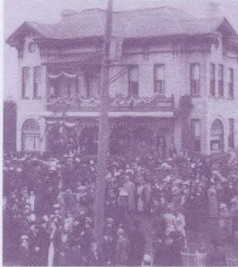
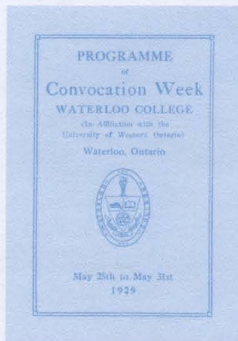


LAURIER'S HISTORY AT A GLANCE

1911–1953



Opening ceremony of
Waterloo Lutheran Seminary
on October 30, 1911



1929 Convocation program



Female graduate class of 1950

- The official opening and dedication of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary took place on October 30, 1911. The service began at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Church before a congregation of approximately 1,500 people.
- The Women's Auxiliary of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary was founded on February 27, 1913 to increase interest in the programs and needs of the Seminary.
- In 1914, Rev. Nils Willison became the first graduate of the Seminary. Willison later became a professor of Waterloo College and was a member of the Board of Governors of Waterloo College and Seminary for 12 years. Today, Wilfrid Laurier University's Willison Hall is named in his honour.
- In 1924, the Faculty of Arts was established and Waterloo College was created. A three-year Arts course was offered and the fourth year was outlined. After registration day on September 17, 1924, the first class consisted of 24 students.
- On February 18, 1925, Waterloo College affiliated with the University of Western Ontario to offer degrees to its graduates.
- In 1926, the first issue of the *Waterloo College Cord* was published. Now named *The Cord*, the weekly newspaper is produced by a team of over 70 volunteers and an editorial staff of 15.
- In 1928, the original Seagram Memorial Field was opened behind Willison Hall.
- The Board of Governors made the decision to admit female students to Waterloo College in spring 1929.
- In 1931, Louise Kathleen Twietmeyer became the first female student to graduate from Waterloo College. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree and went on to become an instructor of English and French at Waterloo College. She later completed her master's degree at the University of Western Ontario.
- Enrolment increased to 55 students in 1931, from 35 the previous year.
- In 1950, the first annual Boar's Head Dinner took place. Today, the Boar's Head Dinner is organized by the Wilfrid Laurier University Students' Union. Students celebrate the last day of fall classes with a feast, a silent auction and live entertainment.
- The first *Keystone* yearbook was published in 1950. Prior to its launch, Waterloo College received a few pages in the University of Western Ontario's yearbook, *Occidentalia*.
- The first Homecoming took place in 1953. Today, the Homecoming tradition continues once a year for three days. Thousands of students and alumni show their Laurier spirit by attending a variety of activities, including a football game, a pancake breakfast and class reunions.