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ALL AVAILABLE SPACE TO BE UTILIZED BY WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

By using all available space on an emergency basis, Waterloo Lutheran University will be able to accept at least as many first-year students as last year, it was announced today by President, William J. Villaume.

Last year the University took in 484 new students. It was speculated earlier that first-year enrolment might have to be held down to about 350.

Five new buildings recently erected on the Campus are being studied with a view to converting some of them temporarily from their original purpose to accommodate classes.

"We will do everything in our power to see that as many qualified students as possible are accepted," Dr. Villaume said. "Every nook and cranny on the Campus is being considered for conversion or re-conversion to teaching space.

University officials are also studying the suitability of some large homes which were acquired as part of the site for a new construction. It is hoped it may be possible to renovate these houses for use as temporary lecture rooms during the coming academic year.

The number of students in the "preliminary year" will be reduced this term to make room for more first-year students. The preliminary year, comparable to high school Grade XIII, will be restricted this year to foreign students and others for whom Grade XIII is not available in their home communities.

"Space is not the only consideration," Dr. Villaume added. "We must ensure that every student accepted can be given the individual attention which is an essential part of our educational philosophy."

To achieve this object, Prof. Donald Morgenson has been promoted to Dean of Students, a position which he held last year in an acting capacity. Each student this term will have a faculty adviser to help him with his problems and to assess his aptitudes. Dean Morgenson will co-ordinate the work of the faculty advisors and consult with them.

The pressure for space will be reduced in the 1963-64 academic year when a new library and an addition to the Arts Building become available. Money for these projects is now being raised through the Waterloo University College National Development Fund which recently launched a campaign for \$1.3 million as the first phase of a \$4.5 million development program.