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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media invited to attend hard hat party for new science building

**Friday, Oct. 28
4 to 8 p.m.**

**Concourse on first floor of building
Construction Site, King and Bricker Streets
Waterloo**

Wilfrid Laurier University will hold a hard hat party to celebrate the progress on its \$18.3-million science building. Work began on the site in September 1993 and the building is scheduled to be ready for classes in January. (*A fact sheet is on the reverse.*)

On display will be:

- the architectural model
- floor plans
- a photographic exhibit of construction
- experiments from the four science departments to be housed in the building

At 5:30 p.m., brief remarks will be made by:

- Lorna Marsden, president of Laurier • Betty Sims, chair of the board of governors
- Arthur Read, dean of arts and science • Sean Taylor, a science student

The event is by invitation only. Expected to attend are students, faculty, science alumni, and community representatives.

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Science Building

A Fact Sheet

The science building will house the departments of biology, chemistry, physics and computing, and psychology. There will be 130,000 (gross) square feet over three storeys.

Two academic wings with classrooms, laboratories, and faculty offices will enclose a 5,000-square-foot atrium featuring a ceremonial stairway.

Classrooms and microcomputer labs will occupy the first floor while the second and third floors will have laboratories and faculty offices.

The rotunda will include two lecture theatres, one with 150 seats and the other with 280.

Architect: Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners in association with Joe Somfay Architect

Contractor: The Cape Construction Group Inc.

Project Cost: \$18.3 million including equipment, furnishings, and renovations to existing facilities

Funding: \$14.6-million provincial grant under jobsOntarioCapital program

Construction Schedule: Site preparation began in September 1993; the building is scheduled to be completed in December and ready for classes in January.

Employment: About 75 person years

Other Features: Energy efficient, accessible for the physically challenged, two elevators

Exterior: Rust-colored brick and architectural concrete

About 900 students will use the new building on a regular basis. Laurier has about 450 science majors. The university offers programs in biology, chemistry, computing and computer electronics, geography, mathematics, physics, and psychology.