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SUPERNOVAE 2006ak AND 2006al

Two apparent supernovae have been discovered on unfiltered CCD images: 2006ak by N. Tyurina, V. Lipunov, V. Kornilov, A. Krylov, G. Borisov, A. Belinski, D. Kuvshinov, E. Gorbovskoy, P. Gritsyk, and M. Sinitsyn (MASTER robotic telescope; cf. *IAUC* 8603); and 2006al by R. Holmes (Charleston, IL) and H. Devore (Fayetteville, NC) with a 0.40-m Schmidt-Cassegrain reflector.

SN	2006 UT	α_{2000}	δ_{2000}	Mag.	*Offset*
2006ak	Feb. 17.97	$11^{h}09^{m}32^{s}.83$	$+28^{\circ}37'50''.3$	15.8	$6''$ W, $18''$ N
2006al	Feb. 19.32	10 39 28.26	+ 5 11 00.3	16.9	$3''.1$ W, $0''.7$ S

SN 2006ak is a type-Ia supernova about a week past maximum light (cf. *CBET* 408). Additional approximate magnitudes of 2006ak: Feb. 8.99 UT, $\sim$ 17.0; 18.00, 15.8. Additional approximate magnitudes of 2006al: Jan. 26.29, [20.5; Feb. 21.24, 16.9 $\pm$ 0.3.

SUPERNOVAE 2006X AND 2006ab

Unfiltered CCD survey magnitudes by Lipunov *et al.* for SN 2006X (cf. *IAUC* 8667): Feb. 6.06 UT, 15.8; 8.96, 14.6.

D. S. Wong, J. M. Silverman, D. Pooley, and A. V. Filippenko, University of California, Berkeley, report that inspection of CCD spectra (range 330–1020 nm), obtained on Feb. 22 UT with the Shane 3-m telescope at Lick Observatory, shows that SN 2006ab (*IAUC* 8669) is of type Ic, $\sim$ 2 weeks past maximum brightness. The Ca II near-infrared triplet absorption is especially strong.

COMETS 174P/ECHECLUS AND 175P/HERGENROTHER

The Committee on Small Bodies Nomenclature has agreed to give the comet P/2000 EC_{98} (cf. *IAUC* 8656, 8660) the same name as the centaur minor planet (60558), Echeclus (cf. *MPC* 55988), which has been assigned also the permanent comet number 174P (*MPC* 55911). P/2000 C1 = P/2006 A3 (Hergenrother) has been assigned the number 175P (cf. *IAUC* 8664).

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Corrigenda. M. Bode advises us that the observation times given on *IAUC* 8675 (lines 9 and 14 of the second item, printed version) *should read* Feb. 16.00 (or 3.17 days after the reported optical outburst) and 17.86 UT.

2006 February 22 *Daniel W. E. Green*