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RESOLUTION

concerning

GIFT FOR WESTERN CONNECTICUT STATE COLLEGE

September 3, 1976

- WHEREAS, Mr. Earle B. Brown of Ridgefield, Connecticut, the nationally known author of the Modern Optics, has donated a 16-inch telescope mirror to Western Connecticut State College, and
- WHEREAS, This instrument will improve the quality of education for students and will enable the College to provide new educational opportunities for school children and the other citizens of the community, and
- WHEREAS, It will be a useful research tool for faculty scholars, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State Colleges accepts this gift and requests the Executive Secretary to convey its appreciation to Mr. Earle B. Brown for his thoughtfulness and generosity.

A Certified True Copy:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James A. Frost".

 James A. Frost
Executive Secretary

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July 28, 1976

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Dr. Phillip K. Lu
53 Garella Road
Bethel, CT 06801

Dear Phil:

State College procedures indicate that I should notify the Board of Trustees of the gift of the 16-inch telescope mirror so that they may officially accept this gift. This process, due to the summer vacations, etc., should be resolved by September.

In the meantime, I wish to congratulate you on your achievement and request that you notify Mr. Brown of our thanks and of the pending action of the Board.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Bersi
President

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July 15, 1976

Dr. Robert Bersi, President
Western Connecticut State College
Danbury, Connecticut 06810

Dear Dr. Bersi:

Mr. Earle B. Brown of Ridgefield, Connecticut, a renowned author of the "Modern Optics" has formally donated a 16-inch telescope mirror to our college. I consider this as a most generous action to the cause of education that the college should receive it with gratitude. Since it is inappropriate for me in acknowledging the gift, please inform the proper authority to make the acceptance.

A new addition of a larger telescope would not only greatly extend the capability for the community involvement but also tremendously enrich the opportunity for the students both in exercise and in research.

Very recently, I have contacted a few executive personnel in Perking-Elmer Corporation in soliciting more material and techniques help to construct the telescope and an observatory (maybe this could be a new landmark of the Western Connecticut's new campus). The reactions were all encouraging and enthusiastic. I will report to you the progress.

Furthermore, plans are under consideration to acquire some financial support from both NSF and other local corporations.

Sincerely,

Phillip K. Lu

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cc: Mr. Earle B. Brown

EARLE B. BROWN

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Prof. Philip Lu
Western Connecticut State College
White Street
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Dear Prof. Lu:

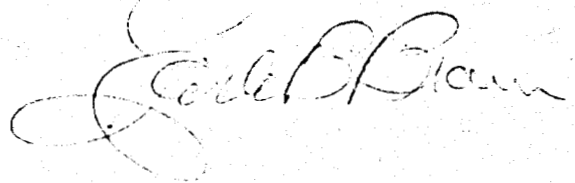
For a number of years, I have had in my possession a 16-inch telescope mirror, which was given to me by Mr. Frank R. Varela, of Teaneck, N. J., at the time of his retirement. His instructions were for me to see that it got into the hands of someone who would make appropriate use of it.

It has come to my attention that you have some hopes of having an observatory with an instrument of moderate size; accordingly, I would be pleased to donate this mirror for such a purpose.

It is 16 inches in diameter, ground and polished to a sphere at a focal length of approximately 64 inches. It is solid Pyrex, 4 inches thick, and has a 2 1/2 inch central hole.

Please let me know your reaction.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Earle B. Brown". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Earle B. Brown".