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Applications continue steep rise  
at Wilfrid Laurier University

For the sixth straight year applications from grade 13 students to Wilfrid Laurier University have reached a new high.

James Wilgar, university registrar, said February statistics from the provincial application centre show that 5,155 students have applied to enter Laurier this fall. Last year 4,706 had applied at this date.

Only about 1,200 freshmen can be admitted each year and that number includes grade 12 special students, transfers from community colleges, adult students and others in addition to grade 13 applicants.

"In 1976, a good year, or so we thought then, 2,357 students had applied by this date," the registrar said. "The growth over the past six years totals 118 per cent."

He added that growth in applications to all universities in the province is rising steadily, too, and was up almost four per cent last year.

At Laurier, the largest increase was among those wanting to take honors arts and science programs. The increase was concentrated in areas offering summer internship (work-study) programs.

Areas offering internships are biology, history, English, geography, computer science, political science and anthropology.