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Comet Viewing Wednesday in Atchison

(KAIR) -- Benedictine College students and Atchison-area residents will have the opportunity to view both a comet and the Andromeda Galaxy in the night sky this evening.

At 8:30, the college's Department of Physics and Astronomy has scheduled an evening observing session using two newly acquired telescopes.

The viewing will take place on the southwest side of Westerman Hall with parking available near the baseball field off of Mound Street.

The comet and galaxy are in the northwest sky and will need to be observed during the first hour or 90 minutes after 8:30, before they get too close to the horizon.

The observing session will be cancelled if the sky is cloudy that night.

If participants are uncertain whether the sky will allow observation, they can contact Dr. Baird at sbaird@benedictine.edu or by telephone at 913-360-7527.

The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Physics and Astronomy, the Benedictine College chapter of the Society of Physics Students, and the Lemaitre Astronomical Society.

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