Mr. Chancellor, we are honouring Morris Belkin today as an outstanding philanthropist and leader in the business community.

Even before his graduation from the University of British Columbia in 1944, he had incorporated the Standard Publishing Company, which published the University of British Columbia's student paper, the *Ubyssey*, and he had also acquired the *Point Grey News Gazette* and its printing plant.

However, instead of following the path of Lord Thomson of Fleet and picking up newspapers all over the world, he decided to pick up the basics — paper itself. He started with the Belkin Paper Box Ltd. in 1946, and later branched out successively into paper bags, papermills, paper-board, then paper recycling, and paper envelopes — a veritable paper empire. More recently he has challenged the giants of the industry and acquired the National Paper Box Company from MacMillan Bloedel and the paper division of Continental Can, which were all incorporated into his holding company, Somerville Belkin Industries Limited, of which he is the Chairman.

Although, as Dr. Johnson said, "There are few ways in which a man can be more innocently employed than in getting money," it can never be the sum of a good life. According to Gordon Shrum, Morris Belkin's business affairs have often seemed to have taken second place to his volunteer and philanthropic services to the community. He has been President of the Jewish Community Centre, Chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal, is on the permanent Board of the United Jewish Appeal, and has served on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. He has also been on the Board of the Vancouver Symphony Society and of the Vancouver Children's Hospital.

In addition to these charitable activities, he has been deeply involved with university affairs. He has been Chairman of the Vancouver Chapter of the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel, and has served as the National Vice President of the Canadian society supporting that Institute. His service and generosity to the Weizmann Institute were marked last year by the establishment there of the Morris Belkin Research Professorship — a Chair to which his many friends generously contributed.

His university activities in British Columbia include founding membership in the University of British Columbia Alumni group, the Wesbrook Society, membership on the Board of Management of TRIUMF, the Tri-University Meson Facility, a cooperative university venture in the field of science, and he is a friend and generous supporter of Simon Fraser University.

In honouring Morris Belkin with the Man of the Year Award in 1975, the Vancouver Israel Bond Organization said, "Morris Belkin's name is synonymous with packaging and philanthropies." Simon Fraser University is happy to add a blue ribbon to that package of grand achievements.

Mr. Chancellor, I now ask on behalf of the Senate of this University that you confer upon Morris Belkin the title and degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.