



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

**Honorary Degree Citations
The degree of Doctor of Laws *honoris causa*,
conferred on Dr. Doris Anderson
Friday, October 3, 1997**

It is my special privilege, Mr. Chancellor, to present Doris Anderson, whose courage, sense of justice, and vision have inspired a generation of Canadian women. As editor, author, journalist, and pioneering feminist she has made a unique and lasting contribution to the cultural and intellectual enrichment of our country.

Doris Anderson grew up during the Great Depression and quickly learned the meaning of hard work and self-sufficiency. After graduating from the University of Alberta, she moved to Toronto where her remarkable career began. Not one to follow convention, she found her own path, initially working as a writer of advertising copy and radio scripts. Later, she travelled abroad to write short fiction. Upon her return to Canada, she took a job with Chatelaine magazine as an editorial assistant. Just seven years later, in 1958, she became editor, a position she held until 1977.

During her tenure, she transformed Chatelaine from a traditional magazine into the leading voice in the women's movement in Canada. Indeed, throughout the 1960s and 1970s Chatelaine's articles and editorials shaped public opinion about many issues of profound

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She is a member of the News Hall of Fame and the recipient of honorary degrees from the Universities of Waterloo, Dalhousie, Concordia, and Alberta. From 1994 to 1996, she served as Chancellor of the University of Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Chancellor, Doris Anderson has been a guiding light to women from every walk of life. In recognition of her outstanding commitment to public affairs and her achievements as a writer and editor, I ask that you confer upon Doris Anderson the degree Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.