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BUFFALO ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION INC.

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CLUB VOTES TO CHANGE MEETING NITE TO FRIDAYS

During the September meeting, motion was made and seconded that regular meetings be held on the second Friday in each month. In order for such a change to take effect, 2/3 of 50, or 34 votes, affirmative would be needed.

Seventeen affirmative votes were made at the September meeting, and 18 affirmative and 1 negative were received by mail during the rest of September. The remaining 14 are assumed to be abstainees.

Starting in October, therefore, the club is to meet every second Friday of each month, except July and August.

ADVANCED STUDY GROUP TO MEET OCT. 21

Several interesting projects have been suggested for the Advanced Study group for the 1961-62 season. During the October meeting, 1:00 p.m. Museum of Science (contact guard for room), we will have an opportunity to discuss these and many others.

The membership of this group is already achieving unprecedented number and quality. Within 2 months of its formation, it earned the demand and gratitude of the entire organization through active services rendered to the club.

This year promises to be even greater if all of the group actively participate.

CLUB TO SELL MIMEOGRAPH MACHINE

In 1959, the club purchased a mimeograph valued at \$98.00 from AB Dick on Kenmore Ave. After using the machine for 2 years, it has been determined that such a machine is uneconomical for an organization of our size. In the future all regular printing will be done on a ditto machine in the possession of Lou Reinagel. If any member knows of interest in a mimeograph in excellent condition, contact the editor of THE SPECTRUM.

OCTOBER MEETING OF THE BAA INC TO BE HELD FRIDAY (13)

The October meeting will open at 7:30 p.m. in the Roosevelt Room of the Museum of Science, in Humboldt Park. Topics of great interest to all will be presented during the meeting by the following members:

P. Redding...Observations of Perseus

L. Reinagel...The Facts on Project West Ford

B. Clippinger...Pioneer Life in University Observatories

Refreshments and observing in the Kellogg Observatory, weather permitting will follow the regular program.

NEW EDITOR OF THE SPECTRUM TO BEGIN IN NOVEMBER

Final arrangements are being completed for a new editor of THE SPECTRUM. Its old editor, Paul Redding, has forsaken the grandeur of this position for that of a student in the history department of Canisius College.

The new editor, Bruce Cook, has been a most active member of the Advanced Study Group as well as of the club, and promises to be an excellent editor in the months to come.

For the first time in our club's history, a staff is being formed to produce THE SPECTRUM. The staff, under Mr. Cook's direction, will include representatives from all organized committees and groups in the club who are to report news each month. Layout and printing will be done under Lou Reinagel's direction.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Let not the overshadowing of Jupiter upon Saturn be admitted as a bad omen on this day, Friday the 13th. Attend all scheduled meetings today without fail.

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The next meeting of the Buffalo Astronomical Association will take place on Friday, Nov. 10th at 7:30 P.M. at the Science Museum. The meeting will probably be held in the Hall of Astronomy on the main floor. If not, the guard will direct the members to the proper room.

A very interesting group of talks has been lined up as follows:

Ernst Both will speak to us on "Mars" and his talk will be illustrated with slides.

Stephen Towle will tell us about the "Construction of Radio Telescopes".

Carl Kalweit will talk about "The Constellation of the Month - Cassiopeia".

After the meeting refreshments will be served and, weather permitting, there will be observations with the Museum's 8 inch refractor telescope.

The Observatory Committee reports that the construction of the raised floor in the observatory is continuing to progress. About half of the floor beams are in place and a louvre has been installed in the outer wall to insure proper ventilation under the floor. An outside electric outlet has been added so that power is now readily available for observers who wish to set up portable instruments outside the observatory.

The Elementary Study Group will resume meetings on Saturdays during November. Group members will be notified by postcard of the exact time and place.

The Advanced Observers Group, under the direction of Ernst Both, has been using the 8 inch refractor telescope at the museum every Friday night. They have been making drawings of Jupiter and Saturn and the craters of the moon, and comparing them to standard charts for accuracy. This group consists of Ron Clippinger, Carl Kalweit, and President Herman Elson.

The Advanced Study Group, headed by Lou Reinagel, will have its November meeting at the Museum of Science on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 1:00 P.M.

The theme for this month is "the individual and study research." This is part of a long range program to stimulate and organize personal study projects that will result in a symposium system within the Study Group.

Also, Steve Towle will be on hand to give a study outline of his talk on cosmic rays which he will formally present to the club during one of the meetings in the near future.

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