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First Archaeology Public Lecture

Scheduled for Sept. 29 at WLU

A new series of free, public lectures on archaeology will begin Sept. 29 at Wilfrid Laurier University when Dr. Lawrence Toombs will lecture at 8 p.m. in Room 3-205 of the central teaching building.

Dr. Toombs' talk is titled Byzantine Market Place at Caesarea. Dr. Toombs has just returned from the ancient site of Caesarea Maritima in Israel where he was senior archaeologist at an international dig.

His talk will be illustrated with slides he took at the site of the ancient city, the large community built by Herod the Great, which covered 800 acres and had nearly a million inhabitants.

Interest in archaeology has been growing in recent years at the WLU campus, said Dr. Duane W. Roller, coordinator of the archaeology degree program. This year the program has 50 students taking archaeology as a major, about double the number of last year.

A new course this year, Methods and Principles in Archaeology, was intended as a basic introductory course for majors but more than 70 students enrolled--making it one of the most popular of the new offerings.