

## **E-Cassiopeia Editor's Report (January - June 2004)**

E-Cassiopeia continues to flourish thanks to the faithful attention of a number of regular contributors. The "News" and "Reports" section are always well represented which suggests that E-Cass is serving at least one of its intended purposes. Another area which has grown over the past several years is the "In the Classroom" section. A perennial problem, however, is to secure feature articles and the editor covets any wisdom that the executive has on how to increase submissions in this vital area.

Although E-Cass appears to be "running smoothly", it is perhaps time for the executive to re-assess whether E-Cass, in its present form, is serving the needs of the entire community. One group that I see left out in a rather significant way is graduate students. Although it has been a "goal" for the past year, I have yet to actually create a niche for graduate student items. (At the present time the only systematic item dealing with grad students issue would be "thesis abstracts" but this is irregular and primarily from one institution.) Another initiative that I would like to see is a bit more regional representation - perhaps regular contributions from astronomy departments in the west, central, Quebec and Maritimes. These are just some ideas and items that perhaps the executive could consider and assist in devising strategies for implementation. It may also be time for the executive to consider polling the membership to assess level of satisfaction with E-Cass in its present form. (I have one very faithful reader who always corrects my French misspelling! I sometimes fear I am a major threat to national unity!)

The previous comments are only intended to engender discussion. Of course – "if it ain't broke don't fix it" may apply but I can see a few ways to improve the publication. The forthcoming issue will be the 17<sup>th</sup> for the current editor. I am still very happy to serve the community in this capacity and would like to personally thank many members of the current executive who have been faithful contributors and encouragers!

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