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NGC 1976, the Orion Nebula, probably the most-studied H II region in the sky. The contrast in this image, which was taken in the light of $H\alpha$, has been reduced to allow both the bright inner regions and the faint outer regions to be visible. The Trapezium is the group of four stars near the center of the nebula. The nebula to the upper left (northeast) is NGC 1982. (*John Bally, KPNO*)

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