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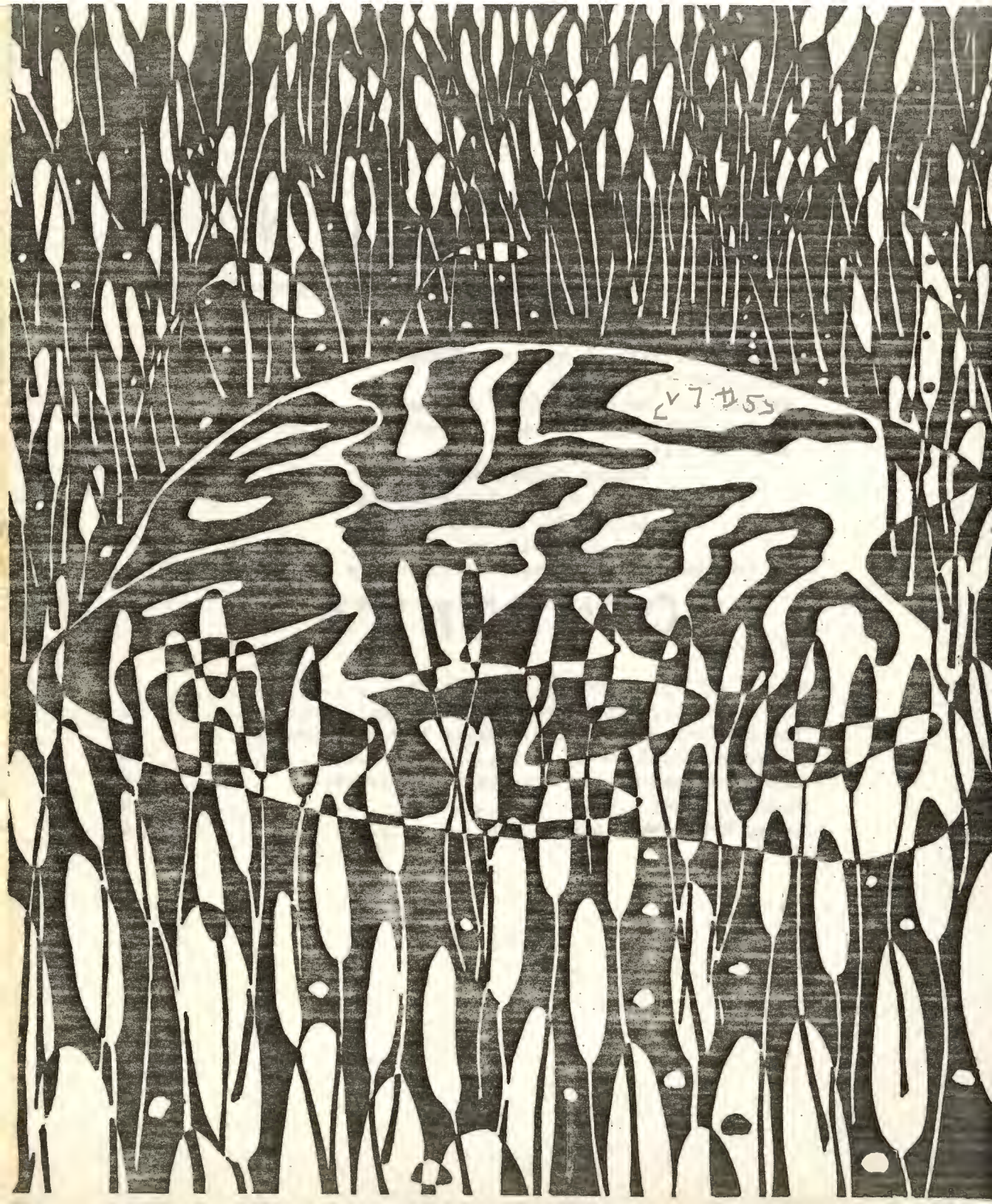
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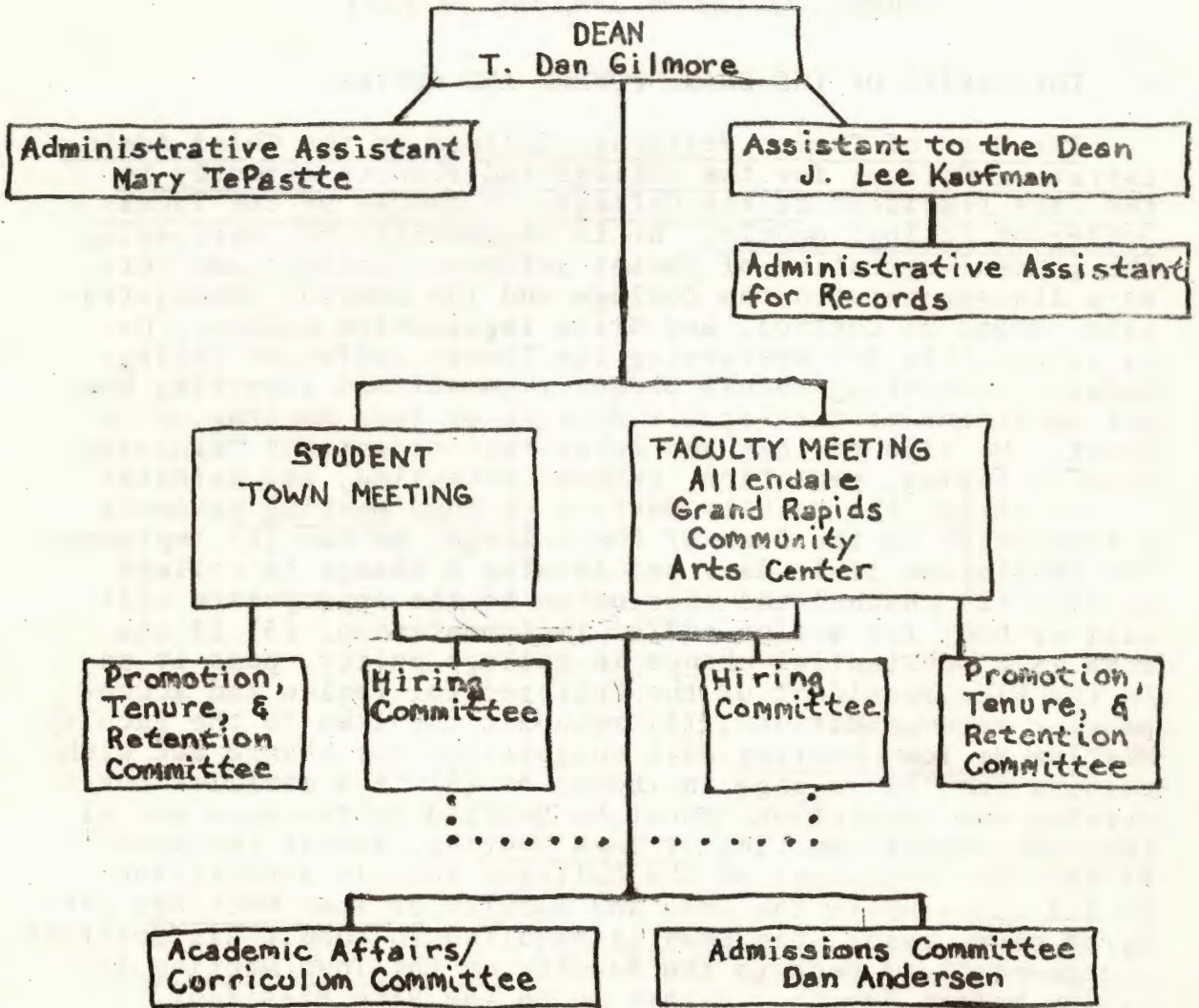
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# PART I

## PRELIMINARY DRAFT

### ORGANIZATIONAL SCHEME THOMAS JEFFERSON COLLEGE 1973/74

#### A. THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN: POWERS AND DUTIES

The Dean of Thomas Jefferson College is the Chief Administrative Officer for the college and reports directly to the Vice President of the Colleges in charge of the Thomas Jefferson College module. He is responsible for overseeing the general operation of Thomas Jefferson College and acts as a liaison between the college and the central administration, Board of Control, and State legislative bodies. He is responsible for overseeing the Thomas Jefferson College budget, submitting annual budget requests and reporting budget decisions to the Faculty Meeting or Town Meeting on request. He also reviews and makes recommendations regarding faculty hiring, promotion, tenure, retention, and salaries.

If either the Faculty Meeting or Town Meeting presents a resolution to the Dean of the College, he can (1) implement the resolution if it does not involve a change in college policy; (2) channel the resolution to the appropriate official or body for action and/or implementation; (3) if the item is a substantial change in college policy, pass it on to the Vice President of the Colleges for review and accompanying recommendations; (4) resubmit the item to the Faculty Meeting or Town Meeting with suggestions for change and with reasons for that change included; or (5) if a conflict concerning the resolution cannot be settled by the Dean and either the Faculty Meeting or Town Meeting, submit the item to the Vice President of the Colleges for his arbitration. In all cases where the Dean and Faculty or Town Meetings disagree on an issue, the Dean is required to submit his contrary recommendations back to the Faculty or the Town Meeting for review before forwarding them on to the Vice President.

#### B. ASSISTANT TO THE DEAN

The Assistant to the Dean is responsible for scheduling

and publishing fall, winter, spring, and summer course offerings; overseeing registration for each term; and insuring maintenance of records of student progress. At the beginning of each quarter he shall report to the Faculty Meeting those students who are subject to dismissal procedures. He is also responsible for conducting continuing internal self-evaluation research for TJC as a whole. He shall insure maintenance of the permanent records of all minutes of official meetings for all TJC committees.

### C. ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Thomas Jefferson College Admissions Committee reports directly to the President of Grand Valley State Colleges or his designate. The Admissions Committee has responsibility in three areas: (1) Policy recommendations; (2) Consideration of applicants; and (3) Appeals. The Committee consists of two faculty and two students and the Director of Admissions at GVSC or his designate. The Dean of Thomas Jefferson College is an ex-officio, non-voting member of the committee. The Town Meeting elects the students on the committee, and the Faculty Meeting elects the faculty members on the committee. The tenure of the faculty members of the Thomas Jefferson College Admissions Committee is three years with staggered terms.

The committee has primary responsibility for recommending admissions policy. The privilege of final decisions lodged in the President should be exercised adversely only in exceptional circumstances and for reasons communicated to the committee. The committee will carry on correspondence with applicants, interview applicants, make final decisions on admissions, establish and carry out TJC recruiting programs in collaboration with the Admissions Office; develop and carry out public relations programs in collaboration with the Public Relations Office, and make weekly admissions reports to the faculty and students of TJC.

## PART II NEXT ISSUE





# FIZZLE IN THE LAKE

Anyone who has hung out very much at the beach has probably seen the predicament one can get oneself into while pushing a boat out from a dock. That is, by keeping one foot in the boat and one foot on the dock, one can quickly become stranded, teetering in the middle, legs spread so far that it is impossible to jump either to the boat or to the dock without falling in the drink.

Having fixed this image in our minds, let us take it as a metaphor, with characters thus: the land and the dock -- traditional restricting education; the boat potentially drifting in the water -- a free education; and the man in the middle, with one foot on each -- Thomas Jefferson.

But why, someone might ask, do we have Thomas Jefferson with one foot in each? Why not just put him in the boat and cast off?

We would no doubt be better off if we could do this. But the sad fact is that Thomas Jefferson does still have one foot planted firmly with the land. While hoping to leave the restrictive accoutrements behind, he has instead, possibly because of a certain lack of boldness (which is understandable in a state-supported school), kept hold of such things as terms, credits, degrees, etc. This hold probably seemed like security at first, but as the boat has slipped from the dock it has led instead to unbalance, unsteadiness, and the potential for taking a bath.

So, as Thomas Jefferson stands wobbling in the middle, all of us students have been running down the dock and jumping into the boat, there to sit grinning like silly asses, thinking ourselves free because we can feel the gentle swell of the water beneath us as we travel about three feet out into the lake of academic, intellectual, and aesthetic freedom.

And still Thomas Jefferson is caught like a wishbone between the dock and the boat, with the more radical elements of each pulling on him hoping to get their wish, when in truth when the wishbone breaks it will not go one way or the other, but will be split right up the balls, winding up impotent.

So what should we students in the boat do? It is doubtful that Mr. Jefferson will let go of those dock foundations

mentioned above. (It is much easier to jump clean right away than it is to wind up in the boat after getting caught in the middle.) Barring this happy but unlikely development, we students probably ought to help the situation to its more likely conclusion; that is, we should push Thomas Jefferson into the drink and sail off alone, free to do as we please. (If some of the faculty wish to get -- or stay -- in the boat, that would of course be finer yet.)



Paul Johnston



# THE ESOTERIC GENERATION



Ten years ago Ouspensky and Gurdjieff were hardly known in the United States, and one had to buy heavy hardbound books, some ordered from England. But now esoteric lore of all sorts is the IN thing.

It has been refreshing to watch the esoteric cultural revolution form up over this past decade. As a participant in it, I witnessed many Ouspensky-Gurdjieff books come out in paperback. And Idries Shah has edited scads of Sufi sayings. You know that Gurdjieff was taught by Sufis?

Are mystics the younger generation's heroes? "High" experiences might be the drawing-card of many to mysticism, but I feel the youth calling out for a sense of commitment to existential values and often a desire to serve humanity. The young are now feeling that need, responding to a necessity to research spiritual values now. A grace comes into our lives -- TJC is a haven for such research!

How richly we're trying to get it all together! Rumi, great Sufi poet, blamed scholars for arguing about their specialties but ignoring their own selves. For it is one's self which affects one most. Blessedness resides largely in work on oneself.



Warren Marshall Edwards



# ALLENDALE FOOD CO-OP RE-OPENS!!



Once again the Allendale Food Co-op, a business run and managed by its members, has re-opened. Located at 10117 68<sup>th</sup> Street in Allendale, the food co-op can provide raw grains, flours, beans, oils, cheeses, nuts, seeds, dried fruit and other unprocessed earth products at fair prices. There is a minimum \$5. membership fee. Order forms are available in 165 Lake Huron Hall, Mary Te Pastle's office.



To eliminate overhead and ecological waste, people must bring their own clean bags and bottles, preferably when orders are being made. Also, the success of the co-op depends on members to pull it along; thus there is always work to be done in transportation to Ann Arbor, and to Grand Rapids, and packaging and cleaning. Meetings are held every Wednesday at 8 PM in Seidman House.

Phone 453-8550 after 12 noon (Friday PM).

# LOCAL LANDLORDS

In the past year I have moved four times, and I know that a lot of other people at TJC have also changed homes that often. I think that it would be cool if people started publicizing references of past and present places and landlords. The following are descriptions of places that I've lived in.

To begin with, beware of "Alice's Palaces." A typical ad for these places runs like this: "In Standale, near M-45, small duplex with fenced-in yard. References." The "duplexes" turn out to be pimpy apartments with 3-4 small rooms and bath. (The yard is a piece of ground 6'x6' with a fence around it.) The rooms are all heated with one space heater, so one room is hot and all the rest are freezing. Then, when the neighbors are home you find out that they share the heater and that you can hear every word they say in their living room.

If you tell the landlady that you can't afford that much money (\$144/month plus utilities plus deposit) she will offer to knock a little off the rent for some labor (doing anything from polishing handles on her cupboards to shoveling snow). Then if you decline this wonderful deal she will offer you a smaller, less-expensive place. This will turn out to be something which resembles a doll house, for which she really expects you to pay money in order to live there. When you finally move out she will charge you for every little scratch, tear, or piece of dirt that she can find and will also try to cheat you out of all of your utility deposit.

I have also lived in a farm house on 78th Avenue. It is actually a duplex; each side is rented for \$175.00. The electricity bill is around \$30.00/month (due to poor wiring) and the heat bill gets up to \$50/month (because of lousy insulation). You must also provide your own stove and refrigerator. The landlord (a Dutch-Reformed farmer) lives across the road. He is in and out of the barn next to the farm house all day so it feels as though he's always spying on you.





Another place that I've lived in is at the apartment building on 52nd Avenue. The landlord lives on the first floor but doesn't complain about much. He lets us use his water and hose for our garden. However, he is planning to charge \$150.00/month for married couples and \$200.00 for students. Also, he recently found out that the married couple who used to live here weren't really married, so he may become more suspicious. The apartments are one-year-old with a big kitchen, living room, 2 bedrooms and a bath. Heat is included in the rent; electricity is around \$8.00/month, so it's a pretty nice deal.



Carole Schwetz



The alarm rang. Monday.

Rising slowly...too early. Nearly three years. But the work's there. Waiting. Someone has to do it. Need the money. Looking in the mirror.

At least it's not boring. Not the work, that is: typing and filing. But the where. The house. Now dressing.

Town's old East end. Wide lawns. Trees. Nice places. Big and funny looking. Last swallow of coffee. The bus.

The ride through town. Too far. Should have found a closer job. Oh well. Pays good anyway.

Oh yes. The job. Easy. Fabric Import Company. Keep the records tight. In order.

Now Moore, he's some kind. Loaded. Out of his ears. I should know. Not complaining, mind you. He's good to me--pays good.

But strange. Never have seen him. Just letters. Letter and key on door first. Me, like a robber. Now notes. Always on my desk. Just like the first one said it would be.

Know him anyway. Figure: old foreign stuff. All around. He's travelled. No phone, no music. Sour. Has to be. No radio. No TV. But books -- rows. Piles. Many clothes. Mostly green. I looked. A young man's.

Lots of stuff. Lots of money. I know...(the files)

My stop, driver! Can't even stop straight. A short walk now.

The back door. My own key -- now.

Again. An envelope...

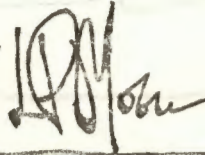
September 11, 1971

Good morning, Miss Murchin:

I trust your weekend was pleasant. Walk down to the corner of Elm and Silverstone Avenues and call the police. Tell them to contact the police of Lancaster, Massachusetts, with the instructions to go at once to the Plaza Motel, Suite 17, in Lancaster, Massachusetts.

You are a good secretary, Miss Murchin. A little nosy, but good. Enclosed is your check for this week and the next. Also, there is a bonus check for \$200. Now find another job. I'm sure you'll have no trouble. Thank you for your services.

Yours,



See what I mean? Peculiar. Oh well, Tomorrow. Another day. Another job.

Found in Suite #17, The Plaza Motel, Lancaster, Massachusetts:

September 11, 1971

Sirs:

When you arrive, I will have been dead approximately 45 minutes, providing my secretary was not late for work this morning. Take my body to the Armedia Central Hos-



pital. In their files, there is a letter written by me exactly seven years ago today, in which I have given my body, for whatever cause it may be deemed most useful to a patient/s in this hospital. I trust all instructions will be carried out explicitly.

Thank you gentlemen,

*Phillip Gore*

and in his pocket --

*It's been too long -- my son is a man*

September 11, 1965  
417 E. Elm Avenue  
Trenton OH 48777

Armedia Central Hospital  
81 Grove Street  
Lancaster, Mass. 75644

Dear Sirs:

Upon the event of my death, I will my body to your hospital. I have read more than once of the fine things you men have done there.

One week ago my wife left me, taking with her our seven-year old son. Today was his birthday. I assure you, gentlemen, I'm not about to run in front of a car. I will do my utmost to find her and my

son. But should there be a mishap in my attempts, at least my life will not have been for naught.

Signed,

*Lester Philip Moore*

Lester Philip Moore

Witnesses:

*John Schum*  
*Alan Morgan*  
*Jovan [unclear]*

PERRIN STILLS & CRESTON  
Attornies at Law

September 15, 1971  
6789 7th Avenue  
Trenton OH 48776

Lancaster Police Department  
Homicide Division  
Lancaster, Mass. 75645

Dear Sirs:

In answer to your inquiry of the death of L.P. Moore, I thought this information might be useful to you.

I have handled "Textile and Fabric Imports, Inc.", a business of Lester Philip Moore's, from its birth in 1959. This business was begun, as I recall, with funds Mr. Moore



inherited from his father. The venture was successful, as have been others since that time.

I'm afraid, though, that I don't understand your questions as to the possible whereabouts of Mr. Moore's wife and child. To my knowledge, Mr. Moore never married. While still a child, Mr. Moore was in an accident which left him incapable of having children.

If there is any other matter in which I can be of assistance, feel free to call upon me.

Yours truly,

*Samuel Perrin*  
Samuel Perrin

# COMET KOHOUTEK

- Size:* In the top ten percent of all comets. Coma may be 100,000 miles in diameter.
- Discovered:* March 23, 1973
- Last Visit:* Scientific estimation of last visit at least, if not more than, ten thousand years ago.
- Other Facts:* Is probably the comet from the deepest space yet to be discovered. It will probably come closer to the sun than any other known surviving comet (13 million miles). It will take up at least one/sixth of the sky when seen. It will peak on January 4th.

## *Observing Table*

Nov. 1-15	SE near horizon	2-3 hrs before sunrise	binoculars
Nov. 15-30	SE, at midmonth is farthest from sun	2-3 hrs before sunrise	binoculars naked eye
Dec. 1-15	SE	1-2½ hrs before sunrise	naked eye
Dec. 15-30	SE near sun	1 hr before sunrise	naked eye
Jan. 1-15	SW (rising every night)	sunset for a couple of hrs	naked eye
Jan. 15-30	high above western horizon	early evening after twilight	naked eye binoculars
Feb. 1-15	high above western horizon	evening after twilight	binoculars (still visible to eye)
Feb. 15-30	lower in western sky	evening after twilight	binoculars



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