

Some clothes whisper 'Hug Me'

Never let it be said that Oakland County suburbanites are iconoclasts. Andre Laug's fall couture collection at Saks Fifth Avenue Troy store received the same rave reception as it did when shown in Italy where it received rave notices in fashion press around the world.

The suit — "For the first

time, we have used a lot of fabrics that are not double face. With them we have used lining. Shoulders are a little more important with suit jackets shorter than the past seasons," Laug explained.

"I have put a lot of construction in my clothes this season, but I also have left them as soft as possible be-

cause I don't think the women want to go into stiff clothes and stiff fabrics. It is a look that does not travel well," said this designer who dresses the international traveling set.

Knit coats lined in maribou — "I have lined my handknit coats in two colors so the maribou looks like

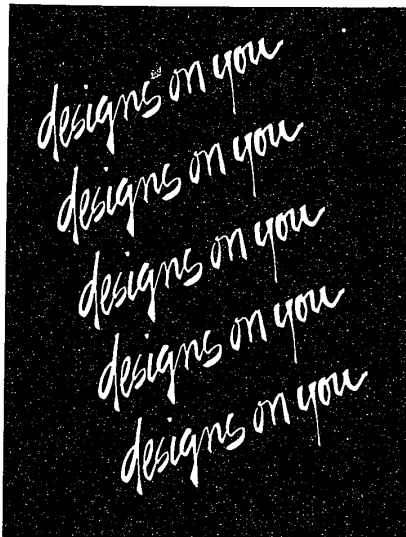
lynx or fox," said Laug.

For evening — Laug emphasized the asymmetrical hemline, longer in front and back and shorter on the sides. "For evening," he said, "I have used many fabrics that are constructed with elastic, so the dresses cling close to the body, like a second skin."

— Rustle Shand



Andre Laug's evening dress is the deepest gleam for after dark — gold on black chiffon with his own asymmetrical hemline. The fabric is spun metallic that hugs the body yet ruffles at the strapless top and from the thigh down. He calls it his "hug me" fabric. Saks Fifth Avenue. (Photo by Linda Solomon)



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