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ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

1973

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THE FOUR FLATS QUARTET

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Alumni Association
George Fox College
Newberg, Oregon

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In 1946 four George Fox College students got together to run through some male quartet selections. It sounded pretty good.

They tried their talents in public and captivated their audiences with mellow harmony and appropriate antics to accompany their lively songs.

A year later they entered the Forest Grove Barbershop Quartet Ballad Contest. They won first place. They entered again the following year and again captured the top prize for quartets in the Northwest.

That was the beginning of one of the most famous music groups ever produced in Oregon, the "Four Flats Quartet," later called the "World Vision Quartet" as it sang around the world.

After graduating from George Fox College they turned down offers for full-time entertainment careers, choosing to put their talents into church work.

In 1956 the Quartet became a full-time part of World Vision International, a missionary organization founded in Portland and now headquartered in Pasadena, California.

They sang before millions in person on two visits to the Far East and made two trips across the United States on singing tours. The Quartet is probably most remembered for its singing on a weekly Sunday morning World Vision broadcast on ABC radio.

The Newberg-formed group twice sang for Presidential Prayer Breakfasts-- in 1957 and 1960. The group has recorded four albums during its career.

Twenty-five years later all four members have once again lived in Newberg for this year.

At a reunion concert in November, 1972, 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 scholarship fund.

Harlow Ankeny, baritone in the Quartet, is general manager of Barclay Press, a printing and publishing arm of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church. He has held the position since 1962 when the organization moved to Newberg.

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 is living in Newberg while on furlough.

Second tenor Ronald Crecelius is chaplain at George Fox, coming to the college in 1967 from a similar post at Azusa Pacific College in California.

First tenor Norval Hadley is superintendent of Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends Church with 7,000 members in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. He became superintendent of the church organization in July, 1971, after 11 years with the World Vision organization as assistant to the president.

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. Children of all four families are currently attending George Fox College with one having graduated with the class of 1971.

Members of the Four Flats Quartet, because of your dedication to God, your lives of Christian service, your loyalty and faithful ambassador work for your alma mater, the George Fox College Alumni Association is pleased to present to you the 1973 Alumnus of the Year Award.