

The History of Laurier Brantford

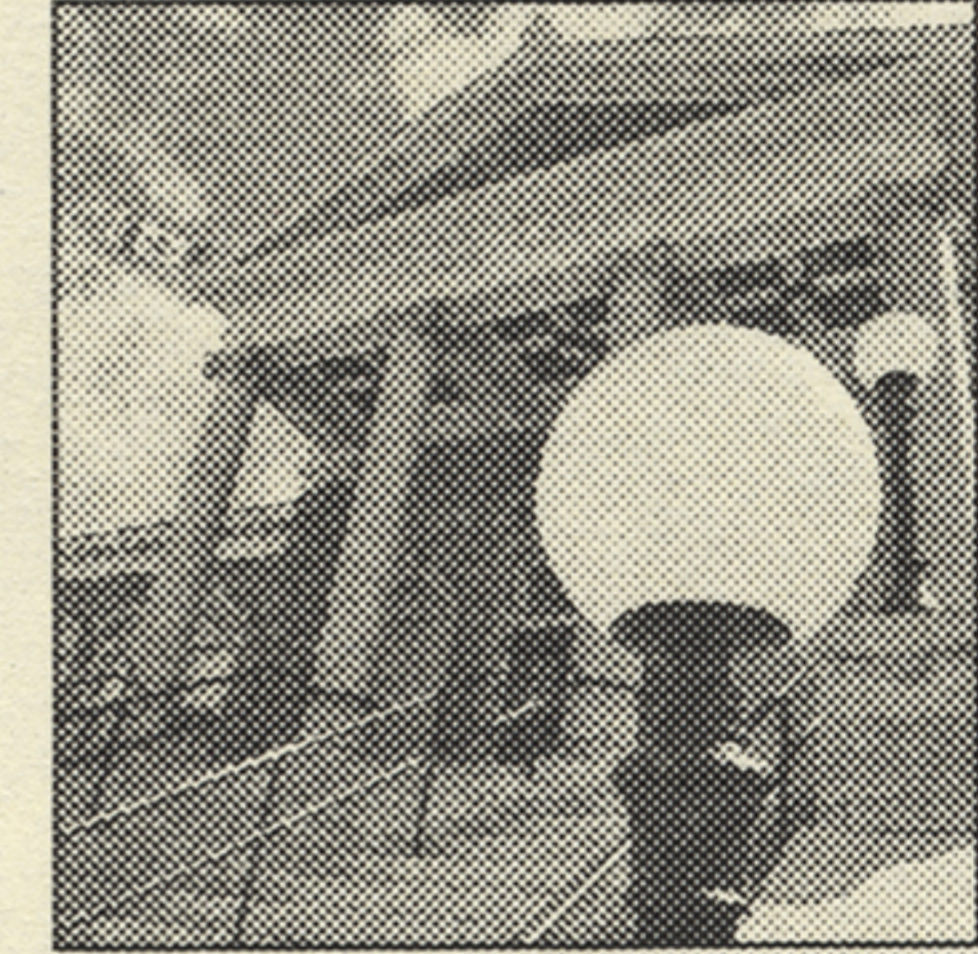
Laurier Brantford opened its doors to students and to higher education in September 1999. The opening was the result of a process that began in 1996, when the Brant Community Futures Development Corporation commissioned a business plan for the establishment of a university in Brantford. The plan became a catalyst for community discussions which culminated in the establishment of a Brant University Steering Committee in 1997. It was this committee which presented an official proposal to Wilfrid Laurier University in 1998.

Many members of the Brant community played an important role in bringing the university to Brantford. They include the Grand Valley Educational Society; His Worship, Mayor Ron Eddy; and His Worship, Mayor Chris Friel.

Since its inception, Laurier Brantford has been characterized by academic innovation and:

- a commitment to the liberal arts and sciences and their ability to provide students with the skills and knowledge relevant to contemporary issues and concerns;
- a problem-centred, interdisciplinary approach to teaching and research;
- a multitude of programs which combine the liberal arts with applied professional and occupational programs that further the vocations of our students;
- a close knit community of students, faculty and staff which promotes energy and enthusiasm and positive relations with the local community that supports us.

Thanks to the work of these and many others, Laurier Brantford now stands as a testament to the conviction — shared by the university, the City of Brantford and the County of Brant — that advanced education can play a vital role in establishing and sustaining a flourishing community.



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