

Observing Service: An Experiment

Some astronomers granted telescope time during the first semester of 1983, were offered a chance to participate in an experimental Observing Service. Their data would be obtained by CFHT's resident astronomers, thus relieving them of the need to come to Hawaii. The runs selected, (30 out of 50) are those which we felt best capable to take over. Sixteen principal investigators accepted the offer, for a total of 41 nights (27% of all scheduled time). Most of these involve prime focus imagery and field spectroscopy but coudé and F.T.S. runs are also included. A job file has been set up and will be carried out by resident astronomers on the nights originally

scheduled for the "non visiting" astronomers. Forseeable advantages of this Service include increased flexibility of telescope use and instrument scheduling by eliminating the need for the astronomers' presence. Optimum tailoring of observing conditions to programs' requirement, and a saving of time, effort and money for the absent astronomers will be achieved. A possible drawback is the delay in evaluation of data by the principal investigator. We shall report on the results of this experiment in the next issue of the CFHT Information Bulletin.

Staff Changes

Departures

Eight staff members left CFHT during the second semester 1982.

Edward TYLER (1 July 1981-31 July 1982), software technician, returned to the mainland with his wife Leslie.

Ben NORDSTROM (15 March 1982-15 November 1982), electronics technician, plans to return to California.

Marcia DUBIEL (16 March-30 November 1982), programmer, will take some time off before seeking a new job.

Linda PEXA (1 June 1981-15 December 1982), secretary, left for a part-time position in Kawaihae.

Arturo URQUIETA (1 April 1981-31 December 1982), instrumentation technician, accepted a position with the Mount Wilson-Las Campanas Observatories.

Jean-Claude FOUERE (1 June 1978-31 July 1982), optical engineer, with the Meudon Project Office since 1976, left for Tucson after having masterminded the commissioning of all major optical systems and many instruments of our 3.6-m telescope.

Bruce CAMPBELL (1 February 1979-31 January 1983), resident astronomer, will be enjoying life in Paris with his family after four years of pioneering and valiant services with the CFHT. While at Observatoire de Meudon on an NRC/CNRS scientific exchange program, Bruce will collaborate on scientific projects with former CFHT's Director Roger CAYREL and wife Giusa.

Dan PAUL (22 April 1980-2 July 1982), machinist instrumentalist, left for Indonesia.

Promotions

Derrick SALMON was promoted to the rank of Junior Engineer on October 1. Rick is now responsible for coordinating the ever-increasing activities of the Optical Instrumentation group.

Wayne PEXA became our Vehicle Mechanic on January 1, having been with CFHT as Maintenance Worker since late 1980.

Arrivals

Robert McLAREN (University of Toronto) in July settled his family in Waikoloa for a one-year sabbatical leave at CFHT. However, his status will change on February 1 when he takes over from Bruce Campbell as a resident astronomer.

Guy MONNET (Observatoire de Lyon) also moved to Hawaii with his family in August. A visiting astronomer with CFHT for a one-year stay, his assistance in the commissioning of our focal reducer, scanning Fabry-Pérot and TV photon-counting system will be valuable.

Dominique SCHMITZ (Observatoire de Marseille), electronics technician, arrived in Waimea in October as a French "coopérant militaire" posted at CFHT. Dominique was largely responsible for the electronics of our scanning Fabry-Pérot built at Observatoire de Marseille. We are fortunate to have him with us.

John KERR, graduate in computer sciences, whose family is from Waimea, joined the software group, on November 1. John's main work deals with the Telescope Control System.

William KRAEMER is our new instrument maker. He has a particularly rich background in mechanics from many years experience in creating prototypes.

Elizabeth BRYSON, our part-time librarian since 1980, assumed a full-time position as of January 1. Liz' duties include the editing and distribution of information for CFHT visitors.

Mary Elaine (Meg) WHITTLE returned to the telescope controls in September, after maternity leave for the birth of the Whittles' chubby daughter.

Mercedes STEVENS also returned as coordinator-secretary following her maternity leave.

Elissa LINDSEY, from Waimea, joined the Accounting Office on July 1 as our new bookkeeper.

Roger WOOD, Maintenance Worker, came aboard on January 1, to attend to the well-being of our new Waimea Facility.