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Wilfrid Laurier University purchases Honeywell computer system:

Honeywell donates equipment to expand capabilities

Waterloo - Wilfrid Laurier University has approved the purchase of a Honeywell DPS 8/49 computing system for use in student instruction, research and some administrative data processing. In addition, Honeywell has agreed to donate a substantial amount of additional equipment as a contribution towards the University's development fund.

The agreement signed by Dr. John A. Weir, President of Wilfrid Laurier, and Honeywell Vice President and General Manager R.J. Ball will enable the University to continue its computing activities on a larger and more efficient scale.

The DPS 8/49 runs under Honeywell's CP-6 operating system, with more than five billion characters of filespace and thirty-two million bytes of main memory. As many as 192 users will be able to use the system simultaneously.

"Through this agreement, we are providing Wilfrid Laurier state of the art software and the most current product in the Honeywell line of large scale computing systems," said Mr. Ball.

Dr. Hart Bezner, Director of Computing Services, said, "The system represents a major step forward for our University. The system will be used for a complete range of functions, including research, student instruction, library services and administrative applications. The equipment we are purchasing combined with the donation will result in possibly the largest tightly coupled Honeywell CP-6 system in education and consists of three DPS 8/49 processors, front-ended by two large communications computers."