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## THE PRAIRIE ASTRONOMER

This month's meeting will be Tuesday, October 27th at 7:30 p.m. in Room 211, Brace Hall of Physics, N.U. downtown campus. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Robert Katz. See notice for further information.

### --The President's Report--

I received a letter from Bob Sandy with some information concerning the poem in last month's newsletter. Bob believes that the author is Bud Shewman of Moberly Mo. I wrote to Bud and asked him about it and he wrote back and tells me that it is his poem. The wording is a bit different. His poem uses "I" where the poem in our newsletter says "you," but it other-wise is his poem. So, now the author is known. W. C. (Bud) Shewman is the new president of the astronomical league.

I received a package of old club newsletters the other day from former member Walter Erbach. Thanks to Walter for his gift to the club library. For anyone else who may have old Prairie Astronomers lying around, you may consider contributing them to the club library too. We especially need some of the oldest ones, from the early 60's in order to fill a complete catalogue of club newsletters. A complete catalogue will be very helpful in replacing vital information of club records which somehow has become lost.

According to the bulletin of the St. Louis Astronomical Society, Dr. Peter Van de Kamp was a special guest speaker at their meeting on October 15th. Dr. Van de Kamp recently returned from Russia where he lectured at the Universities of Moscow and Leningrad. Most of his talks were on his search for planets outside the solar system. We certainly can be proud to have had such a fine man as Dr. Van de Kamp as our guest here in Lincoln.

I finally heard from that elusive third club in Nebraska. It is in Kearney, and called Amateur Sky Research Observers of Kearney.



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They would like to be on our mailing list and visit one of our meetings. I sent an invitation and hope to see some of them soon.

I am spending the weekend of October 23-25 in Missouri and will present a slide show for the K.C. club at their meeting on October 24. I have invited two of our club members and Bob Allen to join me in this get-together. I will present this same show as part of the program at some future meeting.

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At our last meeting, the annual election of officers was held.

Our new officers are:

Pres.: Earl Moser

Publications Chairman:

Lawrence Pilgram

V. Pres. Dr. Robert Manthey

Program Chairman:

Richard Schellhouse

Sec'y: Jess Williams

Recording Sec'y: Monte Cole

Treas: Brian Dodson

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\*\*Want Ads\*\*

Lawrence Pilgram- one Panasonic, portable transistorized tape recorder. Reversible action, double heads; plays off of wall current, batteries, or auto cigarette lighter. Very seldom used by me. \$55.

Roger Severns- RV-6 Criterion 6" scope. In good condition, with eye-pieces. About \$115.

If you have something to sell, bring it to the meeting.

If you want to buy something, bring it up at the meeting.

If it's not money, we might be able to oblige you.

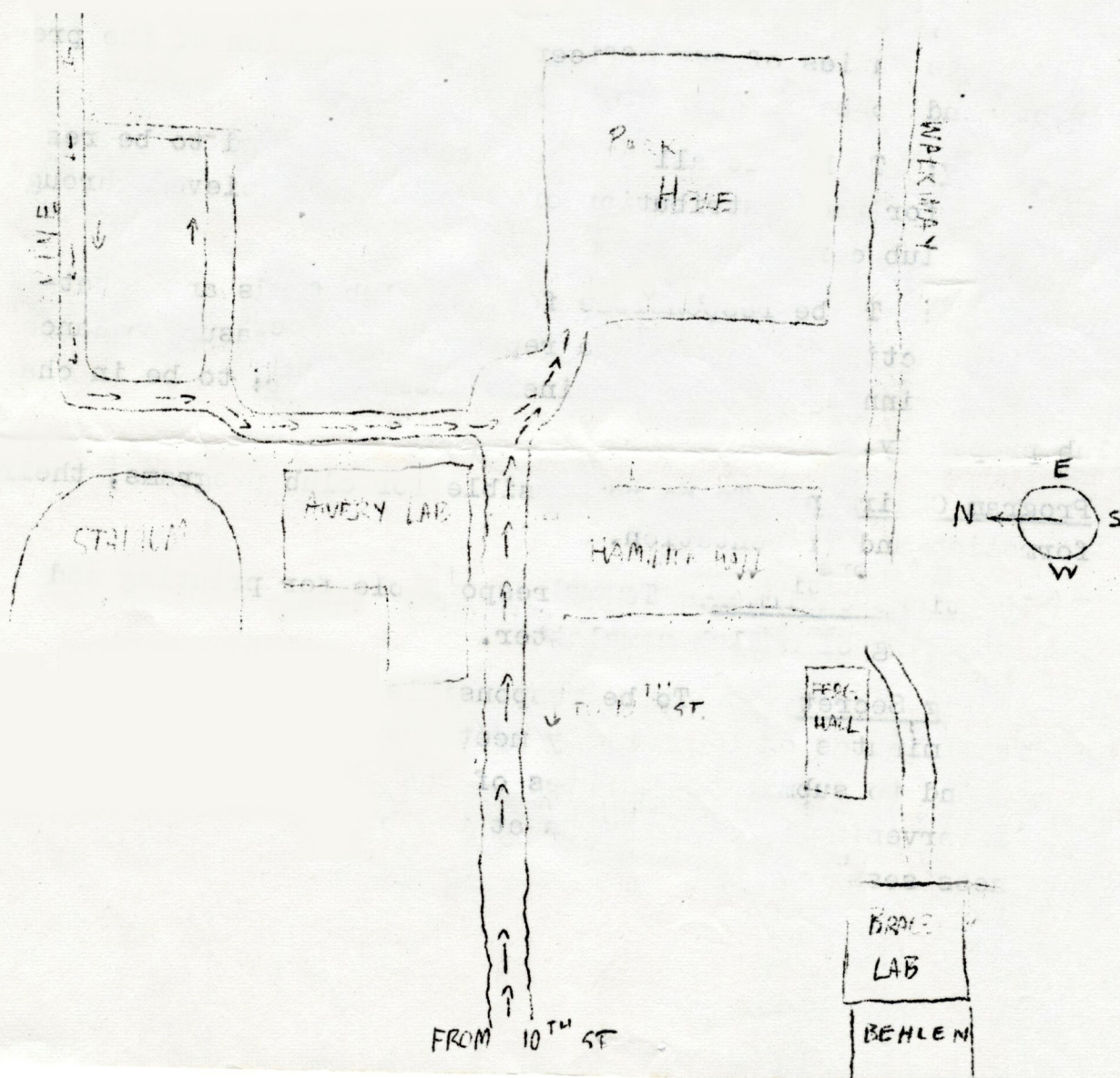
New address of newsletter: 1836 S 58th Lincoln, Mo. 68506

Telephone number: 489-7651



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This months meeting, on October 27<sup>th</sup>, will not be held at Nebraska Wesleyan. It will be held in Brace hall, Room 211, at the University of Nebraska. The speaker for our program, Professor Robert Katz, has a demonstration to go along with his talk, which will be on the ringing moon. This demonstration involves a goodly amount of equipment, so we are going to the mountain. There will be no planetarium show, and Dr. Katz's talk will start after the announcements have been made. A map on locating Brace hall is below. Room 211 is on the second floor, and there are signs all over pointing out the way. Brace hall adjoins Behlen Hall, if that helps any.





## Club Bylaws

During the October board of directors meeting, the bylaws of our club were modified. The complete text of our bylaws follows.

### BYLAWS

#### Election of Officers

Nomination of officers held during the August meeting. Vote to be taken at the September meeting. Simple majority rules.

#### Duties of Officers

President: To organize and direct the monthly meetings, to organize and supervise all other club activities, to officially represent the club at meetings of regional and national importance, to delegate the authority for the above, and the authority to make committees.

Vice President: To be responsible for meetings when president is absent, to be mediator in cases of procedural dispute, to assume the duties of any officer at the direction of the president, and to be in charge of club publicity.

Secretary: To handle all club correspondence and to be responsible for the distribution of information received through official club correspondence.

Treasurer: To be responsible for all club funds and monetary transactions, to submit a report of the treasury balance at the beginning of every business session, and to be in charge of club property.

Program Chairman: To be responsible for club programs, their formation and presentation.

Publications Chairman: To be responsible for printing and distributing of a club newsletter.

Recording Secretary: To be responsible for the taking of the official minutes of the monthly meetings and of the board meetings, and to submit the minutes of the last meeting and of all intervening board meetings at the beginning of every business session.



## Duties of the Board of Directors

To act upon any suitation which tends to obligate the club in any way.

The president may call a board meeting at any time by contacting each board member. Five members shall constitute a quorum. A proposal must be approved by at least four members to be binding.

## Voting Requirements;

All paid members have the right to vote as specified by the club constitution and incorporation papers. Attendance at the time of voting is required, no exceptions to this. One membership, one vote. Family memberships, two votes.

## Procedure at meetings:

Motions may be made by any club member other than president, and must be seconded by a club member other than president. They must be put up for discussion, but discussion time must be limited to ten minutes unless extended by agreement i.e. a voice vote. 1/3 of the total votes in the club must be represented at a meeting for motions to be voted on. Motions must be voted on at the meeting at which they are introduced, unless that is impossible. A simple majority is required for approval of all motions, except those excluded by other club papers.

## Rights of all Members:

To be notified of all regular club meetings and activities, to make and second motions at meetings, to speak out and be heard at all club discussions, to submit, for publication, articles to the newsletter, to submit, without charge, want ads for publication in the newsletter, and to be informed of all events and transactions happening in the name of the Prairie Astronomy Club of Lincoln, Nb.

An additional note. In the official minutes of the October board meeting is a statement by Jess Williams.

"If our meeting room is ever filled, I'll buy a good dinner for the whole club"

Your offer is noted, Jess. Let's take him up on it.

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The Planets this Month

- Mercury- Is visable in the southwest sky in the early evening.
- Venus- Late in the month visable in the early morning skÿs.
- Mars- Rises at about 3 a.m. Very dim with a small disk.
- Jupiter- Lost in the solar glare.
- Saturn- Rises about at sunset. Very good position.
- Uranus and Neptune are lost in the solar glare.

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Gateway Show

Conditions permitting, we will have a gateway show this month. It Will be on the 12 th on November, if it's not too cold. We will contact people if it will be held.

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SHORTS

Rick Ashler has been heard from again. Rick hosted the regional star party that was held in Iowa a few years back. He is now with the Air Force Acadmey at Colorado Springs, Colorado. His adress, for those of you who are interested, is:

Rick Ashler

Box 1056

USAFA

Colorado 80840

Good luck, Rick.

Our club is offering to the region . a regional newsletter, to be edited by Brian Dodson. We have been getting a good positive responce From the various clubs around the region, with the entire Saint Jo club taking the newsletter. The question now is, will we take the newsletter? This question will be brought up at the next meet- ings business session. Let's have a good turnout.

Earl Moser and Brian Dodson went to the Omaha meeting this month' and were presented with a very original program. We got to view, with rapt attention, Rick Johnson's slides. Again. Well, he had some new slides, and some old slides, and we had a lot of fun.

*Mr. Earl Moser*

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