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Neale H. Tayler named president emeritus
as Laurier holds spring convocation

Neale H. Tayler, president of Wilfrid Laurier University, was named president emeritus at the university's spring convocation Sunday at the Kitchener Memorial Auditorium. He retires in July.

Dr. Tayler, president of the university since 1978 and a faculty member since 1962, is only the second president in the university's history to be honored with the lifetime honorary presidential status. The first was Dr. Frank C. Peters, his immediate predecessor.

Dr. John A. Weir, academic vice-president, who installed Dr. Tayler said of him, "While his manner is always quiet and tactful, his resolve is always firm. He knew where he wanted the institution to go and led it there. He has earned the admiration and gratitude of the entire Wilfrid Laurier University community."

Honorary doctor of laws were conferred upon Robert A. Willson, chairman and chief executive officer of the Northland Bank of Calgary and upon James T. Black of Rexdale, president of the Molson Companies Ltd.

Lt.-Gov. John Aird, the university's chancellor, presided.

Graduate and undergraduate degrees were conferred upon more than 800 students in arts, science, music, business and economics, social work and theology.