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Centreville student has tight hold on purse of Laurier students

Centreville resident John Bazilli will not only be completing his second term as treasurer of the student body at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo this year but has received an offer to serve for a third year. It marks a first. No other student at Laurier has ever held the position for three terms.

John, a graduate of Napanee District Secondary School in Napanee, entered the school of business and economics at Laurier in 1978 and will graduate with an honors degree in a year.

Although the world of business is relatively new to John, the role of volunteer is not. John served as a volunteer fire-fighter in Centreville during 1976, while he was attending high school.

During his past year as treasurer, John acted as chairman of the building committee, accomplishing the necessary steps to complete the first floor of the Student Union building, no small task. Included in this project is the university dining pub, known as Wilf's. John, along with a professional staff, including lawyers, accountants, contractors and interior decorators, worked together from the initial plans to its successful completion for the 1980 fall semester. It was a practical application of what he had been taught by his business professors.

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John, 21, the son of Michael and Virginia Bazilli, is accustomed to Centreville's population of 110, and this was one of the main reasons Wilfrid Laurier University attracted him.

"I came to visit the campus and was pleased to see how it was closely knit," he said. "I knew this would lessen the transition of moving from home."

Besides being Treasurer, John is actively involved in intermural hockey, football and volleyball, and coaches the minor hockey league. He is also involved in the small clubs committee.

John is engaged to Diane Rose, who he attended high school with in Napanee. They plan to marry this summer and will live in the student residence during John's fourth year, where he will be head resident.

John has no regrets making Laurier his decision, and upon graduation he hopes to work in a bank or finance company in a small community.

"The experience that I have gained from my position as Treasurer will be of great benefit to my future," he said.

Fred Nichols, dean of students, has worked closely with John since the Centreville student came to Laurier. "I know he will do well," the dean said. "His future will be every bit as successful as his career here on campus."