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MAY MEETING RESCHEDULED TO THURSDAY, MAY 27TH AT PHOENIX COLLEGE
NASA'S DR. FRED BROWN TO SPEAK ON "MARS AND THE SEARCH FOR LIFE"

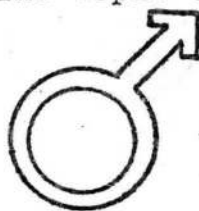
As announced at last month's meeting, this month's meeting, planned for May 21st, has been rescheduled to THURSDAY, MAY 27th at 8 p.m. in Room 102 of the Phoenix College Science Building, on the southeast corner of campus. The change in date was made necessary by the College being closed during semester break, and the upcoming Memorial Day holiday.

Dr. Fred Brown, of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, will be our featured speaker. The topic of his talk will be "Mars And The Search For Life."

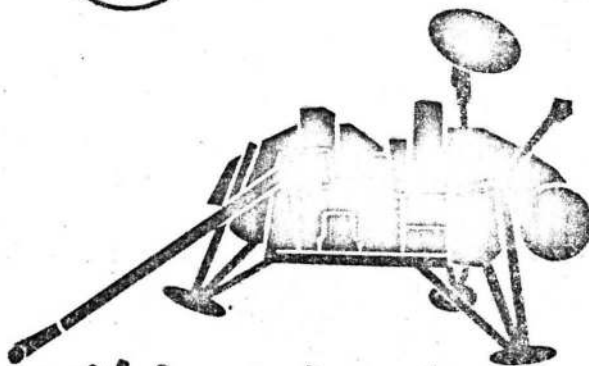
Dr. Brown is currently assigned to the Viking/Mars 76 Biological Experiments Flight Team, which will direct operation of the biological experiments on board the Viking Lander when it touches down on the surface of Mars later this summer.

For the past six years, Dr. Brown has been Project Scientist for the Viking Lander bio-instrumentation. He holds a PhD in biochemistry from the University of Illinois.

Employed by TRW, Inc, prime contractors to NASA on the Viking Lander, Dr. Brown lives in Los Angeles with his wife and two children.



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A SHORT NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This month I would like to
take a little space to thank
all of the P.A.S. members who
have helped with the Newslet-
ter this year. So I won't
miss any names, I won't list
them, but will just say to
all, "Thanks!"

What started as an exper-
iment last spring has turned
out well; most of the members
I've talked to indicate they
like the Newsletter and find
it interesting. That's very
encouraging, and we hope to
improve this coming year.

Up to now, SKY-LINES has
been of necessity a "one-man
show" although I did not in-
tend it to be that way. I
would like every member of
our group to feel he or she
has the opportunity to ex-
press ideas and opinions in
the Newsletter and communi-
cate with the other members.

I can't do this alone --
I need your ideas, comments
and opinions to print !! So
c'mon out there ! Just a
phone call or a short note
about your interests and ac-
tivities will help bring
SKY-LINES alive.

Those of you on the east
side of the valley can con-
tact Cliff Vaughan.

Gene

ANDERSON, SIKES & NASH ELECTED TO OFFICES FOR 1976-77

At the April 23rd business meeting at Phoenix College, Bill Anderson was elected President, Ken Sikes Vice President and Chuck Nash reelected Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year.

Unanimous votes were cast for the three candidates by members at the meeting, no nominations having been made from the floor.

Short reports were heard on several items of business; the club's finances were reported to be in excellent condition with slightly less than \$800. in the treasury.

After the business meeting was concluded, slides of Comet West were shown by Helen & Richard Lines, and a NASA film documenting the Mariner flight to Mars was seen.

Refreshments were served afterward, using a new 50-cup coffee pot purchased for the club's use.

NOTES FROM TUCSON -- DON STRITTMATTER RETIRES AFTER 19 YEARS

On May 6, Don Strittmatter retired as President of the Tucson Astronomical & Astronautical Association, having served in that office for 19 years.

Tom Caudell was elected new President of the Association, and John Figoski Vice President for the coming year; Saul Levy will continue as Secretary-Treasurer.

After presenting a slide show depicting highlights from the past 20 years of TAAA activities Strittmatter accepted a special trophy from the group for his years of service.

The trophy consisted of a commemorative plaque and a 1" aperture Newtonian telescope model with working optics!

Plans were announced at the meeting for several summer star parties; telescope making classes will begin in June in the group's optics workshop in the basement of the Flandrau Planetarium.

P.A.S. SUMMER STAR PARTIES

ARE PLANNED FOR

JUNE 26

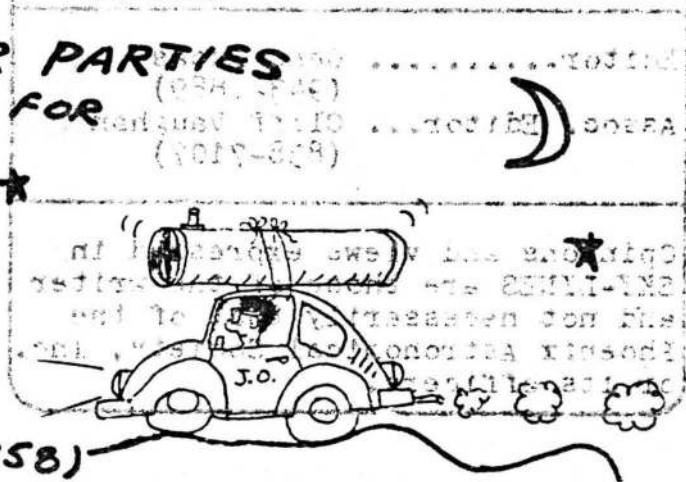
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