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Note: We are sending this release to you since there are Laurier TV students in your community.

New lending service assists  
part-time university students

For the first time in Ontario, students taking university courses through television can get tapes of those televised lectures for home viewing at their own convenience.

Clifford G. Bilyea, director of part-time studies at Wilfrid Laurier University, said a tape-lending service is available, starting in September, for more than 20 Laurier courses offered through WLU Telecollege over TVOntario and various cable companies.

The tapes are loaned to students for a \$45 fee which is refunded if the tapes are returned within a month following the final examinations.

"Earning a degree at a distance has been a growing phenomenon in Ontario," Bilyea said. "We now have more than 1,300 students in 220 communities, a student growth of 32 per cent over last year."

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He said the majority of TV learners in the province are adults, often between 20 and 35 years of age, who may not have completed high school. Through Laurier's program for mature students, they can be admitted to the university if they have Grade 12 and two years of work experience, or are 21 years of age or older.

Tapes are now available for students enrolled in anthropology, business, economics, English, geography, geology, philosophy, psychology, religion and culture, science, social welfare, and sociology. The tapes are offered on half-inch VHS format.

Students enrolled in Laurier courses also have the opportunity for contact with their professors by calling the university toll free 1-800-265-8866, ext. 2447. They may also call that number to get the university's calendar of fall and winter course offerings.