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COVERAGE OF THE LAURIER LECTURE IS
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First "Laurier Lecture," Plus
Special Convocation November 1 Marks
Official Status Change for WLU

Note: Spelling of Wilfrid

No "Sir" in University's
name

Sen. Gratton O'Leary, a newsman in the Ottawa Press Gallery when Sir Wilfrid Laurier was prime minister, will deliver the first Laurier Lecture November 1 at 8:00 p.m. at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Senator O'Leary will speak on Wilfrid Laurier as I knew Him. The lecture, to be held in the university's Theatre-Auditorium, is free and open to the public.

The lecture is a major event marking the official transition of the university from church-related to provincially-assisted. The name, Waterloo Lutheran University, will pass into history and a new board, comprising community and campus representatives, will be constituted.

A special convocation at 1:00 p.m. in the new Athletic Building, the first for Wilfrid Laurier University, will see the presentation of three honorary degrees. The Laurier Lecture at night replaces the usual convocation address.

Receiving degrees will be Senator O'Leary; Rev. Bernard Lonergan of Toronto, one of the world's foremost Roman Catholic theologians; and Garfield Bender, the noted Kitchener-Waterloo music educator.

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A second convocation on November 4 at Kitchener Memorial Auditorium, East Avenue, Kitchener, will see the conferring of close to 500 degrees in arts, science, theology, business and economics.

Senator O'Leary said he welcomed the opportunity to discuss one of Canada's great prime ministers because of his close association with Laurier and his admiration for him.

The senator is one of six members of the Newspaper Hall of Fame and one of 10 journalists since Confederation whose likeness is carved in stone in the Parliament Buildings.

He joined the Ottawa Journal when Laurier was prime minister and went on to become parliamentary reporter, senior editor and president of the newspaper. He retired in 1964. In 1962 Sen. O'Leary chaired the Royal Commission on Publications.

He is one of Canada's finest speakers, known for his erudition and wit, and has received honorary degrees from several prominent universities.