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THE MONTHLY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Buffalo Astronomical Association is to be held on April 13th in the Humboldt room at the Museum of Science, at 8:00 PM. The main speaker of the evening will be Fred Frederbach, who will address the group on "Motions of the Comets, Meteorites and Asteroids".

The constellation of the month will be presented by Paul Redding. He will tell us about Ursa Major and all the objects of interest to be found in it.

Refreshments will be served after the meeting. The refreshment committee this month consists of Ronald Clippinger, Paul Redding and Marjorie Meyer.

ELEMENTARY STUDY GROUP

The Elementary Study Group of the

B.A.A. has changed its meeting time. It will now meet the second and last Saturdays of each month at the Museum of Science at 8:00 P.M. Members will please ask the guard for the room number.

THE ADVANCED STUDY GROUP

At the March meeting of the Advanced study Group there were nine members in attendance. Lou Reinagel explained the function and uses of the spectroscope as it is related to Astronomy.

At the next meeting, which will be held on Saturday the 28th of April in the Science Museum at 8:00 P.M.. There will be a review of the book, "Stars in the Making" by Gaposchkin, which was read by Bruce Cook. This will be followed by a discussion led by Lou Reinagel. * Note change of date

B.A.A. TO HOLD AUCTION

Immediately following the May meeting, the Buffalo Astronomical Association will hold an auction of items of astronomical use or interest. Members are again reminded that this will be their opportunity to sell any or all of those items of astronomical interest that they have accumulated and would like to dispose of. Remember that something that may be of no immediate use to you may be just what some other member is looking for, so please bring in any items that you may have. Here is your opportunity to both gain some extra money from the sale and to benefit your club by donating part of the sales price of your contributions to your club treasury.

Please notify the membership secretary, Paul Redding, at EP4 8219 of the nature of your donations, or better yet, bring them with you to the April meeting and we will add them to the auction collection now being assembled.

NEW OFFICERS

At the April meeting the announcement was made of the following new officers:

Membership Chairman: Paul Redding

Editor of the SPECTRUM and Publi-

city Secretary: Bruce Cook

Publisher of the SPECTRUM: Daryl Knapp

NEGGETS DEPARTMENT

In an elementary examination in Astronomy a student was asked to discuss the composition of comets. Caught unprepared, he was forced to rely on his wit and wrote, "Comets contain a great deal of vacuum". Judged by terrestrial standards the answer was not entirely incorrect, for the tails of comets are in much more rarified conditions than the most perfect vacuum that can be contained on earth. Even the great reaches of interstellar space are not wholly devoid of matter. Nature does indeed "abhor a vacuum".

Come to the April meeting and learn about what comets really are composed of.

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