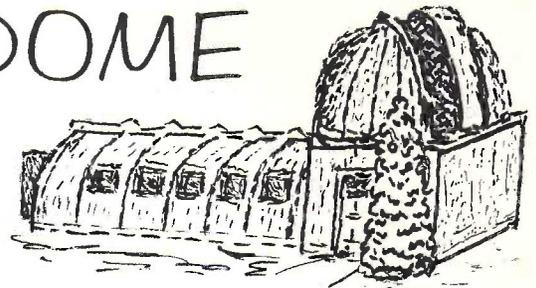


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MAY MEETING

Looking back over the past year we can recall a variety of unusual programs featuring astronomy closer to home-tekites, backstage at the Manned Space Craft Center, magnetic storms, geology, the asteroid Icarus and Milwaukee's own James Lovell Space Center. Once more we must thank Vice President William Collins for his efforts in providing the society with this informative series.

The May, 1969 meeting at the UWM P. & E. Bldg. will be the last for this season, the summer meetings for June, July, and August to take place at our New Berlin Observatory. Bill is keeping the May program a complete surprise, so let's meet
Friday, May 16, 1969 - 8 PM at the
Physics & Eng. Bldg. at the Corner of
E. Kenwood Blvd. & N. Cramer Ave.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

Your Board of Directors will require four members. A slate of Board Member candidates has been prepared by Election Chairman LeRoy Simandl and Assistants Virgil Tangney and Al Brouillette which lists Sister Mary Felice, William Albrecht (inc.), Garth Hall, Robert James (inc.), Cornelius Prinslow, Donald Ramthun (inc.), and Raymond Zit. Augmenting this list will be nominations from the floor. Members will please show their membership cards when receiving their ballots, the voting to take place during the regular business meeting.

NEW JOMAS OFFICERS

Congratulations to Dave Street and Greg Laatsch whom the Junior Observers of the Milwaukee Astronomical Society has elected as its President and Vice President respectively. The society appreciates the mark made by Past President John Asztalos who is very busy with his college studies.

NEW MEMBER

We're pleased to add to our roster
Mr. Kenneth C. Graun Jr., 5217 W. Mill Rd. 53218 M69

UWM ALUMNI DAY

At the April meeting Mr. Victor Muth, Director of Eng., AC Electronics Division, invited the members of our society to attend UWM'S 1969 Alumni Day on April 26 in UWM'S Union Fireside Lounge, and it turned out to be a very pleasant, informative day indeed. The program's theme was "The Moon and Beyond". Mr. Robert Thompson, Director of the Lovell Space Center in Milwaukee spoke about space travel simulation, a prime feature of the

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proposed center, Mr. Lawrence Delaney of AC Electronics Div. told how space craft guidance is accomplished by very precise gyros, and MAS member Harry Pease of The Milwaukee Journal related how a rocket program lifted an entire community to a much better standard of living. Two highlights of the program were a Disney Film "Mars and Beyond" and a full length picture "Destination Moon". Following the dinner were addresses by distinguished speakers and a short NASA film about the Apollo 8 Flight - "Go For TLI" - showing the moon from orbital flight 60 miles above the surface.

NCRAL CONVENTION

The North Central Region Astronomical League's 23rd Annual Convention was held May 3 at Racine. After league Pres. William DuVall made his opening remarks about the amateur's role in the space age, papers were read by members of the societies making up the League. They included notes on solar telescopes, astrophotography, the Pleiades occultation, variable stars, ideas on the 43 stars within 16 light years of our sun, changes in Jupiter, as well as papers by Mr. William Albrecht on Tektites and MAS Director Edward Halbach on the 1970 Solar Eclipse. The late afternoon found everyone at the unusual Johnson Wax Golden Rondelle where they viewed the films "Exploring the Milky Way" and "To Be Alive". The banquet speech was given by Dr. W. Markowitz of Marquette University whose thought-provoking subject was on the satellites of Mars. The busy day was concluded by trips to the Gifford Jr. High Planetarium and the Modine-Benstead Planetarium. A word of appreciation is in order here for the many people who did such a great job on the flawless program.

DIRECTORS MEETING

The Board will meet Friday, May 23, 1969 at 7:30 PM. The location will be announced at the business meeting.

JOMAS PROGRAM

Keyholders in charge of the JOMAS Sat. night program are Garth Hall, May 10; Gale Highsmith, May 17; Robert James, May 24; William Konig, May 31; Harvey Lindemann, June 7; ? , June 14; and Donald Ramthun, June 21. JOMAS members are to contact leaders Dave Street (774-8957) or Greg Laatsch for program or weather information. Keyholder is to be contacted by the JOMAS leaders BEFORE 4 PM on the observing night.

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