

QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY ASTRONOMY CLUB NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING:

date: 26 February (~~Monday~~) (Tuesday), 1974.

Time: 8:30 p.m.

Place: Ellis Hall, Room 323. 2I9

Agenda: Two films from the National Film Board will be shown. The first is entitled, "What on Earth" (guaranteed to give you a laugh a minute (9 1/2 laughs)) and the second is called "Auroral Rocket"(more serious). Both films are in colour.

Get A Load Of This One!

A few weeks ago while I was walking down Princess St. I was unfortunate to have come across the so-called "Children of God, 1973" whose disciples were handing out free copies of a pamphlet entitled "The Comet Comes!.. Chaos Reigns!" which was written by a certain Moses David, Hmmmmmm, sound fishy already? Of course a donation was suggested to cover the costs of printing and postage. Unfortunately for them I had consulted my Horoscope for the day (I'm Aquarius, how about you?) and I was advised ~~not~~ not to give donations to anyone to cover the costs of printing and postage for a pamphlet! No, seriously folks, this pamphlet does exist- I'll even bring it to the meeting so we can all have a good laugh to augment "What on Earth".

The author of this pamphlet would like us to believe that, by summarizing the recent works of other doomsday prophets, Comet Kohoutek has had terrible effects on the Earth such as floods, droughts, wars, famine, storms, earthquakes; deaths, disgrace and the fall of world leaders; the watergate scandal, the Lambton affair; dethronements, assassinations; economic chaos in the form of economic recession, unemployment, poverty, privation and destitution. "But is that all?" you ask. No, Moses David has just begun to outline the effects of Comet Kohoutek!

Please don't misunderstand me. I am not saying that none of these calamitous events occurred. It is just that it will take more than one pamphlet to convince me that poor old Comet Kohoutek is responsible for all of this. If you have been able to prevent yourself from falling to the floor in a fit of laughter then you may read that a Dr. J.A.M. walker predicted that a war this year involving America will kill 1/2 of the U.S.S.R. Then China will occupy it until 1992.

It is foolhardy to try and explain political events by natural phenomena, especially astronomical. As for me, I believe that † The Great Pumpkin in the sky is responsible for all of this!

Geoffrey Wyght.

Please note the room change for the next meeting. It will be held in Room 2I9 On March 26, 1974 (Tuesday) Dr. R.N. Henriksen of the Physics Dept. at Queen's will deliver a lecture entitled "Physics and Cosmology: By Their Constants Ye Shall Know Them" at our R.A.S.C.-Q.U.A.C. meeting at Ellis Hall at 8:30 p.m.