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Teaching Building, Fine Arts Centre

<u>To Be Built By Waterloo Lutheran</u>

Tenders will be called this month for the erection of a new teaching building at Waterloo Lutheran University. Construction will begin this fall with completion slated for next September.

In addition, plans are being completed for a Fine Arts Centre, housing a theatre. It will be both a teaching building for students and a centre for presentation of plays, concerts and other events for the Kitchener-Waterloo community.

Groundbreaking for both buildings will take place Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. on the site of the Fine Arts Centre, Albert Street and University Avenue.

Wielding a ceremonial shovel will be John E. Brent of Toronto, president of IBM Canada Ltd., and pro-chancellor of the university.

In all, 58 shovels will be used in the groundbreaking ceremony, one for each year of the university's history. They will be used by representatives of all groups interested in the development of the university.

Ultimately, the new teaching building will be seven stories but only three will be built now. A feature will be the grouping of departments by floors. The first floor will house general purpose lecture and seminar rooms, the second will be used by the English department and the third by the psychology department. Page 2

A small amphitheatre for readings and small drama productions will be a feature of the English floor and the pyschology department will have a live animal research area and testing cubicles.

Dr. Frank C. Peters, president, said the facilities will be among the most modern in the province, designed to provide the best possible teaching and learning environment.

The teaching building, facing the library, will adjoin the present arts building and will be accessible from it. An underground walkway will also join it with the library building.

Referring to the fine arts centre, Dr. Peters said he has instructed the architect to be "bold and imaginative" so that it will reflect the latest concepts in theatre design and prove a lasting asset for the university and the community.

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<u>Note to Editors:</u> You are invited to cover the groundbreaking ceremony, Sept. 25 at 4 p.m.