

No fads for Calvin Klein, it's all-American classic

By LORAIN McCLISH

Subtle plays of color and a masterful way of mixing textures marked "The Fall of '76" Calvin Klein's sophisticated showing with an American-classic signature. The clothes speak for themselves, said the critic in Hudson's Northland Woodward Room this week, then stepped back for a fast moving show of fashions with accent on the rugged outdoors.

The sportswear story starts with quilted or down lined parkas, cold weather parkas in fur, shawl collar, moiré or poplin which have a decided Klein stamp. Button-down linings and detachable collars and hoods.

Underneath he adds quilted poplin vests,



The touch of color is tartan plaid, in an otherwise all neutral combination for the classic look.

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pullover flannel shirts, shirts with hooded turtle-neck sweaters on top.

With these, he showed sporty cargo pants, trousers or his newest streamlined action pants with over-the-boot stirrups and back-zipped pockets, and textured mid-calf boots.

TEXTURE ON TEXTURE is a natural for Klein. This year it's the play of a leather jacket or suede pigskin aviator trench from his first leather and suede collection for Begué. Or, with loden flannel sassy skirts or his cavalry twill action pant. And it is the way he pulls a hooded shetland tunic over corduroy jeans.

Klein also takes the mix of Harfa tweed with shaker sweaters, silk shirts and flannel druids, or a tweed skirt with a lightweight turtle-neck, wool and cotton shirt and easy twill jacket. It is all topped by his newly iridescent twill trench, with a button-out lining. Or a luxurious blend of alpaca over cashmere over flannel.

As to color, it is subtle. He combines buff yellow with taupe and touches of oatmeal taupe with periwinkle and teal with tan.

Frauds and tartans are seen in shirts, blankets, jackets and skirts. He suggests you try a plaid moiré blanket and plaid skirt; a red plaid hooded moiré coat over a camel cashmere crewneck or signature jeans he shows with high-heeled pumps. Or a velvet and wool dinner suit under a Royal Stewart cashmere blanket.

HIS LUXE EVENING pajamas are pale, woven pinstriped or ivory crepe de chine. Or a knockout strapless tunic of pinstriped silk over matching black straight-legged pajamas with a black moiré blanket.

His American classic look is summed up with winterized jeans of corduroy, the aviator trenchcoat, parka, loose jackets, action pants, the duffle sweater and easy-does-it coats and jackets.

Calvin Klein has been on the fashion scene for the past eight years. His dabble of my fads, coupled with an understanding of the way women live, gave him the impetus to add the ease of separates to an already successful coat company. He gives coats a fresh approach by relaxing the tailoring.

He then added evening clothes to his line, with the same casual spirit of his daytime looks, then the active sportswear, and he is now one of Seventh Avenue's fastest-growing manufacturers.

He is now designing furs, belts, scarfs, sheets, towels, home accessories, shoes and sunglasses.



The layered look abounds in the Calvin Klein showing for fall 1976 with boots shown for almost every costume for daytime wear.

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Sept. 13—Informal modeling of fashions by Givenchy from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Jacobson's, Birmingham.

Sept. 14 and 15—Informal modeling of fashions by Anne from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Mall, Troy.

Sept. 15—Formal showing of fashions by Alice Blum at noon in the contemporary collections area at J.L. Hudson's, Northland, Southfield.

Sept. 15—Let's Talk Fashion Sense! at 1 and 3 p.m. at Lakeside Mall, Sterling Heights.

Sept. 15 and 16—Informal modeling of fashions by designer Evan Peone from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Mall, Troy.

Sept. 15 and 16—Informal modeling of fashions by designer Geoffrey Beane from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Mall, Troy.

Sept. 16 and 17—Informal modeling of fashions by Anne from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Mall, Troy.

Sept. 16—Informal modeling of fashions by Alvin's at the Troy Hilton, Haymarket, Troy.

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