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JORDAN HARBOR, Ont. -- Waterloo Lutheran University professors will be teaching a freshman class of "superior academic ability" this fall, Dr. William J. Villaume, president of the university predicts.

Speaking to faculty members at the annual conference, held this year at the Beacon Motor Hotel here, Dr. Villaume said:

"About 40 per cent of the first-year students were given advance admission before grade 13 marks appeared. All of those students had high school averages that ranged from the high 60's to the 80's. They are all A and B students.

"In addition, because the provincially-assisted universities had their scholarship offerings curtailed we have attracted the largest number of scholarship students in our history."

Dr. Villaume added that some new students with marks in the 60's have been admitted but students with averages of 56 or 57, who would have been accepted two years ago, could not meet the competition for a place in Waterloo Lutheran this year.

"Our church university is unique in Ontario," the president added. "Whenever it is well interpreted, many rise to our support.

"Only so long as you and I believe that spiritual and intellectual growth are essential to human welfare, and only so long as we believe in it and work for it, just so long will Waterloo Lutheran play an important role in higher education in Ontario."

Dr. villaume added that the undergraduate size of the university is being limited to 2,400 to provide for smaller classes and more individual attention.

Other features of the two-day faculty meeting were reports on the university's international business program which brings promising businessmen from around the globe to campus, and a report on the new Graduate School of Social work, which received its first students this fall.

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