



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

Honorary Degree Citations The degree of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa*, conferred on Dr. Stanley Hagen Thursday, June 4, 1998

Mr. Chancellor, I am pleased to introduce Stanley Hagen, a distinguished British Columbian who as a Member of the Legislative Assembly and senior Cabinet Minister gladly embraced the goals of post-secondary education and profoundly influenced its course in this province.

Born in New Westminster and educated at Carnrose Lutheran College and Pacific Lutheran University, Stanley Hagen first worked in the construction industry and later started his own company. His deep interest in education and his concern for its quality and accessibility were evident as early as the 1970s, when he was elected to both the public and independent school boards in the Courtenay area. But this was just the first step in a journey that would eventually see Stanley Hagen become one of higher education's most thoughtful and successful advocates.

He was elected to the Legislative Assembly in 1986 as the Member for Comox. His talents were recognized immediately. Within one month he was appointed Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training, the first of several portfolios that included Minister of Regional and Economic Development and Minister of Education. His achievements in public office were inspiring; their effects have been long-lasting. He quickly earned a reputation as a Minister who listened, who understood, and who acted.

Stanley Hagen established the Matching Funds Program, widely admired across Canada for its boldness and generosity. He championed the Access for All program, which greatly expanded post-secondary education opportunities for British Columbians. He enhanced British Columbia's Student Financial Assistance Program, extended university degree granting status to three B.C. colleges, and supported the creation of the University of Northern B.C. He was also instrumental in the establishment of Simon Fraser University at Harbour Centre.

His record of achievement, however, does not end here. Stanley Hagen was also a Minister who worked tirelessly to win increased funding for science and technology. He provided key government support to the development of Science World and initiated the Scientists in the Schools Program and the Science and Technology Development Fund. As a champion of the TRIUMF KAON project, he helped focus public and government attention on the intellectual, social, and economic importance of research to Canada. In 1991, the Canadian Advanced Technology Association presented him with its Award of Distinction for his exceptional public sector leadership in science and technology. He was the first Western Canadian to be so honoured.

Mr. Chancellor, Stanley Hagen believes deeply in the value of post-secondary education and to our great good fortune, he devoted himself wholeheartedly to its cause. He did so with modesty, humour, and grace. It is my privilege on behalf of the Senate of Simon Fraser University to present Stanley Hagen for the degree Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.