When Dr. John B. Macdonald arrived in this province as the president of our senior and sister institution, he began the study which has become well-known as the Macdonald report. While there was great agitation in various parts of the province for another university, few saw the need for one in metropolitan Vancouver. Dr. Macdonald recommended that Burnaby be chosen as the location for the new university and predicted that the enrolment in 1965 would be between 2,300 and 2,500 students. The predictions of the Macdonald report have been dramatically proven right by our enrolment of just over 2,500 students. Thus there is no doubt that Simon Fraser began as a gleam in the eye of Dr. John B. Macdonald.

It took great courage, imagination, and genuine concern for higher education to propose the many new plans and institutions contained in his report, and also to propose what we hope will be - in the best sense - a serious academic competitor to his own university. I present, Mr. Chancellor, John Barfoot Macdonald for the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.