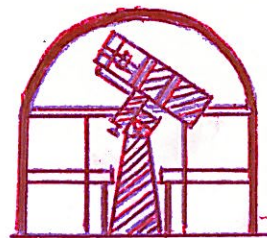


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THE BUFFALO ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION

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OCTOBER MEETING

On October 8th the Buffalo Astronomical Association will meet at the Museum at 7:45 P.M. Our speaker this month is Mr. Lawrence Hazel, who will speak on "The Amateur Astronomer and Variable Stars". We will have the usual coffee hour and weather permitting viewing with the museum's 8" telescope.

Mr. Hazel has many years of experience as a variable star observer and will relate something of the history of the association of amateur astronomers and variable stars, together with a description of the methods in use.

STAR-NIGHT

The Star night of September 25th turned out to be quite good despite a few clouds and cool temperature. About ten people attended at Newstead. The smaller than usual turnout may have been caused by its being cool, or its being Saturday night, but maybe the new-ness of a star night coming after the resumption of our regular meetings caught many of our regular star-nighters unawares.

Those who did remember, however, were treated to the first optical tests given the Newstead telescope at its actual site. Although the tube is still only temporarily mounted, the sideral drive not completed, and the dome shutter still non-operational, a

glimpse of some test stars were obtained. First indications are that the mirror figured by Edward Lindberg will come up to the usual high standards that we can expect from his experienced optical know-how.

ADVANCED STUDY SECTION

The Advanced Study Section is planning to resume its meetings on Saturday afternoon, 3:00 P.M., October 30th at the Buffalo Museum of Science. If you are a former member, please contact Ronald Clippinger at 634-4718 as soon as convenient. This particular date is a continuation of the group's previous meeting schedule, i.e. the last Saturday of each month, but if this proves to be inconvenient to a number of people who wish to attend, it may be possible to make other arrangements. We need at least five members attending so here is another opportunity to improve your astro-knowledge at no additional cost other than your investment in time.

OBSERVATORY FUND

Our newer members who have not had an opportunity to subscribe to the Newstead Observatory fund will be contacted by our secretary, Richard Zygmunt. You can expect some information on how you can support and assist in the completion of our observatory.

BALLOT

Below is a ballot for three general members of the Board of Directors of the B.A.A. The names submitted below are those suggested by the nominating committee. Three blanks are provided for other choices. Please bring these ballots to the October meeting where they will be counted. Members in good standing, not able to attend the meeting may mail their ballots to the secretary, Mr Richard Zygmunt, 48 Colonial Ave., Kenmore, N.Y. 14217. Ballots not cast will be assumed to be affirmative proxy votes.

FOR SALE

Carl Kalweit is offering his 6" F-6 Reflector for sale. It is an excellent wide field telescope and the mirror was recently refigured by Clausen. The mounting, complete with setting circles and motor, was made by McQuade of Illinois. The asking price is \$150.00. His telephone number is 884-3850. Anyone interested may call after 6 P.M.

BALLOT

For three general members of the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Astronomical Association:

- ☐ 1. Margaret Rabe
- ☐ 2. Marjerie Meyer
- ☐ 3. Edward Steklosa
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- ☐ 2. _____
- ☐ 3. _____