Mr. Chancellor, I present to you Fred Lloyd Hartley, a native British Columbian who has risen to the highest ranks in corporate America.

Born in Vancouver, Fred Hartley, fresh from a degree in chemical engineering from The University of British Columbia, moved south to California. There he began his career as an engineering supervisor with Union Oil of California. Propelled by energy and intellect, he rose steadily through Union Oil's ranks, and in 1964 became the corporation's president and Chief Executive Officer. Subsequently, he also assumed the chairmanship of Union Oil Company of Canada.

Mr. Hartley personifies what was once commonly called "a Captain of Industry." He is an immensely successful executive in a highly competitive and demanding industry. But simplistic labels do no justice to the full dimension of Fred Hartley's contributions to society: for while working in a business often viewed as being antithetical to environmental concerns, he has achieved a significant reputation as a conservationist and environmentalist.

Fred Hartley has led the energy industry in the search and promotion of alternative energy sources. Under his direction, Union Oil, which developed California's first commercial geothermal electricity-generating project, has become the world's largest producer of geothermal energy. Mr. Hartley also spearheaded America's first commercial shale oil project. Long before the 1970's oil crisis and high gasoline costs shocked the American public into a new energy consciousness, he was urging the U.S. government to adopt a 55 mile-per-hour speed limit.

Fred Hartley's public service achievements also exemplify an impressive and eclectic range of interests and contributions. His numerous awards garnered over the years include everything from a designation by Financial World Magazine as the petroleum industry's top Chief Executive Officer, to a decoration by the Government of the Phillipines for World leadership in geothermal energy, to a Good Scout Award by the Los Angeles County Boy Scouts.

An active supporter of the arts, he is Director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association and a Governor of the Performing Arts Council of the Los Angeles Music Centre. At the other end of his exhaustive list of affiliations, there is even a former Directorship of the Daytona International Speedway Corporation.

Meanwhile, despite an incredibly demanding career, Fred Hartley has also devoted his energies to the advancement of higher education. For his contributions as a Regent of Pepperdine University, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree. And Simon Fraser, too, has benefited from his guidance and support.

Mr. Chancellor, I now ask on behalf of the Senate of this University - in recognition of his lifetime of achievement as a captain, not only of industry, but also of environment, education, and culture - that you confer upon Fred Lloyd Hartley the Degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.