

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ASTRONOMY AWARDS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

To The Editor,

Projects in Astronomy carried out by High School Students are invited to be submitted for the 1978 Priscilla and Bart Bok Awards of Boston University. First Prize is \$200.00, Second \$100.00, and Third \$50.00. A concise, 5 to 15 page description of the project in the style of a serious scientific report including references, figures and diagrams whenever appropriate, should be submitted to the Department of Astronomy of Boston University, Boston, Mass. 02215 by February 15, 1978. All entries should be accompanied by a brief endorsement from the student's high school science advisor clearly identifying the high school of the participant. For further information call (617) 353-2626 or write Prof. Michael D. Papagiannis, Chairman, Department of Astronomy, Boston University, Boston, Mass. 02215.

The 1977 winners, their high schools and their respective projects were:

1. Stephen C. Odewahn (First Prize). Tuscaloosa High School, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. "The Observation and Analysis of Stellar Spectra".
2. Michael S. Schmidt (Second Prize). Utica Free Academy, Utica, New York. "Effects of Travel Through Space on the Position and Magnitude of Stars".
3. Michael Gurnis (Third Prize). Cohasset High School, Cohasset, Massachusetts. "The Relationship Between Crater Floors and Ejecta on the Lunar Surface".

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OCCULTATION INFORMATION UPDATE

To The Editor,

There have been a few changes since I sent my letter about occultation information, which was published on p. 100 of the Journal, Vol 5, No. 2. The OCCULTATION SUPPLEMENT for 1978, and for later years, will no longer be available from the U.S. Naval Observatory, but will henceforth be published as part of THE OBSERVER'S HANDBOOK of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. The R.A.S.C. HANDBOOK has carried data for Canada, but will also include data for the U.S.A. starting with the 1978 edition. Copies of the HANDBOOK can be obtained at reduced price through many local astronomy clubs. Local predictions of stars to mag. 8.1, slightly fainter than those distributed by Nicholas Esposito, are no longer available from him but are now available from Walter V. Morgan, 407 Park Way West, Las Vegas, Nevada 89106; see the July, 1977, issue of SKY AND TELESCOPE, p. 45. Similar predictions for Latin America, as well as graze predictions and OCCULTATION NEWSLETTER EN ESPAÑOL, are available from the Latin American section of IOTA; requests should be sent to Guillermo Mallén, Instituto de Astronomia, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, Apartado Postal 70-264, Mexico 20, D.F., Mexico.

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