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Use leisure time wisely

Forrester tells WLU grads

Maureen Forrester, installed as chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University at Sunday's spring convocation, told the class of more than 1,000 graduating students to use their spare time wisely.

"I know that theatre, opera, ballet and symphony concert tickets are expensive but they add another dimension to your creativity," the new chancellor said.

"With the education you have received at this wonderful university, you must not become soap opera addicts."

She urged the graduates to become involved in such part-time activities as local theatre groups, art galleries and sports activities. Good use of leisure time was important, she said, because the work week in the future will become shorter.

Forrester, Canada's world-renowned contralto and opera star, told the graduates that she was a high school drop-out and never, in her wildest dreams, thought she would ever be chancellor of a university.

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"I wish I were in your shoes today," she said. "There are so many things that I would have liked to have tried and done. You have it all before you."

Following her address, Forrester was paid a vocal tribute by five members of the Laurier music faculty's intensive voice workshop, who sang the smuggler's quintet from Carmen.

Greetings to the new chancellor were brought by Walter McLean, M.P. for Waterloo and the minister responsible for immigration and the status of women; Herb Epp, M.P.P. for Waterloo North, and Marjorie Carroll, mayor of Waterloo.

Outstanding Teacher awards were presented to Dr. Jane Campbell, associate professor of English; and Prof. Glenn Carroll, associate professor of business.

Following convocation, a reception for all graduates, their family and friends was held on campus, hosted by Dr. John A. Weir, president of the university.