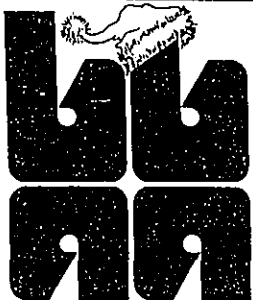




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The tuxedo is back, and will likely be the star of many a holiday gala, from high school Christmas dances to charity balls to elite corporate gatherings. High style is "in" and formal

wear is big business again, with combined sales and rentals of tuxedos passing \$500 million in 1985, according to The Washington Post.

"We have entered into an era of elegance," says D. Gordon Williams, president of Countess Mara and an authority in the men's apparel field.

"The trend is definitely toward

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Wondering what to wear to that holiday gala? Try a tuxedo, like this one by Yves Saint Laurent for After Six Formal, a member of the Men's Fashion Association.

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