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<u>New centre at Laurier</u>

named for John B. Aird

A building now under construction at Wilfrid Laurier University, to house the music faculty and other academic areas when it is completed in 1988, will be named for John B. Aird.

Aird, the former lieutenant-governor of Ontario, was chancellor of the university from 1977 to 1985, and is continuing as chancellor emeritus. He will also be installed Sept. 22 as chancellor of the University of Toronto.

In announcing that the building will be known as the John B. Aird Centre, Laurier's president, Dr. John A. Weir, said Aird has been "an outstanding chancellor, whose continuing role as advisor is much appreciated."

Commenting on the announcement, Aird had these words:

"The eight years that I was honored to be chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University were most rewarding. It is a well-run, productive and happy place to be." The John B. Aird Centre will cost \$9,750,000 to build and equip. In addition to music lecture rooms, an electronic music laboratory, and practice areas, it will house a 350-seat recital hall, and an art gallery. It will also incorporate an existing theatre auditorium seating 600 persons, which will be refurbished and upgraded.

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