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Groundbreaking to mark new Grad House

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WATERLOO, Ontario - Bricker Avenue is getting some new neighbours.

On **Monday, March 10, 1997, 1:00 p.m. at 24 Bricker Avenue**, a special sod turning ceremony will mark the construction of a new \$300,000 facility for Wilfrid Laurier University graduate students. A reception in the Science Building Courtyard will follow the ceremony.

The new Grad House will replace two existing structures located at 22 and 24 Bricker Avenue. Major trees located at the site will be protected or relocated. The 4,600 square foot building, funded by a down payment from graduate students' fees and a loan from the University, was designed by Fergus-based architect James Fryett to complement the residential neighbourhood.

The 2,300 square foot upper level will be divided into two wings. The west wing houses administrative and office areas, while lounge space and a pub are featured in the east wing. The central area of the facility consists of a circulation area and a multi-purpose room accessible to both wings. The remaining 2,300 square feet in the lower level is reserved for mechanical needs, storage and future uses. Space has been designated for an accessible lift to be added, and the building will be structurally capable of receiving a second storey.

The Graduate Students Association (GSA), in co-operation with Laurier's development office, is fundraising for fittings and furnishings. The GSA represents 640 full and part-time students enrolled in 13 graduate degree programs.

An agenda for the ceremony is attached.

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AGENDA

Grad House Groundbreaking Ceremony
Monday, March 10, 1997, 1:00 p.m.
24 Bricker Avenue

- 1:00 p.m. Gathering at #24 Bricker Avenue front lawn.
 Guests include: Dr. Lorna Marsden, President and Vice Chancellor;
 Dr. Barry McPherson, Dean of Graduate Studies; Dave Logan,
 President, Graduate Students' Association.
- 1:30 p.m. Gathering in the Science Building Courtyard. Speeches by the
 following:
- Call to order, Dave Logan:
1. Dr. Lorna Marsden.
 2. Dr. Barry McPherson.
 3. Dave Logan.
 4. Tricia Siemens, greetings from the Mayor's office.
 5. Brian McCulloch, representing James Fryett Architect.
- 2:00 p.m. Adjournment