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Parade through downtown Waterloo

kicks off WLU's Homecoming '80

Some of Wilfrid Laurier University's more than 16,000 alumni, with student participation, will mark an old university custom Oct. 4 when Homecoming is celebrated on campus. A major event will be the official opening of Alumni Hall.

Primarily a time for socializing and renewing old friendships, Homecoming '80 at Laurier will also feature a football game and ends with a Homecoming dance and midnight buffet. The day begins with a parade.

In the spotlight all day will be the surviving members of the Class of 1930, with their wives. They are Rev. Arthur F. Buehlou of Kitchener, Rev. Walter J. Goos of Waterloo, Dr. Arthur Mehlenbacher of Port Colborne, and Dr. Lloyd Schaus, also of Waterloo and former dean of arts and science at Laurier.

Jane Ashenden, student Homecoming director, said the parade's theme will be A Salute to the Alumni.

Featuring the Kitchener drum and bugle corps and 15 floats, plus clowns, the parade will leave the WLU campus at 10 a.m. It will proceed along University avenue to Weber street, along Weber to Allen street, Allen to King street, then back along King to campus.

Alumni Hall will be opened at 11:45 a.m. by Dr. Neale H. Tayler, Laurier's president.

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The hall, formerly a residence of campus for WLU presidents, has a large reception area and a kitchen. It will be a focal point for graduates when they return to visit their alma mater.

The annual alumni meeting, at noon in the Paul Martin Centre, will see election of new executive officers. After the football game between WLU Golden Hawks and the University of Western Ontario there will be a Bavarian festival in Seagram gymnasium. The dance, at 9 p.m., is sponsored by the Lettermen's Club.