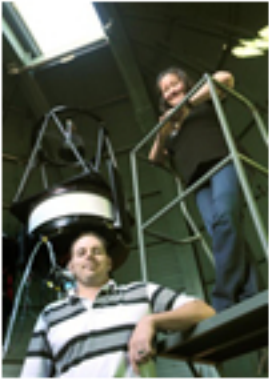# In the news

On the hunt for alien moons

As sunset settles into dusk in Flagstaff skies, a pair of thickly gloved hands labors to crank an ancient, cold, steel gear. The slit in the dome at Northern Arizona University's Atmospheric Research Observatory slowly opens for another night. A beautiful purple and orange horizon is revealed above the treetops of the campus, but even in a city with 288 days of sunshine every year, these overcast skies don't bode well for astronomy. "This is all a bit iffy because of the clouds," says senior NAU astronomy major Arron Shiffer. "You can still see some sky over there, though."

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Bringing the stars closer to home

Northern Arizona University is bringing the stars, nebular galaxies, planets and the moon closer than ever before with the newly installed Barry L. Lutz Telescope for Educational Advancement and Training. Designed and constructed in Flagstaff by RC Optical Systems, the Lutz is a Carbon-Truss 20-inch Ritchey-Chretien telescope of very high quality with mirrors that are polished at an atomic scale, said Morgan Conklin of RC Optical Systems. And with an estimated price tag of $100,000, it did not come easy.

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Stellar new telescope modernizes NAU's campus observatory

A new telescope at Northern Arizona University is bringing the heavens closer to campus and the northern Arizona community. The Department of Physics and Astronomy has a new 20-inch telescope equipped with a digital camera system that can transport high-quality digital images from the cosmos to students, researchers and the public. "The new telescope increases opportunities for scientific inquiry and public outreach and offers the best stargazing experience possible," said David Cornelison, chair of the physics and astronomy department.

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