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<u>City Water from Lake Erie? Lake Huron?</u>

WLU Students Seek Answers in Survey

Hundreds of residents in Kitchener-Waterloo, Galt, Guelph, Preston and Brantford will be asked to fill out a three-minute questionnaire

Thursday night when 100 Waterloo Lutheran University students fan out to gather householder opinion on water supplies.

Dr. Herman Overgaard, a WLU business professor and chairman of the Kitchener Chamber of Commerce's water supply committee, said results of the survey would assist the chamber in making recommendations to the government.

In view of the proposed pipeline from Lake Erie, the Chamber of Commerce feels that public reaction to this proposal would be valuable Dr. Overgaard said.

Joining with him in planning the mass survey are Dr. John H. McMurry, chairman of WLU's geography department, and John Lewis, a lecturer in the department. All three men are specialists in water resource management and Dr. Overgaard wrote his doctoral thesis on the subject.

The students will be asking householders such questions as: If water supplies become inadequate, would you prefer to see additional sources come from Lake Ontario, Georgian Bay, Lake Erie, or other sources? Dr. Overgaard said the Great Lakes, along with the Grand River, have often been mentioned as possible water sources for this highly industrialized area which may be facing an acute shortage.

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