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**** THE PRAIRIE ASTRONOMER ****

This month our meeting, as allways, will be held 7:30 pm in the Olin Hall of Science on the Nebraska Wesleyan Campus. I do not know what this month's program is as of this writing. There will be a drawing for a door prize and also refreshments after the meeting, see you there.

----- THE PRESIDENTS REPORT -----

There is a renewed effort underway to establish a community observatory for Lincoln. A committee has been formed and some basic ground work laid out. The committee has representatives from the Lincoln parks dept, the Southeast Community College, the Lincoln Public Schools, the University of Nebraska, the Junior League of Lincoln, the Lincoln Foundation, and Prof. Carroll Moore of Nebraska Wesleyan as committee chairman. The proposed observatory would be of the domed roof type and a 14" Celestron as the main telescope. The basic cost would be approx. \$25,000.00 and the location of the observatory will be discussed at a later date.

Some of you may recall the efforts of our club, some years ago, to have a observatory for Lincoln. Our negotiations with the Park Dept. came to a impasse when the only way to have an observatory in a city park was for our club to give our club's 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ " telescope to the city and that we wouldnt do.

Perhaps some of you that are still interested in an observatory for Lincoln, would want to help in this project. If so let Carroll Moore or myself know what you feel about this project.

Earl Moser
President

----- GATEWAY SHOW -----

This month our gateway show will be held on the evening of the 30 th, this is a thursday, if it is cloudy that night we will try again the next night. I hope that many more members will come out for this event. Even though we no longer receive any monetarial restitution for our shows on the mall we still have the opportunity to acquaint the public with the hobby of astronomy, often times gaining members from our shows.

Sorry no observing report this month.

