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<u>Famous astronomer to speak</u>

at WLU, then open new

observatory at Ayr, Ont.

Helen Sawyer Hogg of Toronto, one of North America's best-known astronomers and writers on the subject, will speak Sept. 12 at Wilfrid Laurier University in a meeting free and open to the public.

Her talk, on globular star clusters, one of the more interesting phenomena observable in the sky, will be given at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium of the Frank C. Peters Building (corner Albert St. and University Ave.).

Her talk is sponsored by the K-W Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Wilfrid Laurier University and the Grand Valley Astronomers.

Her appearance here was announced by Prof. Raymond Koenig, assistant professor of physics at WLU and president of the two societies.

After her talk at the university, Dr. Hogg will officially open the observatory located on Grand Valley Astronomers's site near Ayr, Ont. This event is open to the public, too.