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WLU To Offer Increased

Attention Music Editors

Concentration in Music Education

As a natural outgrowth of Waterloo Lutheran University's long involvement with music education, a three-year program of studies leading to the degree of Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.) will be offered beginning next September.

The Seminary offered church music programs for many years and students may now take a general B.A. with a major in music. Even with offering of the B.Mus. degree, students may still opt for the general B.A. program with a music major.

However, the new degree will have more courses in a structured program of history, craft and practice which will equip him with a balanced training in the varied aspects of the profession of music.

Because the B.Mus. program will remain an integral part of the arts faculty, students will not only undertake an intensive musical study but also will have the opportunity to develop his perspective through courses in related areas,

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Prof. Walter H. Kemp, chairman of WLU's music department, said Waterloo Lutheran is one of the few Canadian universities offering a complete degree program in church music.

"In it are combined courses in religious studies, hymnology, music crafts, and church music practice--with a performance concentration in organ or voice."

He added that a unique aspect of the course will be a requirement for each student, before graduation, to serve a supervised musical internship of several months in a community church.

In commenting on the program, Dr. Frank C. Peters, WLU president, said the university, through this expanded program, will continue to play an important role as an institution steeped in the tradition of excellence in church music.

He said the rapidly growing revival of music in North American churches demands an ever-increasing mastery of this craft among musicians.

Waterloo Lutheran University, the only church-related university remaining in Ontario, accepts students of all denominations. Internships for students in the program will be arranged in churches of various denominations.

Dr. Peters said the internship requirement fulfills an increasing interest that education should contain both the theoretical and the practical. WLU students in the Graduate School of Social Work must spend considerable time working under supervision in social service agencies and practical field trips are also becoming popular in other departments of the university.