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Maclean's recognizes reputation, quality & commitment to students
Two first-place subcategories and gains in reputation help Laurier hold fifth place overall

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WATERLOO – The *Maclean's* annual ranking of Canadian universities has again recognized Laurier's outstanding reputation, commitment to students and the quality of its student body. Despite record increases in enrolment, the University maintained its fifth-place position among 'primarily undergraduate' universities – in part by gaining ground in the all-important reputation survey.

The 2000 ranking issue shows Laurier climbed from fourth place to third in the reputation category, moving into or maintaining third in each of the category's subcategories. The University also finished first in the category that measures the proportion of students who finished high school with an average grade of 75 percent or higher. And it maintained first in the percentage of total operating expenditures that fund student scholarships or bursaries.

"Like the Ontario government's performance indicators – which ranked Laurier number one in the province – the *Maclean's* rankings confirm that we are maintaining our reputation as a quality institution," said Laurier president and vice-chancellor Bob Rosehart. "Our students are among the very brightest and we are committed to ensuring that they succeed. We do that by providing quality programs and by easing the financial burden."

The 2000 *Maclean's* ranking issue is due on newsstands tomorrow.