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Professor Emeritus Designation To Honor

Dr. Gwatkin at WLU Convocation Nov. 8

Dr. William E. Gwatkin, who retired in 1967 as professor of classics at Waterloo Lutheran University, will be honored Sunday, Nov. 8 when the university confers upon him the status of Professor Emeritus.

The honor, a first for any faculty member outside of the Seminary of the university, will be a feature of the university's fall convocation at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium, East Ave., at 2:30 p.m.

In addition, honorary degrees will be conferred upon Dr. Robert J. Marshall of New York, president of the Lutheran Church in America and upon Lister Sinclair, the well-known Canadian actor and playwright.

More than 350 students will receive degrees in arts, science and business at the proceedings. Dr. Marshall will speak.

The day begins with a baccalaureate service on campus in the WLU Theatre-Auditorium at 10 a.m. for the 1970 graduating class. The speaker will be Rev. Alvin L. Evans, United Church chaplain on campus.

Special guests will attend the chancellor's luncheon on campus following the service. The university's chancellor is W. Ross Macdonald, lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

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Conferring of the professor emeritus designation upon Dr. Gwatkin reflects the high esteem in which this professor of the classics is held by the university community.

He has maintained close relationships with WLU since his retirement and has often been asked to give guest lectures. His depth of scholarship combined with rare wit have always assured Dr. Gwatkin of large audiences.

Dr. Marshall succeeded the late Dr. Franklin Clark Fry as president of the Lutheran Church in America and formerly served as president of the LCA's Illinois Synod.

When he received his honorary degree last year from Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill., he was cited as "one of that versatile breed -- pastor, scholar, administrator -- whose presence in the leadership of the church is crucial to its future health."

Mr. Sinclair, a former mathematics professor, has carved out a unique place in Canadian letters for his incisive and penetrating radio and television scripts. He is making a continuing contribution to the education of the whole nation.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: The media is cordially invited to cover convocation. A press table with complete press kits will be available at the Kitchener Auditorium. Photos of those receiving honors may be taken at 2 p.m. in the gowning room at the auditorium and photographers are welcome to continue taking photos during the event itself.