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### **First year students and parents to get an early look at Laurier**

About 400 people - new students and their parents - will be on the Wilfrid Laurier University campus on the July 20-21 weekend for the third annual Discover Laurier program.

"Discover Laurier is a great way for new students and their parents or guardians to see the campus in a small group, to meet some of the university staff and faculty, to see what it's like to live in a residence and eat on campus," said Fran Wdowczyk, Laurier's student life co-ordinator.

The program, which began in 1994, includes seminars, tours, an information fair, social events, and entertainment. Hosts will include students, faculty, and staff.

Most first-year students choose to live in a university residence, and for most of them it will be their first experience at living away from home, said Wdowczyk. For the Discover Laurier weekend, students will be assigned roommates and will live in the dormitory-style Bouckaert Hall residence, while their parents will stay in the apartment-style Bricker Residence.

Information sessions will cover topics ranging from individual programs, to the university library, to computing at Laurier, personal finances, career planning, and recreational and cultural life on campus.

Discover Laurier, which is an addendum to the traditional orientation week at the beginning of first term, "is a unique opportunity for the students and their parents to meet faculty and staff in an informal out-of-class setting," said Wdowczyk. "Almost all of the participants will be from out-of-town, and we're here to answer all their questions about Laurier."

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A total of 261 people took part in last year's Discover Laurier program, and the response was very enthusiastic from both parents and students.

"Thank you very much for making our visit to Laurier so enjoyable and very informative," said one parent. "Come September, I leave my son in your hands with no fear or second thoughts. He made the right decision."