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Coverage of 10:30 a.m. news
conference is invited.

Concern over funding brings
university officials to area

As part of a province-wide information campaign to win more public awareness of the continuing underfunding of the provincial university system, four senior university officials will visit Kitchener-Waterloo Feb. 27.

They will hold a news conference at 10:30 a.m. in Room 3004 of the Ira G. Needles Hall at the University of Waterloo.

The visiting group are Alvin Lee, president of McMaster University of Hamilton; Bernard Shapiro, chairman of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of Toronto; Ron Chrysler, vice-president administration at Laurentian University of Sudbury; and economics professor Douglas Auld of the University of Guelph.

The visiting academics will be joined by Douglas Wright, president of the University of Waterloo, and John A. Weir, president of Wilfrid Laurier University.

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The group will tour the music faculty at Laurier, which is housed in a converted residence; and the math and computer building at UW, where students must work into the early morning hours in order to get precious time on computers.

Some delegates will share funding concerns in a meeting with members of the Waterloo region councillors, and others will meet with members of the editorial board at the Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

The various tours to university cities are being arranged by the Council of Ontario Universities and will be launched with a news conference in Toronto Feb. 24. From then on, until March 10, senior administrators and academics will meet at various centres.

Entitled Decade of Neglect, the program will centre on the underfunding that now sees Ontario ranked 10th nationally in provincial support of higher education.

Specific documentation of the deterioration in the quality of university education will be discussed, as well as what the speakers feel must be done to refurbish the quality of education in Ontario.