

The Eyepiece

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DON'T LET THE COLD WEATHER GET YOU DOWN

by John Shibley

It happens every summer. Those long, lingering summer twilights leave you saying time and time again that you wished it would get darker earlier... like it does in the winter. You wish you had all those open clusters and, not the least, the Orion Nebula. Oh winter, with M-31 riding high overhead: the open clusters in Auriga; the cool (note not cold or freezing, here) clear winter nights with all their brilliant stars. Oh, to have winter!

Now that winter is here, the cold cruel facts sink in. Winter, despite all of the above, is lousy for northern observers, for most of the time it's cloudy. And when it is clear, conditions are more conducive to flash freezing rather than a relaxing time at the telescope.

Yes, you are guilty of possessing a rather expansive

selective memory during summer.

But wait! Don't write off the winter for those great objects are there (at least you didn't exaggerate about that last summer). If you dress properly, comfort and observing don't

necessarily have to be winter oxymorons.

Prepare Your Body

Here's the secret to warmth in a nutshell: dead air space. Have plenty of dead air space between you and the outside world when you venture out into ☽

CROSS SECTIONAL VIEW OF THE PROPERLY ATTIRED OBSERVATIONAL ASTRONOMER

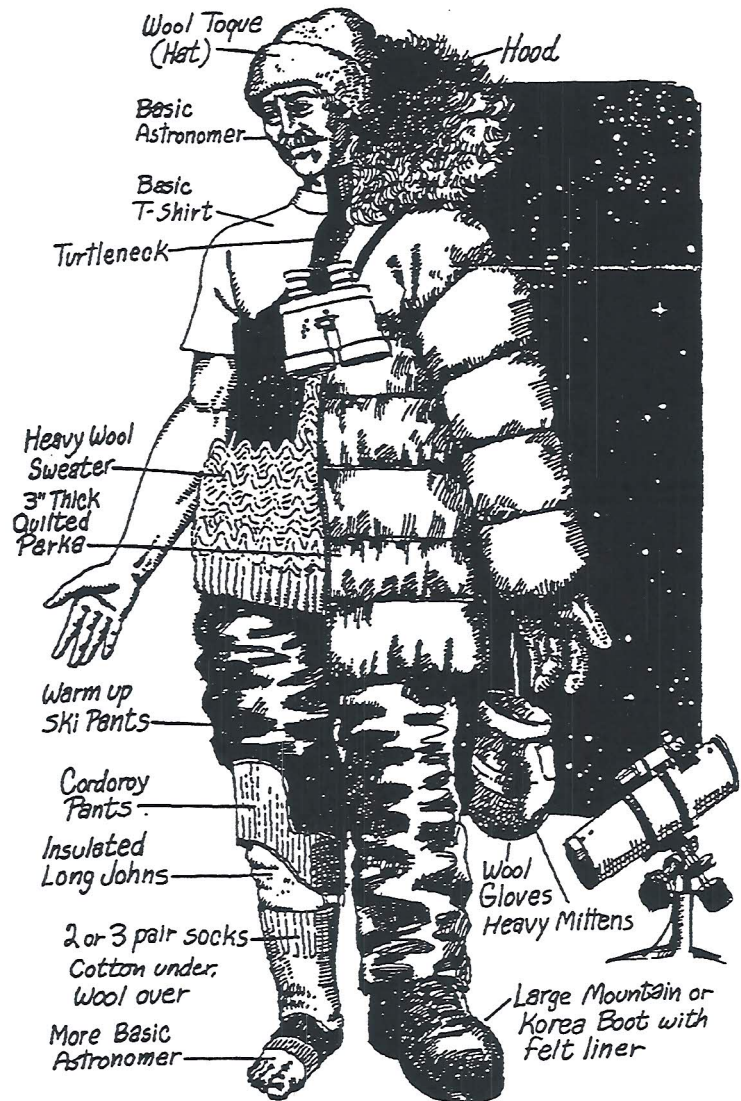


Diagram by Bruce Bond, December, 1980 issue of Astronomy magazine

