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Role of Religion in Treating Addicts

To Be Studied on \$6,000 Fellowship

Kay Peters, coordinator of counselling services at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, will leave the university to study the role of religion in recovery from drug addiction.

She has been awarded a \$6,000 fellowship from the Canada Council to continue her doctoral studies at New York University and will move there in September. She joined the WLU counselling staff in September, 1972.

Her research involves a follow up study on the work done among addicts by David Wilkerson, of Brooklyn, N.Y., through his program known as Teen Challenge. Wilkerson is the author of the best-selling *Cross and the Switchblade*, later made into a movie.

The topic of Miss Peters' research is *An Investigation into the Role of Religious Experience as a Therapeutic Factor in the Treatment and Rehabilitation of Drug Addicts*.

Miss Peters is a graduate of the University of British Columbia and holds an M.A. from the University of Oregon.