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FRESHMAN CLASS FILLING UP

AT WATERLOO LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY

A continuing rush of students seeking advance admissions may mean disappointment for many students hoping to enter Waterloo Lutheran University this fall.

With only about 850 freshmen spaces for the year beginning in September, the university already has granted admission to 377 from grade 13 classes throughout the province. At the same time last year only 28 had been granted advance admission.

"The gratifying thing about these new students is the fine record they have achieved in high school," said Henry Dueck, the university registrar. "While all students admitted on our advance admissions system must have at least 65 per cent average, many have achieved higher marks than this."

In addition, 29 grade 12 students from across the province are attending the university's regular six-week summer session, now in progress. All achieved an average of 80 per cent or better in grade 12. They were admitted on an experimental program which will allow those with at least a B average to proceed directly into the first year of university this fall, bypassing grade 13. They must pass two summer session subjects. Each may return to grade 13 if he wishes.

Advance admissions, first offered a year ago, assure students of a space in Waterloo Lutheran University shortly after writing their Christmas examinations. Students must still write the final examinations and may be required to repeat any failed pre-requisite subjects in preliminary courses offered by the university.

The plan allows the university to give more individual attention to applications and more thorough processing of applications. Students know that they have a place in university and will not get lost in the last-minute scramble.

"More than 54,000 students wrote final grade 13 examinations this year," the registrar added. "With results not available to the middle of this month, the rush and confusion becomes terrific."

Under the Waterloo Lutheran plan, a student can be accepted well ahead of that rush if he meets certain requirements. He must have obtained an average of 65 per cent or better in grades 11 and 12 and an average of 65 per cent or better at the Christmas or Easter mid-term examinations.

"We are processing applications as quickly as we can," Mr. Dueck said. "But it is obvious that a good many deserving students will be turned away.

"It is also obvious that students will have to achieve higher marks than previously if they hope to be admitted to Waterloo Lutheran this fall."

The freshman class is limited to about 850 since the university is following a policy of limited enrolment, with an undergraduate student body of 2,400.

Waterloo Lutheran is remaining small so that students can benefit from personal contact with the faculty. Last year, 30 per cent of undergraduate lectures enrolled 10 students or fewer. The average class enrolled 40 students.