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THE HISTORY OF THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

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The New York Astronomical Corporation was formed in 1968 by astronomers at New York State universities, colleges and observatories with the aim of building a large telescope for the use of astronomers in the state. Hawaii was selected as a possible site for a 150-in telescope and for a period of five years a vigorous effort was made at fund raising. A grant was received from the New York State Science and Technology Foundation to help in the organization of the group. By 1973 it was decided to stop plans for a New York Telescope since we had no success in the fund raising. However our group was already involved in holding meetings at the member institutions and staff and students would give reports on their work. In 1973 we formally set up the Astronomical Society of New York. Meetings are held twice a year. The Fall meeting is held at Union College or RPI and at this time the business meeting of NYAC is held. The Spring meeting is held at the other member institutions, from Alfred University in the west and the State University of New York at Stony Brook, in the east. The proceedings of the meetings are published in the News Letter of the Astronomical Society of New York. Prizes are awarded for the best graduate and the best undergraduate papers submitted to the Prize Committee. The winners give invited talks at a meeting following the award. Travel grants are awarded to both graduate and undergraduate students who are granted time to observe on optical or radio telescopes. ASNY has provided a good platform for students to give their first papers and by awarding the prizes and travel grants ASNY has been able to support student research. The meetings help to maintain good contacts among New York astronomers.

Several tables and plots will be found in the appendix to this news letter.

APPENDIX

Tables and Plots of ASNY data, 1967 - 2000.

TABLE 1  
Officers of NYAC and Number of Institutions

Year 19.	Chairman	Vice-Chair	Sec/Treas	# of Inst.
68-69	C. L. Hemenway	Y. Terzian	D. Philip	16
69-70	"	"	"	16
70-71	"	"	"	19
71-72	"	"	"	20
72-73	M. Greenberg	"	"	21
73-74	"	"	"	16
74-75	S. Sharpless	"	"	18
75-76	"	"	"	19
76-77	"	"	"	17
77-78	"	"	"	17
78-79	T. Gold	A. Meltzer	"	17
79-80	"	"	"	17
80-81	"	"	"	16
81-82	"	"	"	15
82-83	"	"	"	12
83-84	"	D. Helfand	"	12
84-85	"	"	"	12
85-86	"	"	"	11
86-87	D. Helfand	M. Kutner	"	11
87-88	"	"	"	11
88-89	"	"	"	11
89-90	"	"	"	12
90-91	M. Kutner	T. Balonek	"	13
91-92	"	"	"	13
92-93	"	"	"	13
93-94	"	"	"	14
94-95	"	"	"	14
95-96	T. Balonek	—	"	14
96-97	"	P. Nicholson	"	13
97-98	"	"	"	14
98-99	D. Peterson	"	"	14
99-00	"	"	"	14

TABLE 2  
ASNY Prizes

Graduate Student Prize

Year	Name	Institution		
2000	Hsiao-Wan Chen	SUNY SB		
1000	Lynn Matthews	SUNY SB		
1998	Jenifer Goetz	Rochester		
1997	Colin Roald	Rochester		
1996	Shobita Satyapal	Rochester		
1995	Denise Smith	Cornell		
1994	Michael Egan	R.P.I.		
1993	Jayaram Chengalur	Cornell		
1992	Tod Strohmayer	Rochester		
1991	Lars Bildsten	Cornell	Frederick Rasio	Cornell
1990	Thomas Herbst	Cornell	Quingde Wang	Columbia
1989	K. Chen	Columbia		
1988	T. T. Hamilton	Columbia		
1987	No Prize			
1986	C. E. Woodward	Rochester		
1985	J. -P. Caillault	Columbia		
1984	Patrick McDermott	Rochester		
1983	No Prize			
1982	Rida Farouki	Cornell		
1981	Marc Lacasse	Rochester		
1980	No Prize			
1979	Paul Schinder	Cornell		
1978	F. Wesemael	Rochester		
1977	Robert Hohlfeld	Cornell		
1976	Alan Marchant	Cornell		

Undergraduate Prize

Year	Name	Institution
2000	Matthew Barczys	Rochester
1999	Paul Wiggins	Cornell
1998	David Kaplan	Cornell
1993	Leah Bucholz	Rochester
1991	Jennifer Christensen	Colgate

Undergraduate Prize (Dudley Obs.)

Year	Name	Institution
1994	Jean Chiar	R.P.I

TABLE 3  
Travel Awards

Year	Name	Institution
1999	Carl Welch	Rochester
1999	Davienne Monblue	R.P.I
1998	Erika Gibb	R.P.I.
1997	Colin Roald	Rochester
1997	Carl Welch	Rochester
1997	Nicholas Reines	Rochester
1996	Jennifer Goetz	Rochester
1995	Lida He	R.P.I.
1995	David Berger	Colgate
1995	Jean Chiar	R.P.I.
1995	Tyler Nordgren	Cornell
1995	Kristen Larson	R.P.I.
1993	Eric Howard	Rochester
1993	Sean Carey	R.P.I.
1993	Scott Libonate	Rochester
1993	Steve Solomon	Rochester
1992	Douglas Hamilton	Cornell
1992	Donald Mizuno	R.P.I.
1992	I. Mosqueira	Cornell
1992	Sean Carey	R.P.I.
1992	Chad Jennings	Vassar
1992	Edward Moore	Columbia
1991	Scott Libonte	R.P.I.
1991	Gino Thomas	Columbia
1991	J. Chengalur	Cornell.
1991	Sean Carey	R.P.I.
1991	S. Solomon	Rochester
1991	P.aula Turner	Rochester
1991	A. Rasmussen	Columbia
1991	E. Gottheld	Columbia
1991	M. Eracleous	Columbia
1991	T. Megeath	Cornell
1991	Sean Carey	R.P.I.
1990	D. Mizuno	R.P.I.
1989	D. Mizuno	R.P.I.
1989	James Moran	
1986	Farhard Yusef-Zadeh	Columbia
1985	J. Leous	R.P.I
1984	P McDermott.	Rochester
1984	S. E. Schneider	Cornell
1983	M. Skrutskie	R.P.I.
1982	C. E. Woodward	Rochester
1982	S. Colgate	Cornell

TABLE 4  
Record of Meetings

Year	Spring	Fall
2000	University of Rochester	
1999	Vassar College	Union College
1998	Columbia University	R.P.I.
1997	Colgate University	Union College
1996	Alfred University	R.P.I.
1995	R.I.T.	Union College
1994	SUNY SB	R.P.I.
1993	Geneseo	Union College
1992	Cornell (25 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.)	R.P.I.
1991	Colgate University	Union College
1990	Alfred University	R.P.I.
1989	Cornell University	Union College
1988	Vassar College	R.P.I.
1987	Colgate University	Union College
1986	University of Rochester	R.P.I.
1985	Alfred University	Union College
1984	Columbia University	R.P.I.
1983	Cornell University	Union College
1982	University of Rochester	R.P.I.
1981	Colgate University	Union College
1980	Cornell University	R.P.I.
1979	Syracuse University	Union College/Dudley Obs.
1978	Alfred University	Union College
1977	SUNY Oswego	R.P.I.
1976	Hayden Planetarium	Union College
1975		R.P.I.
1974		Syracuse University
1973		University of Rochester
1972		SUNYA
1971		Colgate University
1970		Goddard Space Flight Center

TABLE 5

## Invited Speakers

Spring Meetings		Fall Meetings
Rebecca Surman (Union College)	1999	Davis Philip (Union College)
Adam Frank (U of Rochester)	1999	Wendy Bauer (Wellesley College)
Fred Walter & P. An (SUNYSB)	1998	Glenn Ciolek (R.P.I.)
Deane Peterson (SUNYSB)	1998	Ralph Alpher (Union College)
Gordon Stacey (Cornell)	1997	Mary Crone (Skidmore)
Russell Hulse (Princeton)	1997	E. Blanton & C. Crass (Columbia)
Jim Napolitano (R.P.I.)	1996	Hugh van Horn (NSF)
Arlin Crofts (Columbia)	1996	Thomas Balonek (Colgate)
Riccardo Giovanelli (Cornell)	1995	Jon Marr (Union College)
Peter Chen (Goddard Space Flight Cent.)	1995	Rebecca Koopmann (Union College)
Jack Lissauer (SUNYSB)	1994	Andrew Vanture (Union College)
Kenneth Mighell (Columbia)	1994	Michael Gaffey (R.P.I.)
Jill Tarter (NASA/Ames)	1993	Ralph Alpher (Union College)
Francois Pinchet (U of Rochester)	1993	Laura Kay (Barnard College)
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting	1992	Vytas Straizys (ITPA, Lithuania)
25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting	1992	Kathy Mead (Union College)
Thomas Hamilton (Columbia)	1991	David Peak (Union College)
Anthony Aveni (Colgate)	1991	Doug Whittet (R.P.I.)
Peter Usher (Penn. State Univ.)	1990	Wayne Roberge (R.P.I.)
Phillip Nicholson (Cornell)	1990	Lee Mundy (Univ. of Maryland)
James Houck (Cornell)	1989	Debra Elmegreen (Vassar College)
James Moran (Harvard)	1989	Ken Janes (Boston University)
William Herbst (Wesleyan)	1988	Terry Herter (Cornell)
Dorrit Hoffleit (Yale University)	1988	William van Altena (Yale University)
Steve Gregory (Univ. Of New Mexico)	1987	Ralph Alpher (Union College)
Ben Peery (Howard University)	1987	
Harry Shipman (Univ. Of Delaware)	1986	David Tytler (Columbia)
David Helfand (Columbia)	1986	Bruce Elmegreen (IBM)
Ray White (Steward Observatory)	1985	C. M. Leung (R.P.I.)
Steve Beckwith (Cornell)	1985	Donald Hayes (KPNO)
Robert Zinn (Yale University)	1984	B. Carroll & H. Van Horn (U. Roch.)
B. Paczynski (Princeton)	1984	Jonathon Grindlay (Harvard)
Daniel Weedman (Penn. St. Univ.)	1983	Eric Rydgren (R.P.I.)
Edwin Salpeter (Cornell)	1983	John Bahcall (Inst. for Adv. Study)
Chris Dainty (Cornell)	1982	Pierre Demarque (Yale University)
Marc Kutner (R.P.I.)	1982	Amos Yahil (SUNYSB)
Joseph Veverka (Cornell)	1982	
Tony Aveni (Colgate)	1981	William Forrest (Univ. of Rochester)
Saul Teukolsky (Cornell)	1981	S. F. Dermott (Cornell)
Joseph Veverka (Cornell)	1980	Davis Philip (Dudley Obs.)
Jonathan Gradie (Cornell)	1980	Dennis Butler (Yale University)
David de Young (KPNO)	1980	

Allen Sweigart (NASA)	1979	Yervant Terzian (Cornell)
Judith Pipher (Rochester)	1979	David Helfand (Columbia)
Donald Hayes (Arizona State Univ.)	1978	Arthur Upgren (Van Vleck Obs.)
Joseph Veverka (Cornell)	1978	Robert Harrington ( US Naval Obs.)
Malcolm Savedoff (Univ. of Rochester)	1977	Pierre Demarque (Yale University)
William Liller (Harvard)	1977	Thomas Gold (Cornell University)
Beatrice Tinsley (Yale University)	1976	
Jerimiah Ostriker (Princeton)	1976	
Vera Rubin (Dept. Terrestrial Mag.)	1975	John Mather (NASA)
	1975	Sidney van den Bergh (DAO)
	1974	Bertram Donn (Cornell)
	1974	Philip Solomon (SUNYSB)
	1973	Oliver Schaeffer (SUNYSB)
	1972	Joseph Veverka (Cornell)
	1972	Mayo Greenberg (SUNYA)

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