**SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY**

**Honorary Degree Citations**
**The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa,***
**conferred on Dr. Klaus Rieckhoff**
**Friday, October 2, 1998**

Mr. Chancellor, it is my privilege to present Dr. Klaus Rieckhoff, Professor Emeritus, Physics. For more than h t y years, he has made this University his intellectual home. He has devoted his time, energy and talent to this institution, playing a major role in the shaping of the Department of Physics and of the University. Indeed, his has been the voice of our collective conscience, and we honour him today for his many and splendid contributions. ioised

Born in Weimar, Germany, Klaus immigrated to Canada in 1951 and earned his B.Sc., M.Sc. and Ph.D. at the University of British Columbia. In 1965, he joined Simon Fraser University as a charter faculty member and immersed himself in its life. A vital force in the Department of Physics-a Department he helped to create and nurture-he has authored or co-authored more than sixty papers in the fields of spectroscopy and energy transfer processes, earning international recognition for his work. As a teacher, he inspired scores of undergraduate and graduate students with his love of science. And indeed, in his many public lectures to numerous groups in the broader community, Klaus eloquently presented his ideas on topics ranging from the quality of education to the importance of science and technology.

His interests, however, have always extended beyond research and teaching. His passion for critical inquiry quickly established him as a man of principle and vision, the respect and trust of faculty reflected in his many appointments or election to numerous Faculty, Departmental and University committees. A founding member of Senate, he supported the inclusion of undergraduate student representation. Ours became the first governing academic body in Canada to have such representation. Klaus sewed on Senate for a total of seventeen years and on the Board of Governors for eleven years. In fact, he has the dBoa o.nibut U