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WLU Telecollege delays advent

<u>in London until January at earliest</u>

Wilfrid Laurier University's new series of university courses offered across major centre of the province on cable TV stations will not be seen on London Cable TV until January at the earliest.

Dr. Fred Little, director of continuing education at Laurier, said licensing and technical problems has meant the London facility could not begin broadcasting the seven credit courses Sept. 8 as planned.

Meanwhile the television lectures, modelled on the famous Open University of Great Britain, are being seen over cable stations in Toronto, Brantford/Paris, Kitchener-Waterloo, Cambridge, Elmira, Stratford, Newmarket/Bradford, Hamilton, Burlington and Oshawa/Whitby.

Dr. Little said the lectures, in business, the humanities and social sciences, are available in about 600,000 homes across the province. A new series of lectures begins Jan. 5, 1981.

Wilfrid Laurier University began offering Telecollege courses over the Grand River cable system in Kitchener on a small scale two years ago. This month the area was enlarged to include stations covered by the new TVO-2 repeat network through Canadian Cablesystems Limited, Toronto.