



*--From the President--*  
**Board Elections**

On May 20th, Board Elections will be held for several positions to fill completed terms or openings created by recent resignations. Once constituted, the newly elected Board will elect the officers including: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Terms of office for the Board are three years. Those of the Officers are one year.

The Officers and Board of Directors are responsible for coordinating the calendar of activities and events sponsored by MAS as well as managing the budget of the Society. This is a challenging, responsible role to perform and yet one that is rewarding, too.

For more information, please

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 Library news, new officer

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**May Program Meeting**

8:00 p.m.

At the Observatory

Highlights of the May 20th Program at the Observatory will be the Dedication of the Richard Wiesen Memorial Telescope.

Sky conditions permitting, "first light" will take place following the dedication ceremony. All members, with a special invitation to Mrs. Richard Wiesen and the Richard Wiesen Family, are cordially invited to attend.

Also on the agenda that evening will be the Board Elections and the sharing of the May 10th annular eclipse experiences among our members.

Here is your opportunity to participate in honoring the memory of your friend, Richard Wiesen, as well as having input into your leadership for next year.

*--Matthew McNeely*

**1994 Open House Schedule**

The schedule of Open Houses for this year has been finalized.

- May 13.....Antique telescopes
- May 27.....Fixing the Hubble telescope
- July 15.....Choosing and buying a telescope
- July 29.....Constellation tales
- Aug. 12.....Galaxies!
- Aug. 26.....Honey I shrunk the Universe!
- Sept. 2.....Two eyes are better than one: Binoculars
- Sept. 23.....Where have all the stars gone
- Oct. 7.....Subject to be announced

Thanks to all of the person who volunteered to give a talk. One date is still open. If anyone would like to give the presenta-

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--BOARD, from front.

call me or any other officer or Board member. We look forward to hearing from you, weather you choose to run for office or not. Your input and willingness to run for office create the vitality that is at the core of our society. I can be reached evenings at 354-5347.

-Matthew McNeely

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tion on October 7, please contact me at 425-2331. As always, we will be needing members to help out on Open House nights - direct people coming in from the parking lot; help our with sales of the astronomical materials we have available; operate a telescope (your own or one from the MAS); talk with our visitors about our organization and the wonders of the sky.

It really is a rewarding experience to share your enthusiasm for the hobby with newcomers. Please come out to share the fun!

*Note: Karen and I will be out of town for the first Open House, May 13.*

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## Library News

*The following reviews of a recent acquisition is by Assistant Librarian, Mary Ann Tangney:*

Masters of Time, by John Boslough (1992)

In the mid-eighties, cosmologists assured us that a single theoretical statement explaining the initial universe and the physical laws governing it and its future was just around the corner. today, we are still awaiting that statement, and cosmologists present us a poorly understood and confused picture of the universe. It is the author's contention that cosmology is in "tatters" and in "another dark age". Employing the latest data from a variety of astronomical and physics disciplines, he explains how cosmology arrived at its current contradictory state. Can we still cling to the dubious idea of a single unifying theory? Can we even hold on to the "Big Bang"? The enormous problems facing cosmologists today are detailed in a very readable format with just enough "hard science" to make it interesting.

*--another review by Tangney will appear in the next issue*

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## Stepping down

In March, Tim Burrus and Tom Gill stepped down from the Board to better meet family and business concerns.

We thank them for their faithful service and know they will serve our society in other capacities in the future.

To assure continuity in the office of Vice-President, the Board at its April meeting elected Dan Koehler to fill the remaining Vice-Presidential term of Tim Burrus.

We welcome Dan with his many talents, skill and energy.

-- Matt McNeely

## MAS Officers

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May 21.....John Pfannerstill, 475-6494  
May 28.....Tom Schmidkuntz, 352-1674  
June 4.....Peter Sinitka, 785-0926  
June 11.....Virgil Tangney, 327-7976  
June 18.....Wanda Berner, 646-8229  
June 25.....Paul Borchardt, 781-0169