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At a Special Business Meeting of the Club, held on October 6, our new By Laws were voted into effect. Most of the improvements suggested by our attorney, Mr. Hugh Head, Jr., were adopted. A copy of the resulting document is enclosed. These new rules allow us to continue to function in our usual manner, but at the same time provide us with the increased flexibility that an organization of our standing requires. The Board of Directors has worked long and hard on this project, and we can be justifiably proud of the result. The situation depicted in the above cartoon is not likely to occur, but future speakers should take note of the possible dangers involved in not showing up!

Our October meeting will take place at Bradley Observatory on Friday, October 20, at 8:00 pm. Our speaker, who is well known to all Club members, is Mr. Julius Staal. Mr. Staal was director of the Fernbank Planetarium for many years and is an expert in every phase of the science of astronomy. He will discuss the small planetarium projector which he has placed in Bradley Observatory's planetarium chamber, and will demonstrate it to those in attendance.

Members of the Board of Directors are requested to meet at the Observatory fifteen minutes before the beginning of the meeting. The purpose is to appoint, in accordance with our By Laws, a person to fill the newly created office of Second Vice President - Observatory Chairman. The leading contender is Bill Arnold.

It is with a great deal of personal sadness that I must announce to you the death on October 6 of one of our long-time members, Mr. A. E. Prince. Mr. Prince fought a long and at times successful battle with cancer. The courage with which he faced this foe is difficult for many to understand. He was never heard to express any bitterness toward this burden which fate had placed upon him. He was a man of great inner strength. We fondly remember the many times he was our host at his beautifully wooded country home. We are sorry to lose him, but we are thankful to have known him.

Our Observing Committee Chairman, Bill Arnold, has announced the dates for observing sessions for the coming months. They are: October 27, December 1 and December 29. These are Fridays. If any one of them is cloudy, the session will be held on the following night (Saturday). If you have any questions or comments you may contact Bill at 767-0962. You are invited to bring as many friends as possible!

Astro-Aid Committee Chairman Al Beales has announced a Telescope Round Up, to be held on the roof of the Observatory immediately following the meeting. He has arranged for several types of telescopes to be present, and interested members will observe their deployment and use. If you would like to bring your own instrument, please feel free to do so. A panel of experts will be on hand to answer questions.

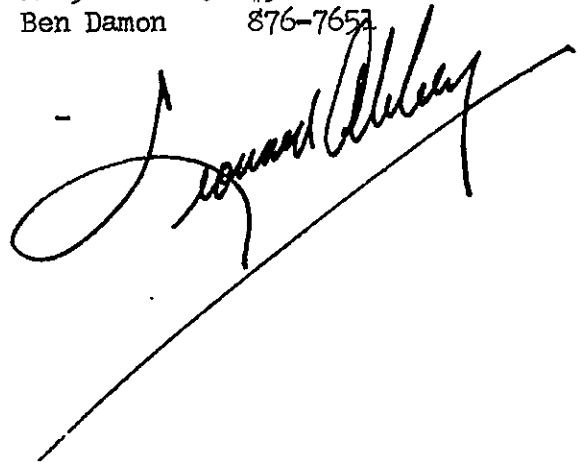
Fernbank's Astronomy Film and Lecture Series will feature the film "Galileo" on October 25 at 9:15 pm. This film is part of the "Ascent of Man" series. Admission is free.

Taxpayer's non-revolt: we have received the property tax bill from Douglas County for the Walter F. Barber, Jr., Observatory. The amount due is 69¢.

NOTICE: Our new Treasurer is: Doug Slaseman, 1940 Atlanta Rd., Apt. 14-H, Smyrna, Georgia 30080. Dues are \$15.00 per year; and should be mailed to him along with the notice card sent by Sky & Telescope magazine. (If you have lost the notice card, a mailing label will do.) Doug's office phone is 892-7171.

FOR SALE: Dynamax 8" with tripod, adjustable rate drive, Sun Skreen Filter, dew cap, polar alignment accessory, camera adapter, extra eyepieces and filters. Three years old, but has seen little use. \$850 or best offer.
Dr. C. G. Justus 255-5394

FOR SALE: Criterion RV-8, 8" Newtonian reflector. With pedestal and tripod, three eyepieces, finder and Barlow lens. Also includes extra 50 X 25 finder. \$300.
Ben Damon 876-7651

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