



Michelle will be on top of her class dressed in jumpers, dresses and raincoats like these.

Whether your elementary school students are frolicking in the park after school or walking home from the library, they'll look great in their fall clothes. Andy and Michelle Hawley are comfortable in both casual (left) clothes or in the more studious look (right).



## Go to the top of the class in style

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"Ugh! Going to school is like going to jail," said spry, bright-faced 7-year-old Michelle Hawley.

"Yeah," agreed her brother, Andy, age 10, in a convincing voice.

These two youngsters are probably spokeskids for all children out of school right now who are more interested in wearing a catcher's mitt than a clean pair of jeans.

But come September, parents won't have much trouble cajoling their elementary schoolers into the fall back-to-school fashions.

What's the biggest thrill of going back to school? Wearing a new outfit on the first day, of course.

And this season's selection offers outfits both mom, dad, teachers and students should be happy with. The clothes come in easy-care cotton and polyester blends, with enough styling to tailor the simplest outfit but not enough trim to make them troublesome to clean.

"Clothes are more tailored and easier to take care of for the fall," said Esther Dunsmore, representative of Kiddieland's Avon Township store.

"GIRLS WILL STILL be wearing a lot of dresses. Big sweaters and jeans are still in for both boys and girls," said Nancy Poprasky, manager of Youth Center in Avon Township.

Some children's stores, such as Youth Center, which carries through size 14X, already have their stock out, and others, like Kiddieland, which carries sizes 6-8 for girls and 7 for boys, are planning on having the fall clothes out in the next week. Soon on the racks of all stores there will be plaid skirts and blouses to substitute for cotton T-

shirts, rugby and velour tops to wear with corduroy slacks and jeans, sweater vests to add to any look, and lots of jumpers with matching blouses and skirts and tops in fall prints.

In addition to the tartan plaid in rusts, beiges, and the ever-popular navy, plaids will be in madras, what Ms. Poprasky called a "campus look" for the elementary school playground.

"The plaids in madras and tartans are almost like adult clothing," Ms. Dunsmore explained.

When Michelle and Andy were looking at the fall clothes, they didn't seem to mind that what they might be wearing would be representative of an eastern university look.

Dressed in tartan plaid slacks and

blue turtleneck, Andy, who will be starting the fifth grade in September, looked like a student ready to crack a math book, particularly with the white, shawl collar, double-breasted white sweater thrown over his shoulder.

HIS SISTER, Michelle, who is going into the second grade, resembled a school-lover while decked out in a blue corduroy jumper with red, green, gold and blue plaid trim that matched her blouse. The blouse sports white cuffs and collar.

Changing into a more frivolous mood, the Rochester Community School District students frolicked at a playground. Andy wore gold-colored

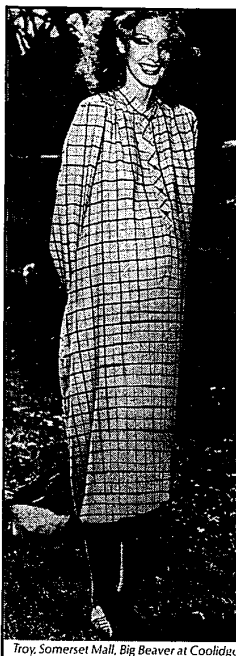
trimmed jeans with a rugby shirt and Michelle a yellow blouse tucked into a light blue denim skirt with gingham trim around the hem and front in red, blue and yellow.

Both had to have the matching backpacks to complete their outfits. Andy chose a Levi's school bookbag with gold trim and gold strap. Michelle's was red with blue vinyl straps. There are enough pockets and zippers and snaps in both to allow any object, including a found frog, to stay for awhile if they decided to take detours home from school.

These outfits were supplied from Youth Center. Dressing the even younger set was Kiddieland. Ms. Dunsmore chose a Robin-egg blue vinyl raincoat with a hood, side pockets and wide sleeves to keep your little girl dry in the fall (and the spring). To wear under the coat, she selected a kelly-green jumper dress with a flowered print blouse. The jumper is enhanced with a calico cat and pink-thread trim.

A typical look for the boys will be corduroy slacks topped with a madras shirt. On cooler days, the tykes can add a tan, poplin hooded jacket with a draw string around the waist and elastic in the wrists, similar to any man's jacket.

So if you hear any complaints come August of children not wanting to go back to school, march them into any children's clothing store and show them what they have to look forward to wearing to school this fall. That should be an enticement if anything is.



SFA's Fall Maternity Album is here!

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Troy, Somerset Mall, Big Beaver at Coolidge

## Fashion calendar

Saturday, July 22

Saks Fifth Avenue — The new Calvin Klein Menswear Collection for fall and winter will be introduced at the Troy store during a mini-show at 1 p.m. and informal model throughout the day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Collection contains Klein's traditional refined, understated and nonchalant look in tweedy blazers, newly narrowed pleated trousers, suits with subtle ease, lightweight handkerchief linen shirts, alpaca and camel's hair overcoats, shawl-collared velvet evening

jackets and his signature cashmere T-shirt.

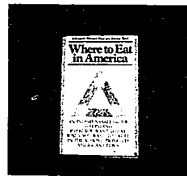
Hudson's Northland — Revlon makeup artists will be at the Northland store to demonstrate the latest techniques in the total Polished Ambers beauty and skin care regimen. Registration is necessary for this clinic at the Revlon counters. The \$3 registration fee is applicable toward any merchandise purchased from the line. The demonstration will take place at 2 p.m. in the 4th level training room.

## Where It's At

By JUDY SOLOMON

### Travelers' aid

Just like the cover claims, "Where To Eat In America" (\$5.95) is "an indispensable guide to finding what you want to eat when you want to eat it in the 50 most traveled American cities." What I particularly like about this book is its unique way of categorizing. For example, the "Big Deal" category names the fanciest restaurants in the town and whether or not they are worth going to. Some of the other categories are: "If You Have Time For Only One Meal," "Restaurant Near Airport," and "All-Night Service." Ethnic and specialty restaurants are also described. Edited by William Rice and Burton Wolf, the book is available at most area bookstores.



### Uncommon scents

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis made them famous in America. Now those divinely scented Rigaud candles from France are available in a new size and shape: eleven inch long tapers in natural or cobalt blue (\$10 per pair). Some other goodies at Hattie are the sequin appliques and medallions (#13-15) that you sew on to your dresses, blazers or what have you for that very "in" Forties' look. Made in France by Sonia Rykiel, the appliques are in stock in a multitude of color combinations.

Hattie, 555 S. Woodward, Birmingham, 645-5755

### Babes in arms

Parents of newborns, take note! Unless you're a magician, trying to bathe and hold onto a slippery baby at one and the same time is just about impossible to say nothing of nerve-racking. That's why you should know about the Pansy-Elle Infant Bath Aid (\$7.50). Made of polyurethane open cell sponge, it features a sculptured cavity especially designed to cradle babies safely and comfortably in a reclining position. Because it is stable in water, it leaves both hands free to wash the baby. Non-allergenic and washable, the Bath Aid can be used in any size tub and in the sink.

Richards Boys and Girls Wear; Ferndale; Lincoln Center, Oak Park; Pontiac Mall; Farmington Towne Center.

### A-door-able

Pity the poor old doormat. People tend to purchase them when moving into a new home and never give them a second thought. If such is the case, why not take yourself over to Edward Jones Floorcovering where you'll find some of the best looking mats in town. The oval lover's knot style (shown) is made in the Philippines of 100 per cent hemp and costs \$7.95. Rectangular hemp mats come in two sizes. The 18 by 30 inch is \$7.95; the 21 by 36 inch is \$11.95. Edward Jones Flooring, 707 S. Eton, Birmingham, 644-4483.



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