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SPECIAL

Applications to Enter WLU in Fall
Up by 23.4 Per Cent, Registrar Reports

Applications by secondary school students to enter Wilfrid Laurier University this fall numbered 2,357 at the latest count, up 23.4 per cent over the same time a year ago when 1,910 had listed WLU among their choices. And in their applications to the admissions centre in Guelph, 708 of them indicated WLU as their first choice among all Ontario universities, up from 506 a year ago.

"The greatest increase appears to be from students applying for the honors business administration program," said Henry H. Dueck, university registrar. "This program now has a co-op feature, the first in Ontario, which allows students to alternate off-campus work experience with their studies." Mr. Dueck said many of the students also indicated particular interest in the honors biology program offered for several years now; and in the new four-year honors music program.

Increased interest in the university's Grade 12 Scholarship Program, pioneered in the province 10 years ago by WLU, is another factor in the growing number of applications. To date, 68 students from Year 4 (Grade 12) have applied, compared with 17 a year ago.

Students in the Grade 12 program take two regular summer session courses of their choice. If they achieve an average of B- they qualify for admission directly into WLU' s first year , bypassing Grade 13.

Applications for part-time studies also are increasing. Many are stop-outs, those who have been away from formal education for two years with grade 12, or, those over the age of 21, with less than Grade 12.

Mr. Dueck said the university senate has approved an admissions quota of 1,040 students for the year 1976-77, which will provide a projected undergraduate full-time enrolment of 2 , 790. The current winter term full-time undergraduate enrolment stands at 2,749.