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*An honorary Doctor of Science v
and Social Sciences ceremony or
convocation address.*

Mr. Chancellor, Mr. President, e
gentlemen. Firstly I must say, P
must say a great thanks for the h
this degree. It's especially humb
part of previous honorees in this
you at this moment and I'm very

Now on being a big supporter, as
my past maybe help explain why
research that have helped me out

Far back as I can remember, ther
even in childhood, when my bud
Originality is one of the things, c
of the most difficult things for th
of herd instinct. Perhaps it's son
positively maintain it, and I think

Now, the big step of going from
one that is probably quite challer
period, I was just fortunate to be
inspiring, enthused prospector th
outdoor life, it came
outdoors for the rest
wait to get to UBC.

So there was no problem there in that transition. And when there, I even noticed, especially in Geology class, there really wasn't as much as I expected, so along with the courses, I sort of had my own little curriculum, and even at times questioned the questions on exams, which always didn't go over very well.

I must say... then the next step, going to Berkley, was something else again. Imagine, arriving there at the greatest time and place in the 60s, so enlightening. There were no exams even. It was a round table with all the students taking turns in seminars and critically reviewing and mostly tearing apart just about everything that was coming out in research at that time.

It was then when I had a dream to set up my own research institute. Little did I know at the time that it would in fact come to pass. Not in the way I envisaged it, where I would be having all the fun, doing all the work, 'cause the way it is now that would take me many more lifetimes. But it came about in concept really with supporting so many others to do just that and also to support the Quest University which in itself is a unique experiment in learning and critical thinking.

Paramount as you know in geology for fieldwork and that's where the GSC came in. Right from my earliest days at UBC, I spent continuous summers with the best collection of inspired and gifted geoscientists ever assembled, at the renowned Geological Survey of Canada.

Continuous summers, imagine, continuous summers up north in an area that had never been explored geologically and you can really only do once. The pull was so strong, in fact over that 20 years, that later, when our budgets were cut, and most of us were supposed to be confined to

that was a lot of money. We had to shut down, we even shut down the lab work not knowing, that sample 81 out of the 90 was our discovery sample. It was already in the lab.

So think about it, this multi-billion dollar diamond industry is now backed up three years. First at the start, and now most of it due to the fact that Chuck and I are broke and the few backers that we have approached thought we were nuts.

By comparison, since then, since the discovery was made, well over \$1 billion has been spent by others, including DeBeers, grid sampling most of the north, with little in the way of the results.

When finally, after the two years, the lab choked on our sample number 81, unfortunately a public company Diament rushed in. That eventually led to us losing effectively the other mine next door to us, because with a public company of course, your secrecy is compromised and a massive staking rush had taken place. As you know, you've probably heard of it, it was one of the biggest staking rushes ever anywhere.

So now that our mine is getting on in its age, and the operator, BHP, has shut down exploration, I've been allowed, which I couldn't do before, to use some of my more radical ideas in exploration and some of the new techniques that have developed in geophysics to operate in areas that were out of bounds before. The data from the program this summer is just now coming in and I'm happy to say that looks like there's going to be a lot more to do in this mine site.

So, in summing up, to all you graduates, an open invitation to come up north, come up and visit us. It would be great if we could cross paths sometime. You've come a long way already and

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