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This month's issue of the newsletter will be short as I am a bit more rushed for time this month.

I would like to welcome Janine Carter to our club.

Meetings:

The PAA will meet on alternate Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. in Wallis Hall Seminar Room T3, Catherine Parr Traill College near the corner of Reid and Dublin streets. Members will be phoned to confirm the meetings.

We held three meetings in April. On April 2 Dean Shewring gave a lecture/slide show on the Viking missions to Mars. The April 15 meeting featured a lecture by Doctor John Earnshaw on "Modern Developments in Astronomy". During the April 30 meeting Frank Heilingbrunner gave a talk on the structure of stars and galaxies as well as introducing some interesting speculations on the origin of the universe. All of the meetings were well attended.

Meetings in May are scheduled for the 13th and 28th. The first meeting in June is scheduled for the 10th.

Association Activities:

A public star night is tentatively planned for the 19th of May at Nicholl's Oval. Members will be informed on the details during the May 13 meeting.

Astronomy News:

Rings have been discovered surrounding the planet Uranus. On March 10 Uranus occulted a relatively bright star (SAO 158687) and astronomers in four different locations detected the presence of up to five individual rings encircling the planet.