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Controlled enrolment limits

Laurier student rise to 1.6%

In the face of increasing popularity among graduating high school students, Wilfrid Laurier University has instituted a controlled growth policy that limited the number of students admitted this fall.

On Nov. 1, the day Ontario universities report their enrolment statistics to the provincial government, there were 4,237 full-time undergraduate students at the university, a 1.6 per cent increase over 4,168 last year.

James Wilgar, university registrar, said a total of 10,286 persons applied to Laurier this fall, an increase of seven per cent over last year. Applications have doubled in the last five years.

In keeping with the university's policy of controlled enrolment, the size of the first-year class totals 1,310, a decrease of 6.2 per cent over last year's total of 1,398 on the same date.

The university has raised its minimum requirements for admission to 70 per cent in six Grade 13 subjects for admission to arts, science, honors economics and music. The requirements for honors computing is 73 per cent and honors business administration 76.5 per cent.

The greatest growth this fall has been in arts and science with a total of 2,344 students in all years, compared with 2,207 last year, an increase of 6.2 per cent.

The school of business and economics has moved to reduce its size somewhat and has 1,705 students this fall, a 3.6 per cent drop from last year's 1,769 students.

The smallest undergraduate faculty, music, has 188 students, a decline of two per cent over last year's 192. In addition, the university has a total of 295 graduate students, compared with 300 a year ago.

Increasing fees, ordered by the province for visa students, resulted in a continuing drop in foreign students. Laurier has 176 visa students now, compared with 207 last year.

Part-time enrolment totalled 2,248, a drop of 13.2 per cent from last year's 2,592.

When part-time students are added to the totals, the university has an over-all registration of 7,075 students, compared with 7,360 a year ago.