



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Honorary Degree Citations The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, conferred on Dr. Peter Legge Wednesday, June 6, 2001

Mr. Chancellor, I am proud to present Mr. Peter Legge, a distinguished British Columbian who has inspired thousands with his vision and words, and benefited countless numbers through his commitment to community.

Peter Legge has often said that he believes not only in trying but also in striving, in digging down deep to push himself. That philosophy has led to enviable success in everything he has done. He is a corporate leader who took a struggling one-magazine, two-person operation and transformed it into a national company, Canada Wide Magazine and Communications Ltd., earning the respect of peers, employees, and friends. A public speaker who has motivated people across this county and beyond, he selflessly shares his hard-earned wisdom leavened with wit and compassion.

His outstanding achievements in business are complemented by his devotion to his community, which extends far beyond the borders of our province. Over the years, he has been a member, director, or participant in more than forty charities, working tirelessly to better the lives of others both at home and abroad.

We, too, have benefited from his time and energy. A close and valued friend to this University, he has offered his unique insights to students in our Master of Publishing Program and the Student Marketing Association. He also serves on the Steering Committee for our Canadian Centre for Studies in Publishing. His leadership and direct involvement assisted greatly in the launch of our new magazine *aq*.

He has been accorded many accolades and honours for his humanitarian work and for his outstanding record as a public speaker. Most recently he received the Variety Club's Golden Heart Community Achievement Award, and a special award presented by His Majesty King Kigeli of Rwanda for his humanitarian aid to that country.

Mr. Chancellor, the greatest single influence in Peter Legge's life was his father, Bernie, who believed that you can grow where you are planted. Peter took this to heart, and we are all the better for it. On behalf of the Senate of this University, I ask that you now confer upon Mr. Peter Legge the degree Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.