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Record adult education  
supplement

Continuing education  
a tradition at Laurier

"Wilfrid Laurier University has a deep commitment to part-time education," said Cliff G. Bilyea, Laurier's acting director of continuing education when interviewed recently.

"Since Laurier is one of the smaller universities in the province, students don't get lost in the shuffle. Students will find many opportunities for interaction with their fellow students and their professors."

He added that all university services and facilities -- including counselling services (both academic and personal), library, a study skills workshop, as well as recreational facilities -- are available to all part-time students.

Laurier was founded in 1911 and began offering part-time courses more than 30 years ago. In 1984 there were 7,440 part-time students enrolled over five separate academic terms throughout the year.

Bilyea said part-time students at Laurier come from many backgrounds. There are business men and women, attracted by courses taught by the highly respected school of business and economics. Others are teachers, homemakers, truck drivers, retired people and young people who didn't complete high school. Tuition is free to those 60 years of age and over. And students without high school can be admitted under a special program.

This fall and winter Laurier is offering 196 classroom courses in the Waterloo region, including classes in four off-campus sites. In addition, there will be 20 television courses offered over Rogers Cable and TVOntario.

Many part-time students are working toward a general bachelor of arts degree, or a diploma in business administration or accounting. Some students may not be working toward a degree.

"Students find that university courses offer a great deal of satisfaction and lead to personal enrichment," Bilyea said. "For many, that is reason enough to enroll."