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President of Wilfrid Laurier University bans panty raids

Dr. John Weir, president of Wilfrid Laurier University, announced today that panty raids will be banned from the campus.

The president has endorsed an interim report he received earlier today from the committee he appointed to examine the events and issues surrounding two panty raids on September 27 and 28.

"It is our hope that we can continue our policy of allowing a large degree of autonomy and self-governance in residence life," Dr. Weir said. "I am confident that the final recommendations of the committee will assist in formulating appropriate policies for the future.

"The university regrets that these events gave cause for offence," he said.

The president said he was aware that panty raids have occurred on the campus in the past. "However, I was not aware that they were accompanied by vulgar displays, that a trouble-shooting guide for

dons included advice on how to control party raids, or that security had any part in allowing access the dining hall after hours."

Dr. Weir has instructed the committee to continue to explore a number of issues brought to the fore by the events. The committee will both receive and seek information and advice from a wide spectrum of the Laurier community.

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Note: The committee's report, its terms of reference and procedures are attached.