



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Honorary Degree Citations The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, conferred on Dr. Rene Theophil Nuytten Thursday, June 9, 1995

Mr. Chancellor, it is my privilege to present to you Rene Theophil Nuytten, a gifted British Columbian whose daring and vision have made this province a centre of high tech underwater development. Sub-sea engineer, entrepreneur, diver, marine archaeologist, author, carver and Native advocate, Phil Nuytten is that rare individual who excels in the sciences and the arts.

"Curiosity," wrote Samuel Johnson, "is one of the permanent and certain characteristics of a vigorous mind." Throughout his life Phil Nuytten has given free reign to his curiosity. As a teenager, he persuaded his friends to join the library so he could take out more books on their cards. Upon developing a passion for diving, he opened his own scuba store after graduating