Men of unusual energy and resource are said to move mountains; in his long and productive career, Gordon Merritt Shrum not only moved mountains; he shaped them to the needs of man. As first Chancellor of this University, for five years he devoted himself to shaping Burnaby's mountain into a modern university campus. Today Simon Fraser University acknowledges Dr. Shrum's generous service.

Dr. Shrum came to Simon Fraser University after a distinguished career at the University of British Columbia. He arrived at U.B.C. in 1925, a young scholar who had already earned a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto and had won honours from the National Research Council. A professor of physics, he later headed U.B.C.'s Physics Department for 23 years, also serving as Dean of Graduate Studies.

No cloistered research scientist, in the course of his lively academic career, Dr. Shrum tackled a number of U.B.C.'s most pressing practical problems. It was a campus joke that he raided surplus army camps throughout the province to obtain more classrooms and housing facilities for students. Senator Norman MacKenzie, then U.B.C.'s President, terms Dr. Shrum the University's number one "expeditor" when the welfare of students was at stake. The Senator says he found no more dedicated and loyal colleague in all his years at U.B.C.

Along with his post as physics professor, Dr. Shrum organized and developed U.B.C.'s Extension Department. Beginning in the depression years and lasting until 1953, the Department provided an opportunity for thousands of young people in remote areas of the province to receive education beyond high school. Dr. Shrum recruited Kenneth Caple, whose name is not unknown at Simon Fraser University, to help coordinate the extension programme, making it a significant one in British Columbia's history.
For fifty years, our province has been greatly enriched by Dr. Shrum's contribution to the field of education. But he cannot be defined only as scholar and academic, for he is equally at home in his roles of administrator and businessman. He directed the B.C. Research Council and served on the National Research Council of Canada. Chairman of the B.C. Energy Board, Dr. Shrum's own energy seemed inexhaustible. His community services include prominent positions with the B.C. Cancer Foundation, Pacific Sciences Congresses, the Vancouver Board of Trade, and the Greater Vancouver and District Development Commission. Dr. Shrum served in the Canadian Field Artillery in the First World War. It seems redundant to mention that he is presently Chairman of B.C. Hydro and Power Authority.

Mr. Chancellor, I present to you Dr. Gordon Merritt Shrum, amalgam of administrator and academic, a man who has contributed greatly to the growth of this province, for the degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa.*