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Dear 87:010 Student,

Welcome to "Astronomy." You're seated in one of the newer lecture halls on the UNI campus. Please notice some special features of the room: the locations of two exits (in case we have to leave it a little more rapidly than usual for any reason!), the removable seats for wheelchairs, the row of left-handed seats--to be used if you're left-handed as I am, or to be avoided if you're not . . .

I've never gotten a good feel for what the acoustics are like in Latham 125. For this reason, and in consideration of others around you, I'd appreciate you keeping as quiet as possible during the lecture so that my voice can reach everybody. If you have a question during the class, please ask me instead of whispering to a neighbor. I admit that I'm easily distracted and that I have good ears!

Just as I'll interrupt you if I can hear you, please let me know if you can't hear me. I'm more than happy to repeat myself, and telling me now is much more useful than telling me later.

I've been asked to remind you that no food or drink is permitted LAT 125, in order to preserve the furnishings. If you're chewing something, that's fine--just so that it stays in your mouth!

Please don't rest your feet on the back of the seat in front of you. If you do, a nice man has to come in at night to clean off footprints. I'm sure he'd rather spend the time with his family.

You'll notice that there is comparatively little you will be directed ("forced") to do in this course. However, those who prepare for evaluation (exams, etc.) by merely doing that which is required, are almost certain to do poorly. "Ain't adulthood great?" ☺

My office is just down the hall. Stop by sometime to say "hi." Meanwhile, I hope you enjoy starting out 2005 with "Astronomy."

Spring 2007 AT A GLANCE: **Bold** print refers to *Astronomy: Guidebook: University of Northern Iowa*--your white, bound "master guide" to the course. (It accompanies your textbook.) Use the three-letter code to look up text reading pages.

F January	12	<b>INT</b> (e. g., page 27)
M January	15	[Holiday - no class]
W January	17	<b>HIS</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/early.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/early.rm</a>
F January	19	<b>KEP</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/copernicus.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/copernicus.rm</a>
M January	22	<b>SKY</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/starrysky.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/starrysky.rm</a>
W January	24	<b>ECT+</b>
F January	26	Planetarium A-G & H-N (See Course Outline)
M January	29	<b>SEA</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/seasons.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/seasons.rm</a>
W January	31	<b>ASP</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/lunar_aspects.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/lunar_aspects.rm</a>
F February	2	Planetarium O-Z (See Course Outline)
M February	5	<b>ECS</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/eclipse.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/eclipse.rm</a>
W February	7	"Etc." (See page 6)
F February	9	Exam I (See page 8)
M February	12	<b>LGT</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/light.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/light.rm</a>
W February	14	<b>TEL</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/telescope.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/telescope.rm</a>
F February	16	<b>OVR</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/intro_solar_system.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/intro_solar_system.rm</a>
M February	19	<b>SIZ+</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/luna_the_moon.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/luna_the_moon.rm</a>
W February	21	<b>M&amp;M</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/the_planet_venus.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/the_planet_venus.rm</a>
F February	23	<b>E&amp;V</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/the_earth.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/the_earth.rm</a>
M February	26	<b>MAR</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/ThePlanetMars.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/ThePlanetMars.rm</a>
W February	28	<b>OID</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/Oids_Impacts.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/Oids_Impacts.rm</a>
F March	2	"Etc."
M March	5	EXAM II
W March	7	<b>JUP</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/planet_jupiter.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/planet_jupiter.rm</a>
F March	9	<b>OUT</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/OuterSolarSystem.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/OuterSolarSystem.rm</a>
M March	12	SPRING BREAK
W March	14	SPRING BREAK
F March	16	SPRING BREAK
M March	19	<b>ICY</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/icy_satellites.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/icy_satellites.rm</a>
W March	21	<b>PLU</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/pluto.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/pluto.rm</a>
F March	23	<b>COM</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/Comets.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/Comets.rm</a>
M March	26	<b>SPC</b>
W March	28	<b>SUN</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/thesun.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/thesun.rm</a>
F March	30	<b>DIS+</b>
M April	2	<b>STA</b> <a href="http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/stars.rm">http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/stars.rm</a>
W April	4	"Etc."
F April	6	EXAM III
M April	9	<b>HRD+</b>
W April	11	<b>LIV</b>
F April	13	[Earth Science Update Conference - no class]
M April	16	<b>DIE</b>
W April	18	<b>WAY</b>
F April	20	<b>GAL</b>
M April	23	<b>CML</b>
W April	25	<b>CMG</b>
F April	27	"Etc."
Finals Week		Exam IV . . . At this time you may wish to calculate your own grade, even before they are mailed out. Do so by following the instructions in your Syllabus; <i>don't</i> simply add up the arbitrary number of "points."

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