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Unusual early photographs  
on display in WLU gallery

About 30 early photographs taken by pioneer French photographer Felix Tournachon, are on display in the concourse art gallery at Wilfrid Laurier University. The show closes March 12.

The photographer, known as Nadar, began his career in 1840, not long after the dawn of photography. The excellence of his work has gained him great recognition long after his death in 1910.

Some of his subjects include Mata-Hari, the great First World War spy in a daring, nearly nude study, plus actress Sarah Bernhardt, and great many views that show the city of Paris as it was at the turn of the century and before. One picture shows construction of the Paris underground.

The show was described by the university's information director, Richard K. Taylor, as "one of the most interesting and unusual I've seen." It was arranged by the university's cultural affairs committee in conjunction with the French consulate in Toronto.

The gallery, in the central teaching building, is open every day during regular university hours--from about 8:30 a.m. until 10 p.m. at night.