

# Sidereal Times

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## AAAP APRIL/MAY CALENDAR

- 1) 4/8 (Friday) - 8:00 p.m. Public observing at the AAAP Observatory begins and continues each Friday evening throughout April. For directions to the Observatory refer to attached map.
  
- 2) 4/12 (Tuesday) -7:30 p.m. Dave Crisp hosts this month's "NOVA" session with an interesting and educational discussion of "Stellar Evolution & the HR Diagram."  
8:00 p.m. Dr. B. Paczynski of Princeton's Astrophysics Department will discuss the nature of "Cataclysmic Binaries."
  
- 3) 5/10 (Tuesday) - 7:30 p.m. "NOVA" Session  
8:00 p.m. Dr. J. Villumsen from the Institute of Advanced Study will describe the "Evolution of Disk Galaxies."

## FROM THE DIRECTOR

Astute readers of Sidereal Times will note that this month's "NOVA" session will not feature Dick & Roxanne Peery's survey of astrophotography equipment and techniques.

Happily, the Peery's have agreed to be our main speakers at the June 1983 meeting instead. The "NOVA" format, while flexible, would not do justice to this topic. Anyone interested in astrophotography, whether experienced or not, should definitely plan on checking out the action on June 14.

Alternately, I highly recommend that all AAAP novice astronomers interested in better understanding the nature and interrelationships of stars attend Dave Crisp's presentation this month. Dave has a knack for simplifying potentially difficult concepts and his topic should prepare all of us very nicely for Dr. Paczynski's discussion.

Nominating Committee Formed: Per AAAP Contitutional requirements, a nominating committee has been formed. Art Esposito has agreed to chair this committee, whose purpose will be to develop a slate of candidates to become the next AAAP Board of Directors.

The slate will be announced at this month's meeting and actual voting takes place during May's get together.

Membership Survey Reminder: Initial response to the AAAP survey released last month has been encouraging. However, many more responses will be needed to make our data base credible.

Although all participants will benefit by submitting responses, the newest AAAPers looking to link up with experienced members have the most to gain by completing this survey.

March Meeting - Place Mix-up Resolved: We apologize to all March meeting attendees for the mix-up in the meeting locale. Through an administrative "oversight" we were temporarily displaced from our longtime home in Peyton Hall.

This problem has been resolved. We'll see you in Peyton Hall on April 12.

APRIL/MAY DUTY ROSTER (Observatory Phone 737-2575)

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4/8*	A. Esposito	396-3630	5/6	R. Peery	397-3140
4/15*	L. Holloway	924-2480	5/13	K. Goepfert	201-584-3882
4/22*	K. Rahlfs	215-493-0561	5/20	M. Halfon	443-5866
4/29*	D. Wurzler	737-9353	5/27	H. Johnson	882-2680

\*Public Observing Session