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Award for computerization

presented to Laurier staffers

A rarely given award of merit was presented by the University and College Placement Association to two staff members in the placement and career services office at Wilfrid Laurier University at the association's national conference in Toronto.

Joint winners of the award, given this year for only the third time since 1979, were Jan Basso, manager of placement and career services, and Marjorie Millar, director of university development and alumni affairs.

They won the award for their "unique contribution to the association" for their development and sharing of the computerized placement system in the university's office of placement and career services.

"This computerized system resulted in a high level of service both to their employer-clients and to their students," Phil Renouf, corporate recruiting administration at Canada Packers and president of the association, said in announcing the award, which had been presented in 1979 and 1983.

The two Laurier staff members shared their expertise with colleagues from other campuses through a series of workshops at the association's national and regional conferences, and at other professional conferences and conventions in Canada and the U.S.

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Basso explained that information in the career centre began to be put on computer in 1979 and now the Laurier office is the most fully computerized one, probably, in all of Canada.

Available on computer are all placement records, data about employers of students and graduates, a job referral service, and all information about the on-campus recruiting program.

One program allows students to gain access to data on 500 potential employers from any terminal on campus.

When the work of transferring the tremendous amount of information available in the centre began, Marjorie Millar was director of the office. In 1982, she was named to her present post.

Both paid tribute to the university's computing services for the great assistance provided during the project.