

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

**Honorary Degree Citations
The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*,
conferred on Dr. Theodore Maiman
Thursday, June 6, 2002**

Mr. Chancellor, I am honoured to present Dr. Theodore Maiman. As the inventor of the first fully operational laser, Dr. Maiman belongs to that illustrious group of scientists whose work has profoundly changed society. His remarkable achievement earned Dr. Maiman international acclaim as the pioneer of photonics, a new field of science and engineering.

Inspired by a father who believed that science should be used to better society, Theodore Maiman obtained his B.Sc. in Engineering Physics at the University of Colorado and a Ph.D. in Physics from Stanford Unive

Mr. Chancellor, Theodore Maiman serves as an exemplar of the scientist as independent seeker of truth. On behalf of the Senate of this University, and in recognition of his stellar career, his integrity, and his singularly outstanding contributions to science, I ask that you now confer upon Dr. Theodore Maiman the degree, Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*.