



he time has come for a change of editors for this bulletin. I have served for three terms as Corresponding Secretary for The Atlanta Astronomy Club, Inc. The first term was in the early seventies. Membership announcements at that time were in the form of post cards, printed in a greasy blotchy ink on a tiny transistorized mimeograph machine. The first time I tried to use it I ruined as many cards as I produced! I had always thought that our club deserved a little more elaborate bulletin, so I began to write a one-page letter in a breezy rumor-mongering style. This went over well, and it was continued by my successor (sans rumors) for two years. In the middle of 1976 the then Corresponding Secretary was unable to continue, and I was asked to resume the editorship. I was glad to do this because I had in mind a format which would allow me to express my opinions on divers matters to a captive audience of 150 persons. I found this to be extremely rewarding. I think that much of the success of this bulletin can be attributed to the use of photography to cover up a lack of skill with words. I have enjoyed this job very much, and I am proud to say that after 41 years of experience as a human being I have finally learned that it is wise to quit when you are ahead. This I now do. Our new editor is Al Beales. Al has been a member of the club since childhood. He is very knowledgeable about astronomy and the traditions of our club. The format of this bulletin may (or may not) change, but I can guarantee you it will not decline in quality.

Our September meeting will feature Dorothy Beetle. Ms. Beetle is the director of the Muskogee County Planetarium, of Columbus, Georgia. Her subject will be meteors. As usual the meeting will be held at Agnes Scott College's Bradley Observatory. Festivities begin at 8:00 pm on Friday, September 21.

#### A MESSAGE FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

The new club year is now underway. Each of you are welcomed to be a part of the meetings. Many new and interesting speakers await you. Dr. Mark Christenses is the new Program Chairman and Vice-President. He has been planning along with Dr. Gene Powell, the incoming President, all summer.

Observing activities are a vital part of our club. Bill Arnold will schedule an OAW (observing alert weekend) monthly for you and your friends. This activity will be at the club's Walter F. Barber, Jr. Observatory in Villa Rica.

Monthly minutes will be taken and recorded by Ann Clark.

Editing the monthly newsletter will be Al Beales. Let him know about telescopes, etc., you may have for sale.

The AON (Atlanta Observers' Notebook) will have Lee Wilson as editor. He needs your articles to compile the AON's. Something you've built or observing projects you've undertaken are just two ideas of things to share.

The incoming Treasurer is...me. Yes, I want to help our club... so I volunteered. Please see me after meetings with renewals of Sky & Telescope and membership. My home address is 2369 Turners Church Road, McDonough, Georgia 30253.

Come be a part of the growing and informative Atlanta Astronomy Club. See you and a friend at the meetings.

-David Speering

And finally a note of happiness and inspiration:

In honour of the  
Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary  
of  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barber  
their daughter and her family  
request the pleasure of your company  
at a reception  
Sunday, the Seventh of October  
nineteen hundred and seventy-nine  
from three until six o'clock  
at the Barber home in Villa Rica, Georgia

No gifts

All club members are invited. I often hear young people speak of marriage as a form of death or enslavement. From personal experience I know that it is the embodiment of life and re-birth. I can think of no more eloquent example of this wonderful experience than the Barbers.

