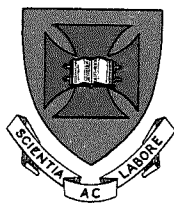


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DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING "HONORIS CAUSA"

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL AUGUST SHAW GEHRMANN

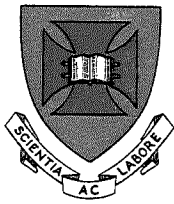
MR. CHANCELLOR,

TONIGHT WE HONOUR A MAN WHO HAS GIVEN LONG AND HONOURABLE SERVICE TO THIS UNIVERSITY FOR MANY YEARS AND WHOSE ASSOCIATION WITH IT EXTENDS OVER MORE THAN FORTY YEARS. COLONEL GEHRMANN - 'GUS' - TO SO MANY OF US, BECAME AN UNDERGRADUATE MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY IN 1931, A YEAR WHEN THE ECONOMIC WINDS BLEW COLD IN THIS COUNTRY AND IN THE WORLD BEYOND. HE GRADUATED WITH DISTINCTION IN MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING AND HIS ACTIVITIES AS A STUDENT WERE WIDE RANGING: HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNION AND SPORTS UNION COUNCILS, CAPTAIN OF BOATS AND A ROWING BLUE. HE WAS PRESIDENT OF THE ENGINEERING UNDERGRADUATES SOCIETY AND WAS COMMISSIONED IN THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN ENGINEERS.

DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR HE SERVED WITH THE ROYAL ENGINEERS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE MIDDLE EAST AND SOUTH WEST PACIFIC; HE WAS WOUNDED IN ACTION, WAS AWARDED THE D.S.O. AND WAS MENTIONED IN DESPACHES. HE MAINTAINED HIS ARMY INTERESTS AFTER THE WAR AND WAS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY REGIMENT BETWEEN 1949 AND 1954.

HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THE MORE GENERAL AFFAIRS OF THE UNIVERSITY BEGAN WHEN HE BECAME A MEMBER OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF CONVOCATION IN 1950, AND IN 1952 HE WAS ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE SENATE. HE HAS NOW BEEN A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR 21 YEARS; AND FOR THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF ONE OF ITS MAJOR COMMITTEES, BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS. OVER THIS PERIOD THE FACE OF THE UNIVERSITY HAS CHANGED GREATLY AS WE HAVE CARRIED THROUGH A MASSIVE BUILDING PROGRAMME. IN 1966, HE WAS ELECTED BY SENATE TO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY CHANCELLOR AND HAS OCCUPIED THIS OFFICE TO THIS TIME.

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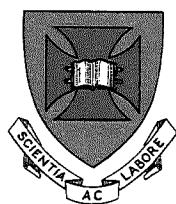
HE HAS SERVED THE UNIVERSITY IN OTHER WAYS; FOR YEARS HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCILS OF ST. JOHN'S AND UNION COLLEGES AND HE IS AT PRESENT CHAIRMAN OF THE UNION COLLEGE COUNCIL.

OUTSIDE THE UNIVERSITY, HE IS ACTIVE IN OTHER EDUCATIONAL SPHERES. HE HAS SERVED AS A TRUSTEE AND IS NOW CHAIRMAN OF THE BRISBANE GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL. WHEN THE QUEENSLAND TEACHERS' COLLEGES WERE GRANTED AUTONOMY HE WAS APPOINTED CHAIRMAN OF THE KEORON PARK TEACHERS' COLLEGE COUNCIL. HE HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN OTHER SPHERES OF THE PUBLIC LIFE OF QUEENSLAND: HE HAS SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE DIOCESAN COMMITTEE OF BRISBANE, AS A MEMBER OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF ST. FRANCIS' THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE. HE HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE QUEENSLAND OPERA COMPANY, A MEMBER OF THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE AND HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE FOR QUEENSLAND SINCE ITS INCEPTION.

HE HAS BEEN A PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE COMMERCIAL WORLD. HE MANAGED THE PETRIE MILL OF THE AUSTRALIAN PAPER MANUFACTURERS LIMITED DURING A PERIOD OF RAPID DEVELOPMENT; HE HAS SERVED AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF WALKER'S LIMITED AND OF NORTH AUSTRALIAN CEMENT LIMITED AND IS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF THE UNION FIDELITY TRUSTEES COMPANY. HE HAS BEEN A PRESIDENT OF THE QUEENSLAND CHAMBER OF MANUFACTURERS.

THERE ARE FEW MEN, MR. CHANCELLOR, WHO ARE BETTER KNOWN IN THIS COMMUNITY. IN RECENT YEARS HE HAS BEEN VERY CLOSELY ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIFE OF THIS UNIVERSITY AND WHILE OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS HE HAS GIVEN UP DAY TO DAY CONTACT WITH ITS AFFAIRS, HE SERVES IT WELL ON THE SENATE AND ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES. HE BRINGS TO HIS UNIVERSITY WORK A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE GAINED OVER MANY YEARS OF UNSTINTING SERVICE AND HE PROVIDES A WELL RESPECTED LINK BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND THE GENERAL COMMUNITY.

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COLONEL A.S. GEHRMANN (cont.)

HIS LONG AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THIS UNIVERSITY, TO OTHER EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL AND PUBLIC BODIES, HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LIFE AND HIS COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS, RICHLY JUSTIFY THE HONOUR WHICH THE UNIVERSITY PROPOSES TO CONFER ON HIM TODAY.

MR. CHANCELLOR, I PRESENT TO YOU LIEUTENANT-COLONEL AUGUST SHAW GEHRMANN, COMPANION OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER, HOLDER OF THE EFFICIENCY DECORATION, BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING, MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS (AUSTRALIA), MEMBER OF THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (LONDON) FOR ADMISSION TO THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING 'HONORIS CAUSA'.

When the Vice-Chancellor concludes, the Chancellor says:

"BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AND UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR, I ADMIT AUGUST SHAW GEHRMANN TO THE RANK AND PRIVILEGES OF THE DEGREE OF DOCTOR OF ENGINEERING 'HONORIS CAUSA' IN THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND."