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# Four Share Alumnus of year Honors



*GFC's "Alumnus of the Year" award for 1973 is shared by The Four Flats quartet—(from left) Dick Cadd, Ron Crecelius, Norval Hadley and Harlow Ankeny.*

Four Newberg men share the 1973 George Fox College Alumnus of the Year Award presented Alumni Weekend on campus.

It's the first time the 82-year-old college has made the award to more than one person.

Recipients are members of The Four Flats quartet: Harlow Ankeny, Dick Cadd, Ronald Crecelius and Norval Hadley.

The quartet was organized at George Fox in 1946, later becoming one of the most famous music groups ever produced in Oregon.

Changing their name to the World Vision Quartet in 1956 the group sang to millions around the world.

At a reunion concert in November in Newberg the quartet drew 2,300 persons, the largest indoor crowd ever in the city. They raised more than \$1,500—all given to the college's scholarship fund.

The quartet twice won the championship in the annual Forest Grove Barbershop Quartet Festival and sang together as The Four Flats until 1952. They turned down offers for a full-time entertainment career,

choosing to put their talents into church work. The quartet is probably most remembered for its singing on the weekly Sunday morning World Vision broadcast on ABC radio.

Ankeny, baritone in the quartet, since 1962 has been general manager of Barclay Press, a printing and publishing arm of the Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church.

Bass Dick Cadd since 1962 has been a missionary in the Philippines, teaching at Faith Academy in Manila and doing radio and television work. This year he lived in Newberg while on furlough.

Second tenor Ronald Crecelius since 1967 has been chaplain at George Fox.

First tenor Norval Hadley since 1971 has been superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church with 7,000 members in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

All four men are George Fox graduates. Each married his college sweetheart and each wife graduated from George Fox the same year as her husband, with the same degree.

The quartet, presented the Alumnus of the Year Award by Alumni Director Gene Hockett, was cited for "dedication to God, your lives of Christian service, your loyalty and faithful ambassador work for your alma mater."

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