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Two senior appointments made
at Wilfrid Laurier University

A new dean of the faculty of graduate studies and a new director of continuing education were named this week in two major appointments at Wilfrid Laurier University.

Dr. Andrew Berczi, 45, a professor of business administration in the university's school of business and economics, was named dean of graduate studies and director of research for a four-year term.

The university offers graduate degrees in geography, history, political sciences psychology, religion and culture, romance languages, business administration, social work and divinity.

In the second appointment, Dr. J. Frederick Little, 50, a member of the philosophy department and its chairman for a 10-year period, was named to the continuing education post for a two-year term.

Dr. Berczi joined the WLU faculty last fall as a full professor of business administration after a distinguished career in university teaching, in business, and as a consultant to both the Canadian and U.S. governments.

He came to WLU from Concordia University, Montreal, where he had been dean of the faculty of commerce and administration for five years. Before that he was chairman of the department of quantitative methods at Sir George Williams University, Montreal, for six years.

Dr. Berczi has taught at McGill University, Sir George Williams University, the University of California, the University of Virginia and the University of Chicago. He holds four degrees, including a doctorate in operations research and econometrics from McGill University, Montreal.

For eight years he held several administrative posts with Bell Canada with responsibility for large projects in electronic data processing for Bell's engineering, accounting and business information systems.

Dr. Little, a native of Waterloo, holds a doctorate in philosophy from Princeton University and has done post-doctoral studies at Oxford University in England.

He joined Wilfrid Laurier University as a teacher of philosophy in 1958 and was the department's chairman from 1965 to 1975. He holds two theological degrees as well. He also is chairman of the WLU senate's committee for continuing education.

Dr. Little has long been interested in continuing education and has been director of the Orillia campus of the university on several occasions, including the past year. He teaches many of his courses in the extension (part-time) division.

His responsibilities include all part-time education programs of the university at its several centres in Ontario, operation of WLU Telecollege, which offers credit courses on cable television, and the development of new approaches to part-time education.

Berczi succeeds Dr. Norman Wagner, recently named president of the University of Calgary. Dr. Little replaces Arthur Knowles, who resigned last year.