

Shapley more than anyone else has been the one to encourage me in nearly all my undertakings since 1929, even after my departure from Harvard.

FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE AT MMO

ON THE DAY OF MY RETIREMENT from the Maria Mitchell Observatory in 1978, President Alfred Bornemann of the Maria Mitchell Association announced that there had been a fund drive to assure at least part of the salaries of the summer students. \$16,000 had been raised. As we had always had to solicit government or other funds for supporting the students, this was a very much appreciated announcement. One student a year would be awarded employment under this fund and she would be named the *Dorrit Hoffleit Assistant* at the Observatory.

TWO HONORARY DOCTOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES

THE LARGEST COLLEGE FOR WOMEN, Smith College at Northampton Massachusetts, founded in 1875, conferred the degree D.Sc. upon me in 1984. In my Maria Mitchell Observatory program I had employed eight undergraduates from Smith College through 1978, the year of my retirement. The citation by President Jill Conway reads in part,

It has been said of you that you always placed the efforts of your students ahead of your own research, and the number of outstanding women scientists whose careers you influenced is a living legacy of your power as a role model.

The second honorary D.Sc. I received from Central Connecticut State University. This was a most unusual occasion: a Commencement exclusively for me on October 20, 1998. Among the dignitaries participating in the ceremonies (as well as the only woman thus participating) was CCSU Professor Kristine Larsen, also a member of the AAVSO, who prepared and read the citation, describing my career, beginning with the following much appreciated analogy:

It is a basic tenet of stellar astronomy that those stars which burn hottest and brightest and draw the most attention to themselves also burn out the quickest, rapidly becoming nothing more than fading memories. Meanwhile, those unassuming stars which steadily shine in the background, content to diligently produce energy at a more modest pace, continue to influence the universe with their light and heat for many generations to come.

Such is the record of your long and amazingly productive career.

ANNI MIRABILES

UNBELIEVABLY, many astronomers honored my 90th birthday in 1997. The symposium—entitled *Anni Mirabiles* (Philip *et al.* 1999)—was attended by 112 people and 27 papers were presented by 36 authors or co-authors. The printed version included my bibliography of 416 papers exclusive of “Annual Reports” and “News Notes” of which I had been author or co-author. Since its publication I have