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This month the P.A.A. will be holding our annual elections for officers for 1977. The nominations and the election itself will be held on January 22. Those eligible to vote and to run for office must be a paid up member for 1977.

The mailing cover of this month's newsletter may show an orange star beside the name. This indicates that the member has yet to pay his or her membership for the year. If you wish to continue to receive the newsletter and/or remain a member of the P.A.A. please send in your membership fee (or donation) to myself or Frank Hancock.

Meetings:

The PAA meets Saturday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in Wallis Hall Seminar Room T3, Catherine Parr Traill College which is near the corner of Reid and Dublin streets. Members will be phoned to confirm the meetings.

We had one meeting in each of October, November and December. During the October 23 meeting Harry gave a lecture on the relationship between relative velocity and time. We decided, during the December 11 meeting, to set up a fund to buy parts for a small telescope. The money will be collected from donations to the club.

Meetings for January are scheduled for the 8th, 15th and 22nd.

Association Activities:

The P.A.A. has a little poster contest going on amongst its members. Five of the members have volunteered to design a club poster for general use. The best design will be selected during the January 15 meeting.

Members coming to the January 15 meeting might bring a sweatshirt or two because Harry is planning to silk-screen them with the club logo. To get the best effect the shirts should be at least 50% polyester. Harry has two colours to use for the screen, dark blue and white, so you don't have to worry about which colour shirts to bring.

The Sky in January:

Mercury - in Sagittarius, mag. 0.3; very low in the west on the 28th, poor

Venus - moving from Capricorn to Aquarius, mag, -4.0; sets four hours after sunset, a brilliant object.

Mars - not visible this month

Jupiter - in Taurus, mag. -2.2; a beautiful evening object, close to the Pleiades

Saturn - in Cancer, mag. 0.0; rises three hours after sunset, near the Beehive star cluster

Moon - full moon, Jan. 5; last quarter, Jan. 12; new moon, Jan 19; first quarter, Jan 27.