



EDITORIAL

Our Slip was Showing*

The following anecdote (for the details of which I am indebted to Prof. Jim McGillivray who is retiring this year from the English Department) concerns Sidney Smith who was President of the University from 1945 to 1957 (he left to accept the post of Secretary of State for External Affairs in the Diefenbaker government, and died in 1959), and Joe Evans, then Registrar, now retired, but still very active in Alumni affairs.

The Arts Calendar was part of the program of the Registrar's office, and one of Mr. Evans' employees had the immediate responsibility for seeing it through the press. This man's performance left a lot to be desired, and Mr. Evans was hoping he would leave, but reluctant to fire him.

The new calendar had just come out, and Mr. Evans was glancing through it, when suddenly three words practically leapt off the page. In a list of plays to be studied in a certain English course was "Anatomy and Cleopatra". As he was absorbing the shock and wondering if this could provide the occasion for the delinquent employee's departure, by one of those strange coincidences, the man himself appeared, very diffidently asking if he could be released to accept an attractive offer from New York. Mr. Evans expressed great sorrow, but "couldn't stand in his way" and that sort of thing, and nothing was said about the misprint.

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* Actually the misprint did make the well-known Readers' Digest Department.

Joe Evans couldn't resist telling the "Anatomy and Cleopatra" bit at lunch time, and the confidant couldn't resist telling the President. At 2.15 the Registrar was summoned to the President's office, where Sidney Smith in his sternest manner explained that he looked to the Registrar to accept the ultimate responsibility for the Arts Calendar, and that a blunder like this could hold a great University up to ridicule, etc. With an equally straight face the Registrar replied "Sir, I accept the ultimate responsibility, but you may be interested to know that, as of two hours ago, the young man who was immediately responsible was on his way out of the University's employ".

At which point Sidney Smith's jaw dropped and he roared, "Joe! You damn fool! You didn't fire him!"

J.F.H.

OBSERVING

Visiting Observers - Here

Dr. Frederick West of the Department of Geophysics of the State University of New York at Buffalo was here July 16-20 and will be here again in August to observe spectroscopic binaries in which he is interested. Dr. Douglas Hube (Ph.D. 1967) of the University of Alberta is also scheduled to observe on his own program for five nights in August. Doug is spending about two weeks here before going on to the I.A.U. meeting in Brighton.

- Elsewhere

Dr. van den Bergh observed for three nights with the Lick 120-inch telescope early in July.

Dr. Garrison's 23-night schedule on the 16-, 36- and 60-inch telescopes at Cerro Tololo netted him 80% clear skies, which is good for the winter season.

The Feminist Movement

History was made on the night of July 2-3 when all five scheduled observers on the three Dunlap telescopes were women: Dr. Christine Coutts and Roslyn Shemilt on the 74-inch, Nancy Evans and Gretchen Hagen on the 24-inch, Kathy Riordon on the 19-inch.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Dr. van den Bergh in early July visited the U. of C. at Berkeley, the Lick Observatory, Cal Tech. and the Hale Observatories.

Dr. MacRae made another trip to Pasadena in mid-July relating to the installation plans at Las Campanas - which are going well.

Dr. Racine on July 23 attended the first meeting in Ottawa, of the Consultative Committee of the National Museum of Science and Technology to which he has recently been appointed.

SEMINARS

On July 14 the Town Meeting on Ph.D. examinations was held as planned. Many constructive ideas were exchanged.

Today (July 28) Dr. van den Bergh is speaking at Countdown on "Old Stellar Populations in Galaxies".

With most of the staff and some of the students planning to attend the Brighton I.A.U. meeting, no seminars are planned for August.

PAPERS SUBMITTED DURING JULY

S. van den Bergh: "Old Stellar Populations in Galaxies"
"Cassiopeia A - The Youngest Known Supernova Remnant",

*S. van den Bergh
and
R. Heeringa* "The Old Open Cluster NGC 7142".

MISCELLANEOUS

Resignation

Rita Heeringa, Dr. van den Bergh's research assistant for the past 10 months and co-author of a paper with him, is leaving this week - first for a trip to Holland, then to register in the York

Regional School of Nursing. While we will miss her, we wish her success in her new career.

Dr. Hogg Returns

Dr. Hogg, whose recovery from a broken ankle was retarded by a bad case of flu, is expecting to return to Richmond Hill this week.

Fire Drill

Acting on instructions, Gerry Longworth staged a fire drill at the Observatory on July 22. Points to remember:

Three rings repeated continuously is a signal to evacuate the building.

Know where the extinguishers are and fight a small fire immediately.

Summon help of fire department in case of bigger fire (number on all phones).

Notify workshop staff of any grass fire on or near the property.

SCIENCE PROGRAM VISIT

On Thursday, July 2, thirty students from the North York Summer Science Program visited D.D.O. This program, conducted by Doug Paul (B.Sc. 1962) is for the top Grade 11 students in North York. Gretchen Hagen and John Percy supplied an evening of talks, demonstrations, displays and observing.