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93.4% of 1980 Laurier graduates
have jobs with salary at \$16,091

A survey of the 1980 graduating class of Wilfrid Laurier University indicates that 93.4 per cent of graduates available for employment are employed at average starting salaries of \$16,091.

The survey was conducted by Marjorie Millar, director of placement and career services of the university.

She said she was pleased with the results and the interest the report has generated, but added that Canadians seem to forget that many students come to university to pursue educational objectives and not just for job training.

The average starting salary didn't include two groups--students who are doing further studying in accounting before winning certification and teachers. The average salaries for those two groups were \$13,264 and \$23,596 respectively. Nearly 200 students went on to graduate level studies.

For arts and music graduates, 91 per cent were employed at an average salary of \$14,422. For science graduates, 100 per cent found jobs at salaries averaging \$16,738.

For business administration graduates, the figures were 97.4 per cent employed at salaries averaging \$16,080. The highest salaries went to master's level graduates at \$19,456 with 95.4 per cent employed.

Unemployment figures ranged from a low of none in science, 2.6 per cent in business to 9.3 for arts graduates.

The survey was conducted among a class of 1,060 students and replies to the survey were received from all but 61 graduates.