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Aird to be installed as chancellor  
of WLU at fall convocation, Oct. 30

The Hon. John Black Aird of Toronto will be installed as chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University at the university's fall convocation Oct. 30.

Mr. Aird will be sworn in by William H. Timmis, chairman of the WLU board of governors in the ceremony at 2:30 p.m. in the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium.

The new chancellor succeeds the Hon. Paul Martin, Canadian high commissioner to Great Britain, whose term has expired.

Mr. Aird, 54, is a former member of the Canadian Senate, distinguished lawyer and advisor to government. Since leaving the Senate in 1974 he has headed the Institute for Research on Public Policy, an independent, non-profit organization with a mandate to research matters of public policy.

Born in Toronto, Mr. Aird attended Upper Canada College, Trinity College at the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall law school. He has been senior partner in the firm of Aird, Zimmerman and Berliss since 1974.

More than 420 undergraduate and graduate students will receive their degrees at the convocation.