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Award recognizes SBE's outstanding teacher

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WATERLOO, Ontario - "For better or for worse I become involved in students' lives right down to the point that if someone doesn't appear in my class that day, I make a note of it and call the student that night."

It's that kind of commitment that has earned Dr. H. Franklin Ramsomair, professor of organizational behaviour and human resources at Wilfrid Laurier University's School of Business and Economics, the Outstanding Teaching Award for 1997. A presentation was made to Dr. Ramsomair at the SBE Awards Banquet in January.

Presented annually, the Award recognizes quality classroom teaching, out-of-class advising, as well as the successful development and use of innovative teaching methods. With research interests that include the Internet and cross-cultural management, Dr. Ramsomair gives his students an international perspective using technology. In turn, students are better prepared for the workplace of the next century.

Once a month, Dr. Ramsomair puts his students in touch with colleagues in Singapore and New Zealand for an online, interactive discussion group via computer. Additionally, he built a web site that provides online links to a number of economic, business and human resources journals. Students also make use of interactive, online assignments, and must complete two written assignments by electronic mail.

"So many companies are asking their employees right now, not to be computer literate per se, but to be internet literate," Dr. Ramsomair said.

Students who have taken at least 10 half-credit SBE courses, and are registered in a SBE program, vote for the winner.