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Applications up by 8.7% at WLU
as 1,523 put it first on list

Applications from grade 13 students to Wilfrid Laurier University total 4,497 in figures received from the provincial application centre. A year ago 4,136 had applied to WLU. The increase totals 8.7 per cent.

Those putting WLU first on their list of three choices totalled 1,523, compared with 1,297 a year ago and 1,080 the year before that.

Despite the trend, Laurier will admit about 1,100 students, a figure that has risen only slightly in the past few years.

Applications to the school of business and economics were up by 17 per cent. Applications were also up for the music faculty and for honors arts and honors science programs. There were declines in general arts and general science.

Neale H. Tayler, WLU president, said he was pleased with the increases at WLU, noting that the increase in applications to university is up 3.7 per cent across the province.

"This fact may confound those who have predicted a lessening interest in university education," he said. "The facts are just the opposite--the upward trend is a reflection of increasing interest among students in gaining a university education."