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Jeremy Mould Selected as NOAO Director
William Smith, President of AURA, announces the selection of Jeremy Mould as the next NOAO Director. Dr. Mould writes that he is excited to be leading NOAO to realize the vision of the McKee-Taylor Decadal Survey. [Page 7]

Observing Proposals Due 31 March
Information is given for observing proposals for facilities available through NOAO—Gemini North and South, CTIO, KPNO, and NSF-sponsored time on the MMT and HET. [Page 17]

Site Survey Begins for the GSMT
AURA has established a site survey team as part of the conceptual design work on the Giant Segmented Mirror Telescope being carried out by its New Initiatives Office. The site survey team reports on their first trip to the Atacama Desert in northern Chile. [Page 23]

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Jeremy Mould, new NOAO Director
Jeremy Mould has been selected as the next director of the National Optical Astronomy Observatory. Formerly a staff member of KPNO, he has been a user of NOAO facilities over the past 25 years.

Dr. Mould comes to NOAO from the Australian National University, where he was the Director of Mount Stromlo and Siding Spring Observatories. He was one of the leaders of the team for the HST Key Project on the extragalactic distance scale.

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Users’ Committe Report and new DST Spectropolarimeter
The NSO Users’ Committee praised the NSO staff for the remarkable progress on projects that benefit the user community. [Page 51] One of these is a collaboration between HAO and NSO for a new spectropolarimeter for the Dunn Solar Telescope, to replace the HAO/NSO Advanced Stokes Polarimeter which has been one of the most successful instruments on the telescope over the past decade. [Page 52]