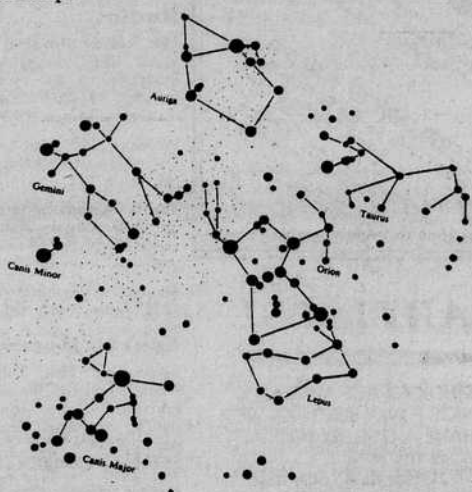


What's Happening in the Sky

February 17-24

Probably all of us have heard of the "fixed stars." These stars are those that make up the night's constellations and are so distant that their movement is imperceptible over hundreds or thousands of years. In fact, the heavenly patterns seen by the most ancient observers were virtually identical to the ones we can see on a clear night. Thus, one of the significant things about the "fixed stars" is their connection to the past: we can respond to the same stellar environment as did our ancestors and compare our impressions with theirs. In another respect, the "fixed stars" also have a deep significance for the future. This is because the constellations we can see from Earth are the same ones visible beyond Neptune and Pluto, literally billions of miles from our planet. What this suggests is that, if you learn the brightest stars found in our skies, you will be able to orientate yourself in the cosmos when engaged in space-travel. Should our species survive, the "unchanging" stellar patterns may very well be a vital component in our heavenly future, just as they were in our ancestors' heavenly past.

Over the past few weeks, I've introduced most of the constellations of the Winter evening sky. This week, the map contains all of these patterns, which may be seen over Spencer's Butte (due south) at 8:30 pm. This scene might best be comprehended by imagining it as a sky drama: that is, while Orion is battling Taurus, the Bull, the large dog, Canis Major, is chasing Lepus, the hare. Just as the dog is not helping Orion, so the Twins (Gemini) are merely standing and watching Orion's struggle. Meanwhile, above them all resides the steadfast figure of Auriga, who is called the "charioteer." With clear skies, a dim or red flashlight, and some time, you can learn approximately a sixth of the heavens visible over Eugene/Springfield by using this map.



If you've had trouble finding reddish Mars the past few weeks, the evening sky on Friday, Feb. 18 should give you some help. At that time, Mars will be a Moon's width above brilliantly white Venus. Note that Mars is only one-hundredth as bright as its splendid neighbor. Yellow Saturn is rising at about midnight in the southeast and will be in the southwest at sunrise, brighter than practically every star in the sky. Whitish Jupiter is also rising in the southeast about three hours after Saturn, and gleams brightly at dawn over Spencer's Butte. When you see this planet, recollect that it has a diameter of over 88,000 miles, dwarfing our own planet's 8,000 mile waistline.

This week's celestial eye-opener (taken from the book, *The Size of the Universe*): "The sun can be covered completely by an ordinary pea held at arm's length. A penny just covers the sun or moon when held at a distance of twelve feet."

—Larry Deckman

Glow-in-the-dark maps of the Heavens over Eugene/Springfield are now locally available. Forget the rain outside as you look above your bed each night and see the stars shine! The map also makes a "glowing" birthday or holiday gift. They can be purchased for \$7 from Larry Deckman or Sloan Heermance at 2740 Monroe St. in Eugene. Call 343-7166.



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Meetings

Issues, Policies and Viewpoints on Nuclear Arms Control, UO faculty experts Ron Wixman, Peter Wan, Thos. Brady, Arthur Hanhardt, Charles Schleicher, 1st Congregational Church, 23rd & Harris, 345-8741, 9:30-12:30. Free. Repeats 2/26 at 1st United Methodist Church, 1050 E 23rd.

Sports/Recreation

Womenspace Lap-a-Thon, 4th Annual. Swim or sponsor a swimmer! As many laps as you or your choice can swim in one hour. For all skill levels. All day Saturday in 5 Eugene/Springfield pools, 485-6513.

Youth Ski transportation by Sheldon Community Center. \$9 takes the youngsters aged 7-12 to Hoo Doo. Provide own ski equipment, 687-5327.

Radio

Country Music live from Gilley's, featuring Charly McClain, 11 pm, KEED.

Star Wars: C3PO and the intrepid Luke Skywalker. Episode 13 this week, in which the revolution meets Deathstar and Dart Vader gets it from the power. KWAX, 91.1 FM, 6 pm.

Blackberry Jam on KLCC at 6 pm. Twilo Scofield and Richard Crandell.

Workshops

Astrology of Relating, 1-day workshop with Rainbow Jackson, focusing on getting more in touch with our relationships ... need, strengths, goals, directions. Interpretation, gestalt, visualization, play. \$20 singles, \$30 couples. 10 am to 4 pm, 1094 Monroe, 344-0178.

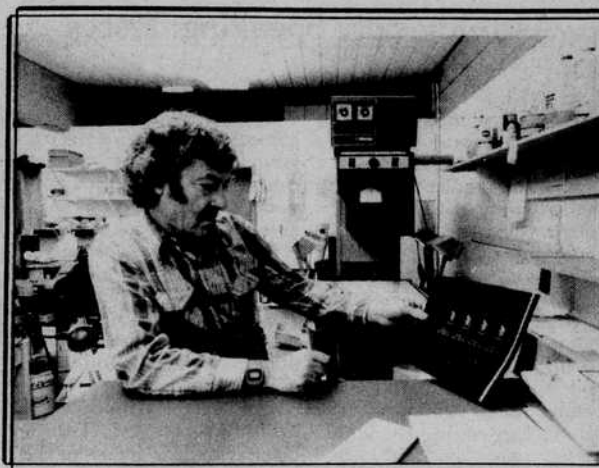
Legislative Training sponsored by Oregon Human Rights Coalition and Clients Council. 9 am, registration; 10 am, introduction/Carolyn Osborne-Sommer; 10:30, Lobbyists Workshop; 12:15, lunch; 1 pm, discussion with legislators, elected officials (including Grattan Kerans, Margie Hendrickson and Cynthia Wooten); 3:15, Educational Workshops; 5:15, dinner; 6:30, Steering Committee mtg. (everyone welcome). Continues tomorrow too. UO campus, Bean Housing Complex, Moore Section, corner of 15th and Agate.

Art

Laser Art shows: "Krypton Dynamics Vol. 1." Colorful laser light spectacle accompanied by original electronic music. Created by Lee Harris and Michael Charles. \$2 adults, 8 and 9 pm every Saturday, WISTEC, 2300 Centennial.

Concert Music

Kuamba Marimba at the WOW Hall, 9:30 pm.



Harvey Fletcher of Eugene Copy Center

Harvey Fletcher, owner-operator of Eugene Copy Center at 410 E. 11th Ave., moved to Eugene the Saturday before Halloween in 1978. Hailing from the Southwest, he can't easily say why he likes Eugene, "but it's the only place I can imagine spending the rest of my life," he adds thoughtfully. Harvey once thought he wanted to live in a small town, "but that wasn't true!", adding that "Eugene has no drawbacks." Thinking back to that first fall, Harvey recalls that the streets and sidewalks were covered with maple leaves, and a childhood-like fantasy resonated inside him, "as if Huck Finn or Tom Sawyer might pass me on the street."

Opening the Eugene Copy Center in early 1981 was the realization of a life-long dream: to own his own small business. He didn't start his business just to make money or to compete with existing businesses. Having known Harvey since he opened his shop, I'm convinced he just likes people. He doesn't understand everyone, he admits, "but I don't dislike anyone for not understanding them."

Although the shop has the latest in photocopy equipment, it's primarily a print shop. Whether it's with business cards and letterheads, photo copy reductions, binding, or self-serve copies at 5 cents, Harvey and his able assistant Cyd Currell aim to please. Patrons at Eugene Copy Center express appreciation for the friendly and personalized service they receive—even on the self-serve Minolta copies.

Harvey feels that he owes the community something for being allowed to own and operate his own business. This is evidenced by more than heartfelt service and appreciation. Fair prices are augmented by discounts and donations to varied church and community organizations. What's Happening has received much support and assistance from Cyd and Harvey. Harvey assures me that although the business is at a break-even point, he never wants to become so busy that he can't take time with people.

Harvey attends the Unitarian Church, the Winners' Circle Breakfast Club, and used to attend Parents Without Partners where he met his wife Anita 2 years ago. Anita works nights for the postal service, and although the extra income helps pay the rent, "it alters our love life some," Harvey laments.

Have your printing and copying needs met with a smile. Visit Harvey and Cyd at the Eugene Copy Center, 410 E. 11th Ave. near Mill St.

Dance Music

Country Dance featuring 2-step, waltzes, polka, schottishes and square dancing with Matthew Johnson calling. Refreshment and door prizes. Spencer Creek Drifters, \$2. Spencer Creek Grange, Lorane Highway at McBeth Road, 8 pm.

Marimba: Vashimba, the NW's premier Marimba band. This 8-piece band plays contemporary and traditional music. All are students of Dumisani Maraire. EMU, U of O, 8 pm. Free.

British Ska and Synthesizer oriented music. Some features: English Beat, A Flock of Seagulls, Duran Duran, Thomas Dolby. Ingenious attire preferred. \$1.50, U of O, Carson Dining Room, 8:30 pm.

Gay Dance, music, food, nonalcoholic drinks. University Faculty Club, \$1.50. 9 pm, 686-3360.

Square Dance sponsored by Eugene Folklore Society, beginners and singles welcome, all dances taught. Calling by Paula Walthers, Willard School, 2855 Lincoln, Eugene, 8 pm, \$2.50 non-members.

Learn Folk Dancing, Les and Linda Berg teach at Laurelwood, 8 pm, dance an dparty starts at 9:30 pm, \$4 non-members, \$2.50 members. Sponsored by NETWORK.

The Open Your Heart Ball, a benefit dance for Bright Wings Cancer Support Center with the 17-piece Eugene Stage Band (big band sound). 2550 Portland, Temple Beth Israel, 9 pm. Proceeds to a cancer telephone hotline. No price listed.

Kutamba, dance to the sound of African marimbas. All ages welcome, wheelchair accessible, beer/wine downstairs. WOW Hall, 8th and Lincoln, \$3.50. No time listed.