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MEMORANDUM

To: All ARO Personnel
From: Thomas Folkers
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Subject: **Telescope Network and Computer Resources**

The computer networks connected to the telescopes are bandwidth limited and thus represent a finite, shared resource and must be used with care so as to not impact with normal everyday operation and observing. Recent complaints about network performance and the obligatory rebooting of some of the main control computers have only served as a reminder of just how limited some of our resources are.

It is ARO policy that the computers and all associated equipment, including networking, disk drives, monitors etc, at both telescopes are there for the sole purpose of acquiring and analyzing astronomical data. Any uses that do not support these endeavors are strictly forbidden.

Any application run on the control computers must be directly associated with the operation of the telescope.

It would be impossible to list all acceptable applications, but common sense would go a long way toward guiding our actions. Some activities are simply not permissible. These include, but are not limited to:

- Hosting a Non ARO web site, Blog or IRC server.
- Conducting any type of personal enterprise.
- Hosting a peer-to-peer 'file sharing' server, such as *Napster*, *Kazaa*, *Gnutella* or *Bit-Torrent*.
- Uploading large files not associated with ARO observing or operations.
- Any activity that consumes unusual amounts of network bandwidth, CPU cycles and/or disk space.
- Allowing unauthorized individuals access to ARO computing resources, including, but not limited to computers accounts, networks, routers and file-servers.

Personal laptops are allowed as long as they do not impact the observatory in any way or violate the above restrictions.

Please refer to the University of Arizona Computer Use policy located at:
http://policy.web.arizona.edu/acceptable_use.pdf. Ref: section IV, part 4.

Anyone knowingly violating these policies risks disciplinary action up to and including discharge.

Thomas Folkers

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