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Photometric Analysis of Two Hilda Asteroids; 3202 Graff and 4317 Garibaldi

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Asteroids 4317 Garibaldi and 3202 Graff were studied on two nights each March 17-20, 2004, on the 42” Hall Cassegrain telescope at Lowell Observatory. Previous observations have been made for 4317 at the Calar Alto 1.2m observatory in 1994 (Dahlgren et al, 1999). However, a quality code of only 1, indicating minimal knowledge of the asteroid’s rotation period, prompted further observation. 3202 was not observed by Dahlgren et al in their study of Hilda asteroids and was not found elsewhere in the literature. Thus, little is known of 3202 beyond its orbital parameters. Photometric data were taken to yield rotational periods as well as limits to the shape of the objects. Results of the IRAF-reduced images and their subsequent photometric analysis will be presented at the conference. Support from the provost of Illinois Wesleyan University and an IWU Artistic and Scholarly Development Grant is gratefully acknowledged.