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New organization helps

Laurier off-campus students

For students at a new university, it is extremely difficult to meet people if they don't live in residence. An organization at Wilfrid Laurier University has helped solve this problem, though. It's called Off-Cam.

The organization is headed by Greg Tees of Brampton and helps those students who don't live in on-campus residences.

Off-Cam is a social club with the aim of uniting all the off-campus students who share the same problems in a setting of friendliness. It is not merely aimed at students from the Kitchener-Waterloo community.

It was initiated by Roger Polgar, the Laurier Campus Club coordinator, in the fall of 1981.

Since everything at university is aimed for residence students, Polgar felt something should be done for students with their own apartments or those who live in rooms.

With this in mind, the organization has grown to be one of the largest at Laurier, accounting for some 800 students. In all, there are 4,000 undergraduate students at the university.

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Among more recent events has been the annual Off-Cam Christmas formal at the Transylvania Club in Kitchener. The club also organized a car pub rally as well as skating parties and intramural sports teams which compete with on-campus students.

Tees, a third-year business administration student at Laurier, hopes Off-Cam will remain a personal organization. Also, Tees plans to hold smaller group events so that more students can get to know each other.

The Off-Cam organization is funded through the Student Union (student government) of Wilfrid Laurier University and through its membership drives.

The student dean at Laurier, Fred Nichols, is proud of the organization. "It is doing a fine job," he said.