DANE/DAVID LEVY
- J. SHANNON RODGERS/ERIC JONES/DAVID LEVY
- K. KAY UNGER/DIANE MANLEY/DAVID LEVY

(For complete student identifications, see caption for photo 6)

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LAST DAYS

WASHINGTON (AP) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD SAYS SHE BELIEVES A CONTROVERSIAL NEW BOOK ON RICHARD M. NIXON'S LAST DAYS IN THE WHITE HOUSE WILL EVENTUALLY BE REGARDED AS FICTION, NOT FACT.

MRS. FORD ALSO SAID PORTIONS OF "THE FINAL DAYS," BY WASHINGTON POST REPORTERS BOB WOODWARD AND CARL BERNSTEIN, "COULD HAVE BEEN OMITTED."

"I HAVE A GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY NOT ONLY FOR MRS. NIXON BUT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY," MRS. FORD COMMENTED DURING AN APPEARANCE IN NEW YORK MONDAY. "I FEEL BADLY THAT THINGS THAT ARE IN THE PAST AND GONE ARE STILL COMING OUT."

THE BOOK CLAIMS THAT BOTH NIXON AND HIS WIFE DRANK HEAVILY DURING THE WATERGATE SCANDAL THAT LED TO NIXON'S RESIGNATION IN AUGUST 1974. IT ALSO DEPICTS A DISTRAUGHT, SUICIDAL NIXON ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE WHO WEPT DURING A MEETING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AND POUNDED THE CARPET AS HE ASKED, "WHAT HAVE I DONE? WHAT HAS HAPPENED?"

KISSINGER GAVE THE BOOK POOR REVIEWS, SAYING MONDAY THAT EXCERPTS HE HAS SEEN FROM THE BOOK WERE DISTORTED AND INSENSITIVE.

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Diana Vreeland explains gowns worn by Isadora Duncan in '20's.

to dragoon the city into restoring \$60 million or more
to Gov. Hugh Carey's veto of



News photos by Harry Hamburg

First Lady's Day in N.Y.

Betty Takes Peek Into Past

Wearing a Liberty Bell pin on her coat, Betty Ford waves to well-wishers outside Metropolitan Museum of Art after viewing the American Women of Style exhibit. The first lady flew into town yesterday morning primarily to accept the 1976 Parsons Award at annual fashion critics' show last night. The award is in tribute to her "strong encouragement and support of the American fashion industry."

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WASHINGTON (UPD) -- BETTY FORD WILL BE PRESENTED THE 1976 PRSONS
AWARD AT THE ANNUAL CRITICS AWARDS SHOW SPONSORED BY THE PARSONS
SCHOOL OF DESIGN MONDAY, MARCH 29 IN NEW YORK.

THE AWARDS PRESENTATION, WHERE THE FIRST LADY WILL SPEAK, AND A
FASHION SHOW WILL BE HELD AT 7 P. M. AT THE NEW YORK HILTON HOTEL.

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TODAY HE WOULD NOMINATE

Personalities

The Richard Nixons, of San Clemente, Calif., spent their Saturday night dining with the James Roosevelts of Corona del Mar, Calif., a return engagement from the evening a few weeks ago, when the James Roosevelts went to dinner at the Richard Nixons'.

Roosevelt, the son of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the 1972 chairman of Southern California Democrats for Nixon, reported that the evening was "very enjoyable."

Singer Bob Dylan attended a party by singer-songwriter Kinky Friedman in Hollywood, recently. Rolling Stone reported, and 1) got bopped on the head with a beer can upon arrival, and 2) got called a "four-foot, two-inch Jewish prince" by Elliott Gould whom he, Friedman and Art Garfunkel serenaded with Gould's ex-wife Barbra Streisand's song, "People."

Walter Annenberg has announced his intention of combating "the predominantly liberal" national news media with an eight-page conservative paper called "American Views," to be published every two weeks beginning next month. Annenberg is the former publisher of the Philadelphia Inquirer, as well as a former Ambassador to the Court of St. James. . . The New York Times' publisher's mother, Iphigene Ochs Sulzberger, was given an honorary doctor of human letters degree by Hebrew Union College Jewish Institute of Religion Sunday, at its centennial celebration.

First Lady Betty Ford apparently finds excerpts from the new Woodward and Bernstein book detailing the fall of the Nixon White House not so very enjoyable. "I certainly thought a lot of it could have been omitted,"



Cicely Tyson, top left, took a 10-day break from filming "The Blue Bird" in Leningrad and flew to Los Angeles to co-star in the movie version of "The River Niger."

Kinky Friedman, below, threw a party in Hollywood recently at which Bob Dylan was hit by a beer can.

Top photo by Associated Press; bottom photo by James E. W. Atherton —The Washington Post

she told a Parsons School of Design awards dinner last night at the New York Hilton. "And I feel badly that a lot of those things that are past and gone will be revived again. I expect that in the future the book will be considered fiction." Mrs. Ford added that she felt a great deal of sympathy for Pat Nixon.

The world record for playing Monopoly underwater was broken by some Portland, Ore., scuba divers on Sunday night, and the last anybody checked they were still passing Go. The previous record was 220 continuous hours, and the new champions,

who are doing it to raise money for the Easter Seal drive, are aiming for 300 hours. . . Albert Kovacs, 27, a Rumanian in Auch, France, to compete in the pre-Olympic International Modern Pentathlon events, has asked for temporary political asylum. . . Steve Ford, the President's son, will participate in a "bronc riding clinic" May 1 and 2 in Spring Creek, Nev.

Cicely Tyson said that by concentrating, she has been able to do an entire film, "The River Niger," during a 10-day intermission from filming another picture, "The Blue Bird," in Leningrad.

—Judith Martin