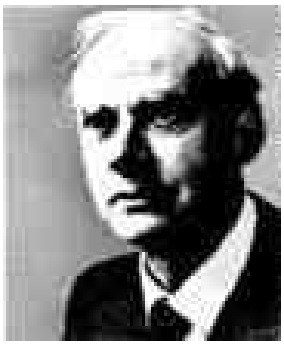
Oliver Heaviside!

Certificate of Endurance



P. A. M. Dirac!

WHEREAS **I** have been informed by **Course Management** that

A. Student

has attended *every* lecture on Laplace transforms in Math 421

THEREFORE **I** proclaim that this person has done the scholarly equivalent of

Crawling through a field of mud **&** **S**leeping with 100 weasels **&** **E**njoying the current weather.

and THEREFORE **I** confer upon this student membership in the

Order of the Severely Bored and Infinitely Conscientious

[**Laplace Division**]

SIGNED

Pierre-Simon Laplace
Marquis and Count of the Empire

Author of *Traité du Mécanique Céleste* and *Théorie Analytique des Probabilités*

"I have sought to establish that the phenomena of nature can be reduced in the last analysis to actions at a distance between molecule and molecule, and that the consideration of these actions must serve as the basis of the mathematical theory of these phenomena."