Few archaeologists have continuously contributed so much from so many regions of the western hemisphere. From the Arctic coast of the Yukon to Flea Cave in the Andes, Richard Stockton "Scotty" MacNeish has left few stones unturned in the search for earliest man. His impact on our understanding of the rise of civilization in the aboriginal New World is equalled by none and for this we will remain forever in his debt.

Dr. MacNeish's distinguished career is marked both by the generation of new ideas and by the pragmatism necessary for the evaluation of such ideas. An outstanding athlete in his youth, Dr. MacNeish won the Golden Gloves Boxing Championship in New York in 1938. Such an outstanding achievement and direct response to challenge while a college undergraduate has characterized his entire career as a field archaeologist and as an academician. Dr. MacNeish earned B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Chicago in the period between 1940 and 1949, and then was invited to join the staff of the National Museum in Ottawa, becoming the chief Archaeologist of that organization in 1955.

Never content with armchair archaeology, his boundless energy and insatiable curiosity took him on field research from Flin Flon to Chiapas while administering the archaeological division for the entire nation. From 1960 through 1964 he organized and directed the massive Tehuacan project in Mexico, a program of archaeological research centered on the problem of the beginnings of agriculture and civilization in the New World. Energetic, enthusiastic, scholarly and a firm believer in Archaeology as a discipline in its own right, Dr. MacNeish in 1964 became the founding head of the new Department of Archaeology at the University of Calgary from which has since come a wave of well-trained, professional archaeologists, who now populate our teaching and research institutions. In 1968 he accepted the prestigious position of Director of the Robert S. Peabody Foundation for Archaeology and has continued to work on the frontiers of archaeological knowledge. Simon Fraser University is both pleased and proud to be able to recognize a man of his accomplishments.

Mr. Chancellor, it is my privilege to present to you for the Degree of Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, Richard Stockton MacNeish.