

*Wilfrid Laurier University*



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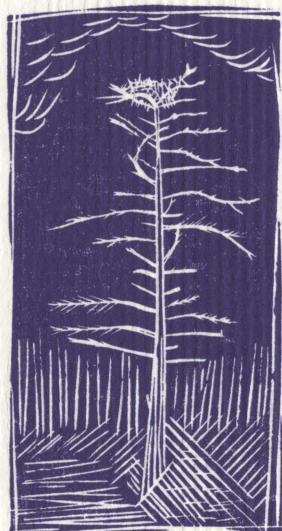
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# The Board of Governors



Osprey nest, Killarney Park R.P.

requests the honour  
of your presence  
at the Installation of

**MAX BLOUW**

as President and Vice-Chancellor  
of Wilfrid Laurier University

Thursday, October 25, 2007  
at 2 p.m.  
in the Athletic Complex,  
Wilfrid Laurier University

Reception immediately following  
in the Science Building Courtyard.

RSVP by October 5, 2007  
to [rsvp@wlu.ca](mailto:rsvp@wlu.ca).





**DR. MAX BLOUW** is the incoming president and vice-chancellor of Wilfrid Laurier University (effective September 2007). In his role, Dr. Blouw will draw on his well-regarded leadership, and administrative and academic skills to build on the university's recent successes and guide its strategic growth as Laurier approaches and celebrates its centenary in 2011.

Prior to joining Laurier, Dr. Blouw was a key figure at the University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC), where he developed significant university initiatives. He arrived at UNBC in 1995 as a professor of biology, and two years later joined the university's administration as the associate vice-president and dean of graduate studies. In 2000, Dr. Blouw was named to his most recent role as the vice-president of research.

Under his leadership, UNBC has become one of the most research-intensive small universities in Canada. He was also instrumental in growing UNBC's endowment to an impressive \$40 million.

His research interests include evolutionary ecology and genetics, fish-forestry interactions and ecological genetics.

Dr. Blouw is well-known on the national scene, and enriches his academic career through volunteer roles that link universities, governments and society. He has long-standing involvement with the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), acting as an executive council member and chair of its prestigious award-selection committees and committee on grants and scholarships. He served two terms as chair of the University Advisory Group to Industry Canada and recently was a member of an adjudication panel for the Ontario Premier's Discovery Awards, which recognize excellence among the finest senior researchers in Ontario. Dr. Blouw received the 2005 Science and Technology Champion Award from the BC Innovation Council. He was appointed to the Board of that Council as well as to the Board of Genome BC in 2006.

Born in Holland, Dr. Blouw moved to Canada in 1957 and became a Canadian citizen in 1963. He holds bachelor and master of science degrees in zoology from the University of Manitoba (1972 and 1977 respectively) and a PhD in biology from the University of New Brunswick (1982). Dr. Blouw and his wife Lynn have two sons, Carl and Peter.



*"Veritas Omnia Vincit"*  
*- Truth Conquers All*

Wilfrid Laurier University Motto



## ABOUT THE ARTIST

Dr. Rick Playle was a much-loved and respected member of the Wilfrid Laurier University Biology Department. An award-winning and prolific scientist, Playle had a warm personal style that earned him the admiration and affection of students and colleagues at Laurier and elsewhere. In 2005, he was awarded the Hoffman-Little Alumni Award for Excellence in Research and Teaching.

Playle came to Laurier in 1992 as an assistant professor and quickly became an integral part of the Biology Department and the university, where he taught courses in comparative animal physiology, invertebrate zoology and environmental toxicology. He was internationally known for his research and in 2001, Playle and his research partners were awarded an NSERC Synergy Award for Innovation.

Playle maintained an active research program throughout his Laurier career, supervising MSc and PhD students from McMaster, Guelph and the University of Waterloo.

In addition to his research and academic accomplishments, Playle was an enthusiastic outdoorsman who led both his family and students on hikes and canoe trips and he was an accomplished woodblock artist. He shared with his wife, Anne Little, and two children a lively interest in literature.

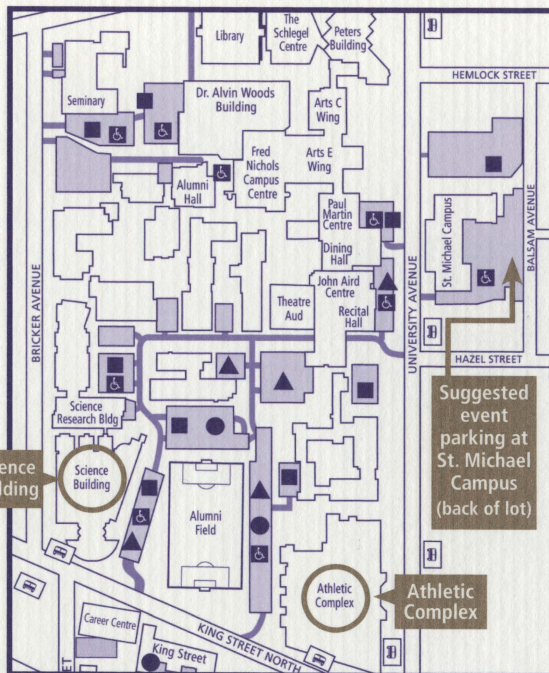
Dr. Rick Playle passed away in 2005 at the age of 49. The Richard C. Playle Award in Integrative Biology and the Richard C. Playle Award in Canadian Studies have been established in his honour.

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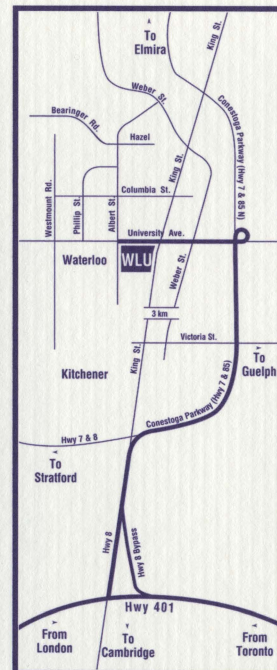


Science Building

Suggested event parking at St. Michael Campus (back of lot)

Athletic Complex

- Faculty and Staff Parking
- Student Parking
- Special Needs Parking
- Bus Stop
- Metered Parking/Pay & Display



## PARKING

Free parking is available on campus after 4:30 p.m. except where designated as 'Reserved'.