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Flag raised as steel topped off
for Laurier library 2-floor addition

A Canadian flag was raised atop the library building at Wilfrid Laurier University as the final span of steel was completed for the two-storey addition to the building this week.

Speaking at a ceremony marking the event, John Moffat of Cambridge, chairman of the board of governors, said the project was a first for the university since the construction project will be financed entirely with monies raised by the university.

Funding is coming from the WLU development fund, Excellence in the Eighties, which has raised 65 per cent of its \$6.2 million objective. The library addition will cost \$1,623,000.

The two floors will complete the library building to its planned seven-storey height and provide much-needed space for growing library holdings. Completion is set for January, 1984. The structure opened in 1965 when the university had fewer than half the present 4,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

John A. Weir, president of the university, also spoke at the ceremonies and expressed pleasure that the university's many friends, on and off campus, have supported the fund-raising program so generously in a time of considerable financial restraint.