## Skin smarts for the ski season: Maintaining and protecting that healthy glow, avoiding chapping

Taking its cue from ready-to-wear fashions, skiwear this season echoes current fashion trends. Big shouldered. waist-cinched styles are making news, in colors that range from icy pastels and peppy neon brights to classic red, white and blue.

Even though you may be poised to take to the slopes zipped into a snappy onepiece suit and buckled into state-of-theart skis and boots, unless your skin is properly protected from the harsh winds, glaring sun and biting cold, you're not really ready to ski.

#### Plan in advance

Preparing your skin for an on-snow vacation isn't complicated. It just takes a bit of advance planning to give you more of what every skier craves: Time on the slopes!

You need to protect your skin even when skiing on a cloudy day, because the sun that's reflected off the white snow at high altitudes can result in a painful winter sunburn.

Preventing sunburn is easy with the wide variety of products containing medium-to-high SPFs (sunburn protection factor) available in convenient mini-tubes that are easy to stash in your parka.

Before applying sunscreen, give your skin extra protection from the elements with a light yet thorough application of a good moisturizer, such as Vasetine\* Intensive Care® Lotion, Moisturizing provides an invisible barrier of lubricaion between your skin and the elements to help prevent painful chapping.

### All-over moisturizing

Although your face is directly exposed to the strong sun, wind and cold on the slopes, the skin on your elbows, knees, hands and feet will also benefit from stepping up your regular moisturizing rou-

Winter sports enthusiasts need to take extra care of their skin, since low temperatures can produce dryness - even when the skin is supposedly protected by multiple layers of warm clothing.

All-over moisturizing is every skier's best bet in preventing uncomfortable chapping. Before you suit up to ski, smooth muisturizer all over your body, paying extra attention to the areas that rub against your clothes during strenuous activity, especially where your turtleneck and parka collar come in contact with your chin and neck.

Arms and wrists need help, too, since feet. parka cuffs, sweaters and gloves can chafe there. Additional moisturizing below the knees is smart, because ski boots place added pressure on that area.

Cross-country skiers experience increased friction against the upper arms

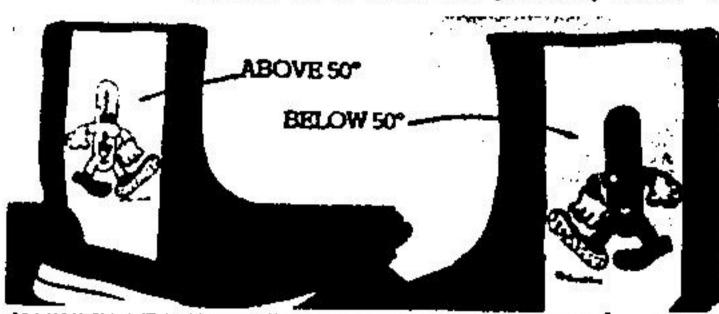
and thighs because they use their arms and legs in a back-and-forth motion.

A moisturizer with emollient oils, such as Vaseline\* Intensive Care\* Lotion that contains humectants to seal water into your skin, can go a long way in soothing extra rubbing that occurs in those sensitive areas.

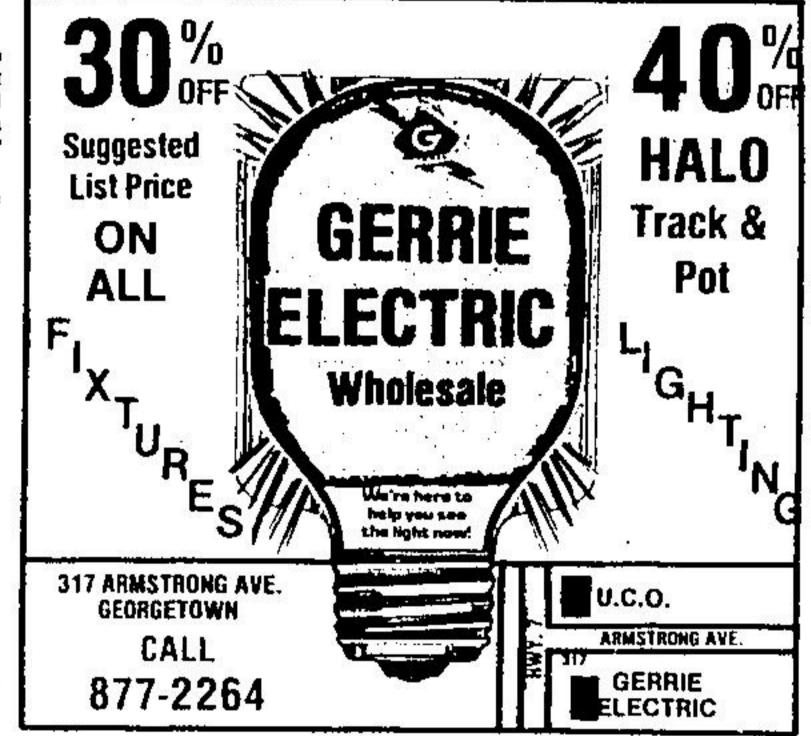
Before heading off for your first run of the season, have skis and bindings checked by the shop technician and make certain your ski boots fit.

If they are too big, you could end up with blisters, bruising and even cut down on control of your skis. Too-small boots constrict blood flow resulting in cold

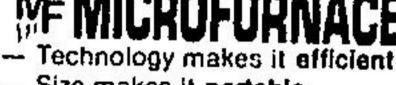
One good way to get the circulation going in your feet before and after you hit the slopes is to smooth on moisturizer all over them. A gentle massaging motion will help restore circulation to "Popsicle"

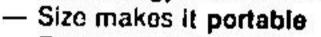


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