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Public can view night sky via telescope

Summary: The public is invited to view the night sky through the 16-inch telescope located in the Science building observatory at the University of Minnesota, Morris.

(February 23, 2009)-The public is invited to view the night sky through the 16-inch telescope in the observatory at the University of Minnesota, Morris. The observatory is located in the Science building. Parking is available in the West campus parking lot. Public observing evenings (all Saturdays) during the Spring Semester are:

6:30 – 7:30 p.m. February 28 (special early event-best for kids, waxing crescent moon, Venus setting)

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. March 7 (nearly full moon)

8:30 – 9:30 p.m. (CDT) March 28 (crescent moon setting, Saturn rising, best deep sky viewing)

9 – 10 p.m. April 4 (waxing gibbous moon near Saturn)

9:30 – 10:30 p.m. April 11 (moon below horizon, best deep sky and Saturn viewing)

9:30 – 10:30 p.m. April 18 (moon below horizon, best deep sky and Saturn viewing)

10 – 11 p.m. April 25 (moon below horizon, best deep sky and Saturn viewing)

Weather-related cancellations will appear at [Telescope](#) by about 5 p.m. Observers are cautioned to dress warmly—the observatory dome is not heated.

Photo: Kristin Kearns, physics faculty, left, started the public observing program.

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