OUR NEXT MEETING

Will be on March 26th at 7:30 PM at the home of Bob Kyrlach, 5601 Baker Avenue, NE. Our guest will be Dr. Michael Zeilik from the University of New Mexico Physics and Astronomy Department, who will speak on "Infrared Astronomy and the Birth of Stars."

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FROM FEBRUARY 27TH

Our thanks to Arthur Montgomery for coming all the way from Dixon, New Mexico so that we could dedicate the club telescope in his name, and meet him.

The revised edition of the Astronomical League's by-laws were examined and approved.

A discussion of whether we should make more of an effort to seek out new members resulted in our deciding not to formally or actively do so. We will place extra copies of The Sidereal Times in the new planetarium, and the UNM Astronomy Department for a few months. Prospective members of the club can find out about us in this way.

Bob Britton is researching the possibility of our having our April meeting at the new planetarium, and our taking a tour of the Very Large Array telescope in Socorro in the Spring. If you are interested in the Socorro trip, call Bob (266-7266) to sign up. We need to have a rough idea of how many will be going on this expedition.

MESSIER CERTIFICATES

If members interested in working toward their Messier Certificate will let me know, I will order the Astronomical League's paper back booklet Observe for them. The book has a Messier Log in the back. I will know the exact price of this book by the next meeting. It is around one or two dollars.

LIBRARY NEWS

The twelve Sky & Telescope binders have arrived, and the identifying rubber stamp to mark the club's name in each of our books. We have several new books on order for the library, and will advise you when they come in. Arthur Montgomery donated several of his books for which we are most grateful. Six of the missing issues of Sky & Telescope were given to us by Florence Geck. We have ordered the six missing issues of Sky & Telescope needed to complete the library's sets from 1967-1975. The four 1966 issues are considered out-of-date, and can only be obtained through a back-order magazine service (for a minimum of $14.00). We decided not to go to that much expense at the present time.
WE HAVE ANOTHER NEW MEMBER

Tom McKeever, 3219 Judy Place, NE, 87111, 294-1398

CLUB QUESTIONNAIRES

We urge members who have not returned the club questionnaire to do so as soon as possible. We are anxious to activate the Harvard Card calling committee, but can't add your name until we know your specific areas of interest.

Results of the questionnaires already returned indicate:

1. Eleven members wish to be called about various astronomical objects announced through the Harvard Cards.
2. Six members have had experience in building a telescope, and are willing to help others with such a project.
3. The following twelve members are interested in impromptu observing sessions. You might wish to call a few of them the next time you're getting your scope out: Derek Wallentine, Rufus Carter, Bob Britton, Don Davey, Tom McKeever, Bob Darby, Mike Stevens, Sam Myers, Bill Wood, Morris Rippel, Eddie Zellers, and Bob Kyrlach.
4. And of course, we now have a better idea of what books to order for the library, and the general areas of interest members wish to pursue.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS

Thanks to Wilfred Pedroncelli who efficiently printed our membership list, and who also has the mailing labels printed for the newsletter. Your secretary is spared many hours of typing through his efforts.

NEW COMETS

By now most of you have probably seen Comet West just before sunrise in the East. A fine photo of the comet taken by Roy Matthews appears in the March 9th Journal on the front page: Another comet, Comet Bradfield will appear soon. Bob Darby will call those of you who expressed an interest in comets on your questionnaire with the details.

Congratulations to "OUR STARS":

1. Morris Rippel who won the $4,000 purchase prize in Western Water Color and Drawing Competition at the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.
2. Bob Darby who successfully passed his battery of tests, and is now a registered architect.

CLASSIFIEDS

WANTED: January, February, March and December 1966 issues of Sky & Telescope magazine. Call Club Librarian, Bob Darby, 881-4764 if you have any of them you can donate.