

# Planet Laurier Orientation '97



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WILFRID LAURIER UNIVERSITY  
**STUDENTS'  
UNION**





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## On behalf of the University . . .

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August, 1997

Dear Student:

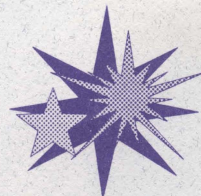
Welcome to Laurier! We share your excitement and anticipation as you begin this important personal venture. Your university experience will offer you many challenges and rewards both intellectually and personally. We look forward to supporting your endeavours and we wish you much success.

In this brochure you will find important tips for the week, schedule highlights, and important information for registration, moving in, and other activities. Orientation Week is designed to:

1. help you join in the life of the University.
2. assist you in developing connections with faculty, staff, and other students.
3. familiarize you with the local community and its services.
4. provide you with information to help you make wise decisions.
5. let you know about extracurricular activities at Laurier.
6. provide you with information about the University's academic programs, policies, procedures, and student services.
7. help reduce any anxiety you might be feeling and make you comfortable at the University.

Orientation Week is the beginning of a university life that presents many new freedoms and choices. Please choose wisely, work hard, and enjoy! We look forward to your arrival and to meeting you personally.

J. David McMurray  
Assistant Vice-President, Student Services/Dean of Students





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## On behalf of the Students' Union . . .

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August, 1997

To our newest Golden Hawks,

The Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union (WLUSU) is owned and operated by the students, for the students. We are here for you and proud to present Orientation Week 1997 to our incoming first-year students. We want you to feel at home here at Laurier. O-week is guaranteed to start your next four years off on the right foot!

The WLUSU Orientation Committee has been working hard all summer assembling a fantastic O-week package full of incredible events, activities, food, and entertainment. Our theme this year: "Planet Laurier." And in order to make the week a success, we have rounded up over 300 of the wackiest people on campus to volunteer for the week. With the enthusiasm of new students like you, this will be one of the greatest O-weeks ever. So get ready folks, when September 1st arrives, so does the excitement!

We've lined up the best entertainment to hit the WLU campus—bands, comedians, and many other entertainers. Who are they? you ask. Well . . . we want to surprise you, but just to give you an idea . . . in the past we've brought in Ashley MacIsaac, The Odds, Our Lady Peace, I Mother Earth, Tea Party, Spirit of the West and Big Sugar . . . WOW!

From the wild and wacky Student Publications Scavenger Hunt to the hilarious Regatta Games, there will never be a shortage of fun opportunities to meet new friends. If it's school spirit you're looking for, you'll be blown away by the Colour Team Cheer-Off.

During Orientation Week, you'll discover how much spirit Laurier students have. Our goal is to make sure you're comfortable at your new home come the first week of classes.

Hold on to your hats . . . you're in for one heck of a ride at Orientation Week 1997. Enjoy the rest of your summer. We can't wait to see you September 1st!

Enthusiastically yours,

Andrew McCartney  
Orientation Week Co-ordinator

Julie McCallum  
Vice President: Student Activities





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## Registration Information

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### When Should I Arrive?

Monday, September 1st is our traditional "move-in" day. If you are moving into residence and/or have purchased a full Orientation Package from the WLU Students' Union (see details on the next page) this is the best day for you to arrive. When you arrive on campus you will be directed to the Athletic Complex.

If you are not living in residence and not participating in the Students' Union orientation program, come whenever you like. Take note of the special academic sessions, University welcoming events, educational workshops, and special group orientation days, highlighted in this brochure, to plan your week.

When you arrive, pick up a complete Orientation and Registration Week Schedule from any of the following places and enjoy!

- Dean of Students' Office, 3rd Floor, Students' Union Building
- Registrar's Office, 202 Regina Street
- BACCHUS Grove Shack
- Students' Union offices, 3rd Floor, Students' Union Building
- Centre Spot, 2nd Floor, Students' Union Building
- or ask any Orientation or Residence Staff member identified by an Orientation shirt.



### Living On Campus

Monday, September 1st is the main registration day for both residence registration and the Students' Union Orientation Program. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., staff are available to get you settled into your new home. You may want to bring your copy of your room assignment sheet just in case! Once you get into the main registration area, follow the signs.

Each building has senior students working as your residence staff. They will introduce you to residence life and guide you through your first-year experience.

### Living Off Campus

If you are not living on campus, but have paid to participate in the Students' Union Orientation Program, you should arrive on Monday, September 1st as well. You can pick up your Students' Union Orientation Package from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Athletic Complex. If you arrive after 3 p.m., go directly to the Students' Union offices located on the 3rd Floor of the Students' Union building. All week long we will have a special Off-Campus Headquarters. The TV Lounge on the 3rd Floor of the Students' Union Building will be your meeting area, hang-out place, message centre, and much more. Make our Off-Campus Headquarters your home away from home for Orientation Week! Our Foot Patrol program will assist with your safe return home following evening events. Call them for a walk home at 886-FOOT or look for their Drive Home program throughout O-Week.

### Academic Registration

If you have not registered by mail, registration takes place on Thursday, September 4, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Paul Martin Centre. Or, if you have registered by mail but would like to make course changes, you can make changes at registration as well.

### ID Card Pick Up

(Location: Dining Hall—registration forms are required)

Residence students—Wednesday, September 3rd—9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Off-campus students—Thursday, September 4th—9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If you have applied for OSAP, look after arrangements in the Paul Martin Centre.





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## Who's Who for O'Week '97

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**ORIENTATION COMMITTEE** works behind the scenes to create a week you'll never forget. Our group co-ordinates the food, entertainment, activities, Shinerama, registration, and Icebreakers.

**HEAD ICEBREAKERS** the ringleaders of the Icebreakers. These people make sure you have an amazing time during Orientation Week.

**ICEBREAKERS** easily recognized by their enthusiasm and their quest for responsible fun, these 128 student volunteers are full of helpful information and dedicated to helping you make the transition to university life.

**SHINERAMA COMMITTEE** provides information and motivation throughout the week to get you pumped to SHINE on Saturday!

**FOOT PATROLLERS** provide a safe walk home service for all members of the Laurier community.

**BACCHUS** (Boosting Alcohol Consciousness Concerning the Health of University Students). Volunteers help provide a safe and responsible environment for all activities, with and without alcohol.

**ERT** (Emergency Response Team), on hand during O-Week to make sure everyone is safe.

**BSA** (Board of Student Activities), organizes entertainment throughout the year, and will assist throughout O-Week '97.

**WLU STUDENTS' UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS** will be seen touring among the colour teams, providing information about the WLU Students' Union—a place to get involved and meet a great group of people.



### The Students' Union O-Week Package

Early Registration (if postmarked by August 11th): \$85

After Deadline: \$95

#### Your Package Includes:

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 breakfast                   | 1 T-shirt                      |
| 3 lunches                     | 4 nights of live entertainment |
| 3 dinners                     | 1 concert extravaganza         |
| 1 amusement park day pass     |                                |
| 1 laundry bag full of goodies |                                |



Six fun-filled days of excitement that you'll NEVER forget . . . !

Please refer to schedule on back page.



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## Other Stuff

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### Budgeting

Budgeting is not easy, but it will help your survival and sanity. Here are some of the expenses you should include in your budget as you prepare to come to university:

- tuition (additional applicable student fees will appear on your tuition statement)
- rent
- parking
- transportation
- books
- food
- heat\*
- telephone and long-distance charges
- individual costs relating to varsity sports and campus recreation activities
- Residence Floor Fund (\$50 one time)
- clothing
- school supplies
- laundry/cleaning
- spending money
- Hawk Spirit items
- cable TV\*
- gifts
- medicines and health items
- photocopying
- entertainment
- haircuts
- electricity\*
- emergency money

\*for on-campus residence students, these items are covered by residence fees

### Things To Remember

swimsuit	jacket/coat	towel
enthusiasm	toothbrush	pots/pans
comfortable shoes	mugs/glasses	spending money
some utensils	Purple & Gold clothing	some food
sun screen	warm weather clothes	cold weather clothes
sunglasses	calling card	small room fan
rainwear	valid personal ID	university paper work
emergency phone numbers	ball glove/frisbee/etc.	
posters, pictures and a few personal items to decorate your room		

**\*check out insurance on your belongings before you arrive**



### SHINERAMA

For the past 30 years, Laurier students have been demonstrating their commitment to helping others. At the end of O-Week, Saturday, September 6th, all of the first-year students will go out into the community to shine everything from car windows to shoes to bald heads in an effort to raise money for cystic fibrosis research.

Shinerama started here at Laurier and is one of our proud traditions. We are one of the top schools in this national fundraising event, but we can't do it without you! This year, with your energy and enthusiasm, we'll easily top our goal of \$45,000. Shinerama ends the week with a bang. It's the ultimate Orientation experience.

Welcome to Laurier and a great new beginning. We're looking forward to seeing you in September. Look for us—we'll be the crazy ones screaming SHINERAMA!

Chetan Bhanot and Michele MacGregor,  
Shinerama Co-ordinators



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## Our Closing Thoughts

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### Free Time

Some recommendations . . .

- unpack
- open a bank account
- check in with family and friends
- buy your books/supplies
- set up your e-mail account
- decorate/organize your place
- buy some groceries: don't forget laundry detergent, personal things, munchies, and real food, too!



- find out what employment opportunities are available on campus or nearby
- find out what volunteer opportunities are available on campus or nearby
- explore your new community both on and off campus; check out where your classes are, find out where the nearest laundry facilities, variety stores, banks/bank machines, fast food places, malls and grocery stores are located
- meet your residence don, head resident, professors, the Dean of Students, student leaders

**Don't forget to take time for yourself!**

We hope you'll enjoy O-Week '97. We're lining up a week full of fun, entertainment, educational events, and opportunities to explore your new home. We look forward to hosting your introduction to Laurier. Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please give us a call.

### Need More Information?

Here are some people who can help you out.

#### *Dean of Students' Office:*

J. David McMurray  
Judy Jorg (Reception)

(519) 884-0710 extension 3319  
(519) 884-0710 extension 3318

#### *Students' Union Orientation Program:*

Students' Union Reception  
Julie McCallum, Vice President:  
Student Activities

(519) 884-0710 extension 3335  
(519) 884-0710 extension 3416

#### *General Inquiries:*

Housing Office  
Admissions Office  
Registrar's Office  
Business Office  
Campus Security  
Health Services



(519) 884-0710 extension 3218  
(519) 884-0710 extension 6351  
(519) 884-0710 extension 6097  
(519) 884-0710 extension 6245  
(519) 884-0710 extension 3333  
(519) 884-0710 extension 3146





# Schedule



Activities in **purple** are open only to students who have purchased the WLUSU O-Week Package. Other activities are open to all first-year students.

## Monday September 1st

Registration  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Activities and  
Shinerama BBQ  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.

K-W bus tours  
noon-2 p.m.

Residence floor  
meetings  
3-5 p.m.

**Team meetings  
(dinner provided)**  
5-8 p.m.

Opening ceremonies  
8-11 p.m.



## Tuesday September 2nd

**Team meetings**  
9:30-10 a.m.

Campus tours and  
info sessions  
10:30-11:30 a.m.

Lunch available on a  
cash basis  
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Full pass at local  
amusement park  
(dinner provided)**  
noon-6 p.m.

**On-campus party**  
8 p.m.-2 a.m.



## Wednesday September 3rd

ID cards for on-  
campus students  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

OSAP arrangements  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Team meetings**  
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Program/course  
info sessions  
9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Purple Pride Day  
lunch (cash basis)  
noon- 2 p.m.

Scavenger hunt  
2-3:30 p.m.

**Team meetings**  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

Cheer-off  
4:30-6 p.m.

**Team dinners  
(cash basis)**  
6-8 p.m.

**Night event  
off campus**  
9 p.m.-2 a.m.



## Thursday September 4th

Academic registration  
9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

ID cards for off-  
campus students  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Regatta games**  
9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Lunch (provided)**  
12:30-2 p.m.

**Team meetings**  
2-3 p.m.

**Shinerama  
presentation**  
3-4 p.m.

Shine off  
4-5 p.m.

**Dinner (provided)**  
5-6 p.m.

**Concert extravaganza  
off campus**  
9 p.m.-2 a.m.



## Friday September 5th

Shinerama bottle drive  
11 a.m.-noon

**Lunch (provided)**  
noon-1:30 p.m.

Adult/mature  
students orientation  
1-3:30 p.m.

**Pep rally**  
1:30-3 p.m.

**Planet Laurier talent  
show (Turret)**  
3-6 p.m.

**Outdoor movie**  
9 p.m.-midnight

**On campus  
jazz concert**  
9 p.m.-midnight



## Saturday September 6th

**Shinerama breakfast  
(provided)**  
8-9 a.m.

**SHINERAMA!**

**Shinerama lunch  
(provided)**

International student  
orientation  
9 a.m.-noon

Part-time student  
orientation  
8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Closing ceremonies**  
8-9 p.m.

**Night event  
on campus**  
9 p.m.-1 a.m.



## Sunday September 7th

Waterbuffalo  
BBQ (cash basis)  
1-4 p.m.

Faculty of Music  
concert  
2:30 p.m.

