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The following is information on some of the more interesting students receiving degrees at Laurier's annual spring convocation at the Kitchener auditorium May 28.

Degree to be printed in Braille

For the first time, Laurier will confer a degree printed in Braille. Bob Fenton, blind since birth, will be receiving a general BA in political science.

With the assistance of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, a plastic overlay will be created for the regular degree.

Now doing computer support work and programming at IBM in Toronto, the 22-year-old man will begin studying law at Queen's University this fall.

A recipient of the Terry Fox Humanitarian Award, his hobbies include computers, track and field, skiing and attending hockey games.

He can be reached at home in Agincourt at (416) 496-1352 or at IBM at (416) 474-2111. Dr. Art Read, who is dean of arts and science and who taught Fenton in a physics of music course, is available for comment at 884-1970 ext. 2220.

The three musketeers

Three men, affectionately known at Laurier as "the three musketeers" will receive masters degrees in social work. Since 1986, these three -- all with families and full-time jobs -- have been commuting together from the Toronto area to pursue their part-time studies.

They are: Mark Dooner, Richmond Hill; Wally Greenwood, Unionville; and Michael Fullen, Mississauga.

They studied at Ryerson and were in the social work field for a number of years before coming to Laurier. The three were among the first part-time students to be admitted to the program with advanced standing because they already held degrees.

Donner is employed with the City of York Board of Education and can be contacted at (416) 394-3386 or at home (416) 884-9051.

Greenwood works at the EarlsCourt Child and Family Centre and can be reached at (416) 654-8981 or at home (416) 475-2865.

Fullen, who will resume working at the Oaklands Regional Centre in June, can be reached at the Ministry of Community and Social Services at (416) 897-3100 ext. 2961 or at home (416) 828-4853.

Senior citizen earns MA

Frank Hoddle, a 72-year-old Kitchener resident with a long record of service to the community, will receive his MA in religion and culture.

In 1969, he earned a BA in psychology through evening and weekend studies and was prompted to return to Laurier to study

religion and culture after he and his wife travelled in the Middle East.

He has served on the Kitchener public school board, Kitchener city council, Waterloo Region council, the Centre in the Square's board of directors and the Interfaith Pastoral Counselling Centre's board of directors.

Hoddle can be reached at home at 742-0704.

Teacher earns degree in music therapy

Janice McKee, who spent 20 years working with the developmentally handicapped, has earned a bachelors degree in music therapy.

For years, the primary school teacher had used music in her classroom but it was only after a chance encounter at a concert that she learned a formal body of knowledge about music therapy existed. Shortly afterwards, she enrolled in the Laurier program.

A wife and mother of three teenagers, McKee commuted daily from Paris to the Waterloo campus.

Both a pianist and guitarist, she was the only music therapy student to give a voice performance at the graduation recital.

After convocation, she will be working with chronic care patients at Baycrest Hospital in Toronto. McKee can be contacted at home at (519) 442-3878.

Pakistani researcher takes knowledge home

Ghazanfar Ali, a research officer with the Pakistan Water and Power Authority, will receive a masters degree in geography.

Ali worked on a snow and ice hydrology project in the Himalayas with Ken Hewitt, Laurier's full-time research professor last year, and Gordon Young, director of the Cold Regions Research Centre. His studies were sponsored by the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa.

He will return to Pakistan to monitor and test the forecasting model for water supplies developed in the project. It is designed to aid the 81 million people who depend on the mountains for their water supply.

Ali has degrees in physics, math and law from the University of the Punjab in Pakistan.

He can be contacted through the geography department at Laurier at 884-1970 ext. 2160. Contact Dr. Al Hecht, the graduate officer, for comment at ext. 2325.