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"Rawk the Hawk" this weekend at Laurier's 2010 homecoming

WATERLOO – Calling all Golden Hawks! Come back to campus to "Rawk the Hawk" during homecoming this weekend, from Friday, Oct. 1 to Sunday, Oct. 3.

Indulge at the ever-popular free pancake breakfast, or cheer on your Golden Hawks football team as they compete against the Guelph Gryphons. Reminisce about your Laurier days at the inaugural Legends of Laurier lecture, hosted by dean emeritus Fred Nichols and featuring professor emeritus Don Morgenson. Or share some laughs as actor and comedian Tim Allen takes to the stage at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium. It will be a great weekend to put on your purple and gold and relive your Golden Hawk days.

"This weekend's homecoming gives everyone an excellent chance to reunite with old friends, network with fellow alumni and other members of the greater Laurier community, and celebrate our shared Laurier connections," said Bridget McMahon, director of alumni relations and annual giving at Laurier. "From class reunions to the kid-friendly Junior Hawks children's program, Laurier's action-packed homecoming promises something for every member of the big Laurier family."

The annual Laurier Loop run will be held Sunday at 10 a.m. Alumni, students and the public are encouraged to run and raise money for Laurier's Sun Life Financial Movement Disorders Research & Rehabilitation Centre (MDRC). Highlights include a 2.5-kilometre loop that gives participants the option of completing a 10K, 5K or 2.5K race. There will be prize draws for those who raise \$100 or more to support the Sun Life Financial MDRC, which helps patients suffering from the degeneration caused by Parkinson's and other movement diseases and disorders.

The Homecoming Worship Service at the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary is also happening Sunday at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join in the service, which will be presided over by Rev. Peter Kuhnert and will feature the WLU Alumni Choir.

Homecoming weekend also includes reunions for the classes of 1960, 1970, 1980, 1985, 1990, 2000, and 2005.

Pre-sale tickets for Saturday's homecoming football game against the Guelph Gryphons have sold out but there will be 500 admission and 600 tailgate-area tickets available on game day. The University Stadium box office opens at 10:40 a.m. and gates open at 11 a.m.

For registration, tickets and detailed information about all of Laurier's homecoming events, visit www.laurieralumni.ca/homecoming or contact Siobhan Bhagwat at 519-884-0710 ext. 3180 or alumni@wlu.ca. Events are open to Laurier alumni, students, community members, faculty and staff unless otherwise stated.

Please note that Laurier Brantford will celebrate its own homecoming on Saturday, Oct. 23.