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Public seminar on aging
to be held Jan. 19 at WLU

A talk and discussion focussing on how education can assist the aging will be held Jan. 19 at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Speaker for the session, the second of three on the subject, will be led by Dr. Blossom T. Wigdor of Toronto, second vice-president of the Canadian Association on Gerontology and director of the gerontology program at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Shankar Yelaja, a professor of social work at Laurier, said eight per cent of the Canadian population is more than 65 years of age and by the year 2000 that percentage will have grown to more than 20 per cent. This shift has enormous implications for every sector of society.

The public is invited to hear Dr. Wigdor's talk at 3:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall. There is no charge. The talk is expected to appeal to older people and to those interested in gerontology (the formal title for the study of aging) in general.

The series is sponsored by Laurier's committee on gerontological studies, with the co-operation of the office of continuing education. The third lecture will be held in March.

Members of the committee are drawn from social work, sociology, psychology and the humanities--all interested in this growing area of academic study and research.