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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Greetings readers and welcome back to Cornell! After a (hopefully) restful summer, the fall semester is upon us and with it comes a variety of exciting events.

In terms of CAS, get excited for our Fall 2023 Lecture Series! Every fall, we host a lecture series where members of the Cornell astronomical community share their research with the public. In the past we have had lectures on topics spanning from exoplanets to gravitational wave astronomy to the future of spaceflight. The lecture series will begin in October, so keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks. Additionally, we will be hosting Carl Sagan Night, at which we will celebrate the life and achievements of the beloved astronomer and Cornell professor Carl Sagan. The event will take place the week of his birthday, November 9th, so stay tuned for more details.

This year also presents a unique opportunity for eclipse viewing. The first eclipse will be a partial, annular eclipse and will take place next month on October 14th, 2023. When viewing this eclipse, remember to wear eclipse glasses at all times to prevent eye damage. On April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will be visible in some parts of New York. The path of totality will cross very near Ithaca (map of totality linked [here](#)), so be sure to make travel plans to see this once-in-a-lifetime occasion.

Our first full length newsletter of the semester will be released at the beginning of next month. Until then, thank you for reading and we hope to see you at the observatory!

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