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WLU changing gears in preparation
for busy summer schedule of events

Although the regular academic year at Wilfrid Laurier University is nearing its end, the university is changing gears in preparation for a busy summer schedule of academic studies and dozens of conferences.

Over three academic sessions, Spring, Intersession and Summer, beginning May 4, Laurier will offer courses on campus in Waterloo and in Barrie, Brampton, Orillia and Midland.

This part-time studies program for spring and summer includes 23 subject areas with numerous individual course offerings in each. While attending WLU, students may stay in on-campus residences.

While these academic sessions are in progress, 36 conferences have been scheduled between April 4 and Sept. 4.

During that period a variety of organizations, in numbers from 15 to 600, will be on campus to participate in seminars and social events. Donna Faulkner, conference co-ordinator at Laurier said "the conference program has been a great success in past years and we are looking forward to the various groups attending this session."

Among the visitors, a varied group, are the Young Calvinists, Elderhostel and an organization of wine makers.

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The Young Calvinists, a group of 600 teenagers, will be on campus from May 15 to 18. They are all of Dutch descent and during their stay they will organize a worship service which last year 2,000 attended. The delegates will participate in coffee-houses, sports, an ice cream social and barbeques.

Elderhostel, which offers special low-cost, short-term residential academic programs for older adults, will take place at Laurier for its first time from July 5 to 18.

Among others groups, the wine makers will take part in a conference from June 5 to 7. Participants will be attending seminars on wine making, tasting various types of wine and will take part in off-campus trips too as part of a social/learning experience.

Ontario Camp Farthest Out, an organization with a charismatic personality, will arrive on campus May 8 for a two-day religious conference. Those participating will attend faith healing services. This conference is scheduled for a second session in Aug., from the 16 to 22.

In addition, students from the London and Toronto Conservatory of Music are scheduled to arrive at WLU May 14 to take their practical music examinations.

Other sessions include a credit union seminar, a teachers group and sessions of the Hamilton conference, United Church of Canada and the Eastern Canada synod of the Lutheran Church in America.