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Career Information Office

Opens at WLU in September

A career information office will be opened by Wilfrid Laurier University (WLU) Sept. 1, for all WLU students and alumni. The office will be located in the student services building.

This service has been mounted entirely through the re-allocation of student service resources and at no extra cost to the university or students.

The office is an information and resource area ready to supply career data and occupational outlooks. Course related information will be available to students. The data collected by the office will pinpoint possible job trends to give students a more accurate idea of employment possibilities.

Data comes from various sources, including governments, agencies, companies and universities.

Dr. Berry Calder, director of counselling services at WLU, said the office may help some students when they come to consider academic options.

"A student makes the best career decisions when he utilizes accurate up-to-date career information," he said. "While it's natural that many students enter university without a clear career goal in mind, the determination of goals may be crucial at this point.

"At least a third of the students who left university before graduation lacked clear career direction." Dr. Calder said, "Current limited job opportunities make sound career options even more important."

Mrs. Jan Basso has been appointed as career information co-ordinator. She will organize career material and make it available to students.

"Many students and their parents value a university education that is related to career interests," Dr. Calder said. "More students want to have occupational skills they can sell after graduation."