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SCIENCE NOTES

National Astronomy Exposition at Wisconsin Meeting

Universe '92, the first-ever national astronomy exposition, will be the principal weekend event at the 104th Annual Meeting of the non-profit Astronomical Society of the Pacific, to be held at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, June 20-25, 1992.

The exposition will feature several rooms of exhibits and demonstrations of astronomical instruments, software, publications, observing aids, gifts and organizations, as well as two days of talks and seminars on new developments in astronomy and ways to get involved in astronomy as a hobby. On Saturday evening, local amateur groups will hold a star party and observing session. The program is cosponsored by *Astronomy* magazine, the world's largest publication on the exploration of the universe.

Speakers already confirmed for *Universe* '92 include Dr. William Kaufmann on black holes and warped spacetime, Dr. Vera Rubin on dark matter and the structure of the universe, Dr. Eric Chaisson on the Hubble Space Telescope, and Alan Dyer on astronomy for hobbyists. The exposition is cosponsored by all the major national amateur astronomy groups in the country, Chicago's Adler Planetarium and the Young Astronauts' Council.

Following the exposition, the Society's meeting will feature tours of Yerkes Observatory, site of the world's largest refracting telescope, a credit workshop on teaching astronomy in grades 3-12, a scientific symposium and papers sessions on astronomy education and the history of astronomy.

For more information on programs, lodging, travel and registration, contact Meeting Dept., A.S.P., 390 Ashton Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112, ph. (415) 337-1100.

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-J.M.H.