

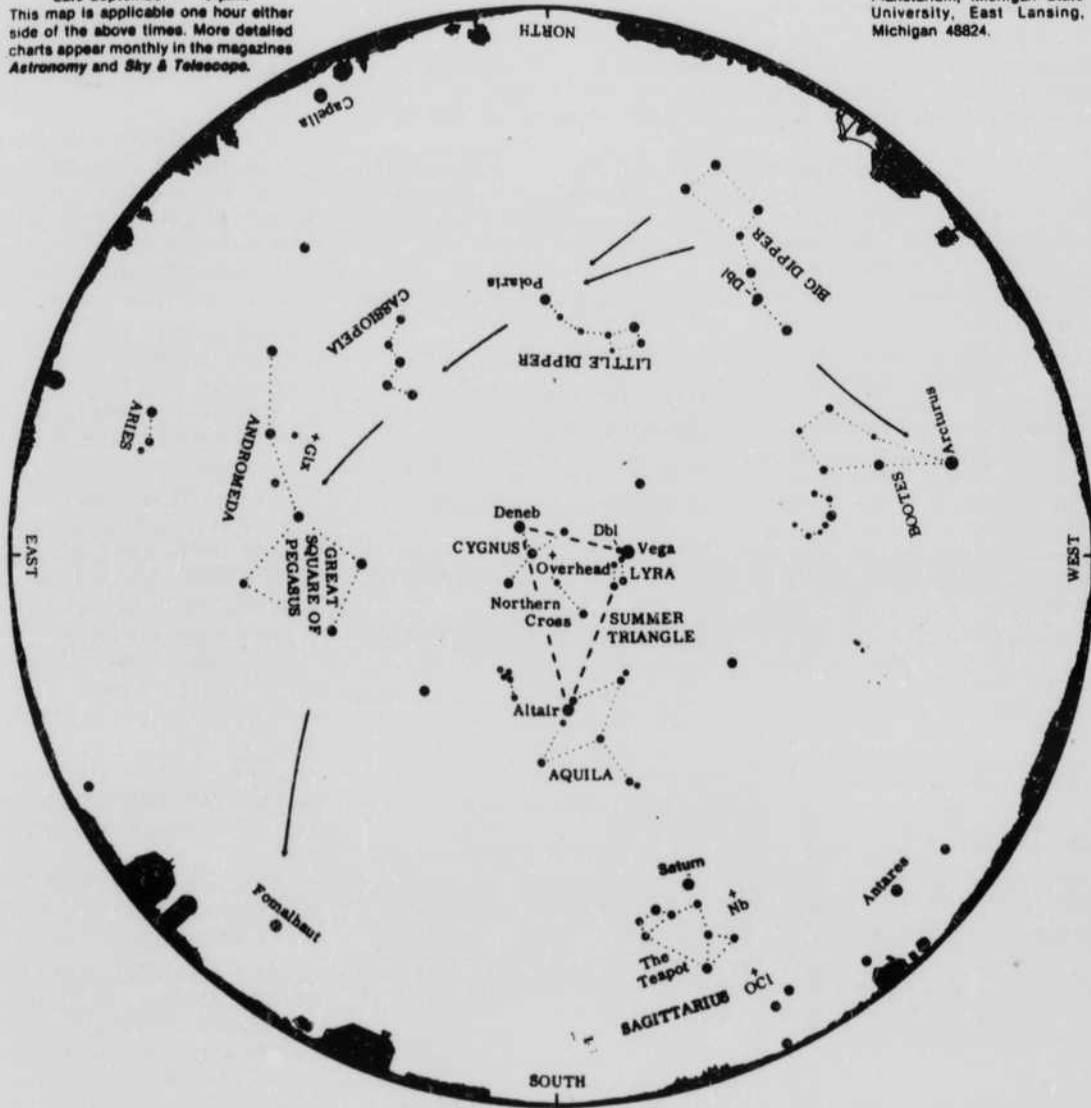
# September Evening Skies

This chart is drawn for Latitude 40° north, but should be useful to stargazers throughout the continental United States. It represents the sky at the following local daylight times:

- Late August 11 p.m.
- Early September 10 p.m.
- Late September 9 p.m.

This map is applicable one hour either side of the above times. More detailed charts appear monthly in the magazines *Astronomy* and *Sky & Telescope*.

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The planet Saturn is plotted for mid-September, 1989. At chart time 8 objects of first magnitude or brighter are visible. In order of brightness they are: Arcturus, Vega, Capella, Saturn, Altair, Antares, Fomalhaut, and Deneb. In addition to stars, other objects that should be visible to the unaided eye are labeled on the

map. The double star (Dbl) at the bend of the handle of the Big Dipper is easily detected. Much more difficult is the double star near Vega in Lyra. An open or galactic cluster (OC) located below Sagittarius, low in the southwest, will challenge the unaided eye. Nearby, marked (Nb) above the "spout" of the

"Teapot," is the Lagoon Nebula, a cloud of gas and dust out of which stars are forming. The position of an external star system, called the Andromeda Galaxy after the constellation in which it appears, is also indicated (Glx). Try to observe these objects with unaided eye and binoculars.

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Awareness and interest about astronomy is rising but the volunteers want to make sure people get the most up-to-date information, Dunn said.

Saturday night's observations were chosen to illustrate the massive differences in distance between what can be viewed by the observatory's three telescopes. The

telescopes were focused on Saturn, two light hours away; the double star system, 400 light years away and the light from the ring nebula traveling thousands of light years before it reaches the Earth, Dunn said.

"We want to help the public by telling them when and where to look for interesting objects," Dunn said.

## Hyde offers information

By **Connie L. Sheehan**  
Staff Reporter

From September through May, the Hyde Memorial Observatory, located in Holmes Park, is open from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday. The June through August summer hours run from sundown to 11 p.m. Admission is free.

The observatory provides three permanently mounted telescopes for viewing. While two of the telescopes were commercially built, the third telescope was designed and built by members of the Prairie

Astronomy Club of Lincoln. A movable roof, mounted on rails, covers the observing area. Rolling the roof aside exposes the observation area to the evening sky. Appropriate clothing and insect repellent may be needed since the observation area is open to the outside.

Monthly constellation charts, lists of special objects for viewing and fact sheets are available in the lecture area. Visitors also can view video presentations. Moon maps, postcard sets, solar-system charts and star locator kits may be purchased from observatory attendants.

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