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Discover Laurier program eases transition to university life

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WATERLOO, Ontario — The university experience is more than just the pursuit of knowledge. It's also about new friends, a new city, and of course, independence.

Discover Laurier, a weekend program for new students enrolled at Wilfrid Laurier University, introduces first-year students and their parents to some of the challenges of university life and helps make the transition from high school to university a smooth one.

Beginning **Friday, July 25, 1997 and concluding Sunday, July 27, 1997**, students and parents will attend lectures, workshops and information sessions that focus on a variety of topics including academic choices, career options and personal finance. Campus tours, seminars and social events are also part of the program.

Laurier's new president, Dr. Robert Rosehart, will address participants at an assembly on **Saturday, July 26 in the Theatre Auditorium beginning at 11 a.m.** Also scheduled to speak are Dr. Arthur Read, dean, faculty of arts and science; David McMurray, dean of students, and Stewart Wong, president of the Wilfrid Laurier Students' Association. Dr. Tupper Cawsey of the School of Business and Economics will deliver the keynote address.

"Discover Laurier attempts to bring the entire university experience to new students," Joel Lynn, the event's co-ordinator says. "The program we have developed addresses both the academic and student-life aspects of attending university. It also helps to answer questions that students and parents have about undergraduate studies, and provides an opportunity for students to get to know the campus and each other before studies begin in September."

Over 200 students from across the country are registered. A schedule of events follows and media are invited to attend.

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Schedule of events - Discover Laurier '97

Friday, July 25, 1997

6- 10 p.m. Registration (Bricker Residence)
7 - 11 p.m. Guided campus tours and movie night.

Saturday, July 26, 1997

8 - 9 a.m. Breakfast (Dining Hall)
8 - noon Registration (Bricker Residence)
8:30 - 10:45 a.m. Campus Tours (leaving Bricker residence every half hour)
11 - 11:45 a.m. Welcome Remarks and Keynote Address "The University Experience"
Noon - 1:50 p.m. Information Fair/Buffer Lunch (Concourse)

2 - 3 p.m. Academic Life Sessions (classroom locations)
- *About your university program*
- *What you need to know about university courses*
- *Information resources at Laurier*
3 p.m. Coffee Break (Student Union Building)
3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Academic Life Sessions (repeat of earlier program)
4:15 - 5:15 p.m. Campus Tours (Atrium, Peters Building)
Library Tour (Main lobby, library)
4:15 - 6 p.m. Free time
6 - 8 p.m. BBQ in the Quad (Dining Hall Quad)
8:30 p.m. Concert by WLU students, faculty and alumni
(Maureen Forrester Recital Hall)
9:30 p.m. Concert reception and art exhibition (Robert Langen Gallery)
9:30 p.m. Student concert (Wilf's)

Sunday, July 27

7:30 - 8:45 a.m. Breakfast
9 - 10 a.m. Student Life Sessions (Science Building)
- *Living off-campus*
- *Career planning: Selecting the courses that are right for you*
- *Personal finances*
10 -10:15 a.m. Refreshment break
10:15 - 11:30 a.m. Student Life Sessions (Science Building)
- *Letting go: For parents and guardians*
- *The first-year experience: A personal look at the year ahead*
11:30 a.m. - noon Plenary: See you in September (Theatre Auditorium)
Noon - 1 p.m. Lunch (Dining Hall)
Noon - 2 p.m. Check out