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More than 10,000 people expected for Laurier's 79th homecoming weekend

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WATERLOO — Wilfrid Laurier University is set to welcome alumni, students, community members, faculty and staff to the 79th annual homecoming celebrations September 21-23. More than 10,000 visitors are expected to attend one or more events over the weekend.

“Laurier’s homecoming allows friends to reunite and celebrate our pride and tradition,” said Steve Campbell, associate director, programs and events. “The weekend’s events highlight long-standing traditions and introduce new events like the Free Pancake Breakfast.”

Homecoming kicks-off on Friday with the 10th annual Dean’s Alumni Golf Classic. Hosted by the School of Business and Economics, the tournament takes place at Waterloo’s Grey Silo golf course, starting at 1 p.m. On Friday evening, the Athletic Hall of Fame dinner will honour athletes, teams and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Laurier’s varsity athletic program. The 2007 inductees are Kenny Nutt, Wojciech Cwik, Bill Madden, Paula Watson, Kojo Millington, Dr. Bob Rosehart, and the 1987 Yates Cup championship football team.

Saturday’s events start with the Free Pancake Breakfast, a new addition to the homecoming line-up. Students, alumni and friends are invited to enjoy a breakfast of pancakes from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Fred Nichols Campus Centre Quad.

The gates to University Stadium open at 11 a.m. on Saturday for a pre-game tailgate party featuring Laurier’s own Blackwater Trio and an interactive zone for the entire family. This homecoming favourite offers fun for all ages and includes live music, children’s area,

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barbecue, games and beer tent. Admission to all stadium events is free with the purchase of a football game ticket.

The homecoming football game promises to be an exciting match-up as the Laurier Golden Hawks take on the Waterloo Warriors. Kick-off is set for 1 p.m.

The Laurier Alumni Association is proud to host the second annual Rogers Evening of Comedy Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Laurier Athletic Complex. Headliners include Debra DiGiovanni of *Just for Laughs* and NBC's *Last Comic Standing*, and Trevor Boris of MuchMusic's *Video on Trial* and CTV's *Comedy NOW!* Veteran comedian Mike Bullard will emcee the event, which opens with *Just for Laughs*'s Scott Harris. Ticket prices range from \$10 to \$30.

“The Rogers Evening of Comedy is a great event for Laurier alumni, students and community members alike,” said Brian Breckles, director of alumni relations. “We are very excited to be hosting such a talented line-up of comedians who will put on a spectacular show.”

Other homecoming events include milestone reunions for the classes of 1982, 1997 and 2002. The university will also host a special reunion featuring a performance by the Laurier Alumni Choir for all alumni from 1957 and earlier.

A complete schedule of homecoming events and other information is available at www.wlu.ca/homecoming.