

**CITATION DELIVERED BY PROFESSOR GERARD SUTTON, ACTING VICE-CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG ON THE OCCASION OF THE ADMISSION OF RAYMOND JOHN CHAMBERS TO THE AWARD OF DOCTOR OF SCIENCE, HONORIS CAUSA, ON 13 MAY, 1993.**

Chancellor, I present to you Raymond John Chambers.

Emeritus Professor Chambers was born in Newcastle, Australia in 1917. He grew up in our sister city to the north and has shown a continuing affection for these two steel towns and their universities.

Raymond Chambers gained an undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Sydney. During the 1930s and 1940s he also had a thorough practical training in accounting in a number of government and industrial positions. Before entering academe, therefore, he knew a great deal about the everyday responsibilities of the practising accountant.

In 1953, Raymond Chambers was appointed to the first full-time position in accounting at Sydney University and, within seven years, he became the foundation Professor of Accounting.

Raymond Chambers' precocious knowledge of his discipline and the generous spirit with which he shares his expertise, brought early recognition from international colleagues and associations. In the 1960s, he was offered the first of a series of Visiting appointments that were to take him to leading universities in the United States, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Japan and Canada. He also lectured in New Zealand and South East Asia.

The 1960s were a busy and productive decade for Professor Chambers. In 1965, he founded *Abacus*, one of the most highly regarded academic accounting and business journals. In 1967, he received the Gold Medal of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants for contributions to accounting literature for his book *Accounting, Evaluation and Economic Behaviour*. This classic text also earned him, in 1969, a citation from the Australian Society of Accountants.

Professor Chambers' publications list is a very impressive one of eight books and some 200 articles, monographs and reports. In 1973, his alma mater, the University of Sydney, awarded him a Doctor of Science in Economics for the quality of his published works and their influence on the progress of his discipline.

The 1970s must have brought a great sense of accomplishment to Raymond Chambers. His work was recognised world-wide. He was awarded the Leverhulme Foundation Fellowship to Waseda University in Japan. He became the State President of the Australian Society of Accountants and, in 1977, its National President. In 1976, he was the first American Accounting Association Distinguished International Lecturer and, from 1977 to 1979, he chaired the NSW Accounting Standards Review Committee. The decade culminated in his appointment as an Officer of the Order of Australia for "service to commerce and education".

In 1983, Professor Chambers retired from the University of Sydney which conferred upon him an Emeritus Professorship in recognition of his contribution to the university and to his discipline. However, he certainly did not withdraw from active involvement in teaching and scholarship. He travelled extensively overseas and became first a Fellow and then Professorial Associate of Deakin University. In 1991, he was inducted into the American Accounting Association's Accounting Hall of Fame.

With great generosity, Raymond Chambers has volunteered his time and expertise to advise and guide our own Faculty of Commerce. Despite a full range of commitments, he never refused a request from Wollongong staff to travel down here to present guest lectures to undergraduate and postgraduate classes and seminars for staff. It is most fitting that this eminent academic become the inaugural Chairperson of the Commerce Faculty Visiting Committee.

Today, we applaud Professor Chambers' long and unremitting dedication to his discipline. To a field often perceived as staid and practical, he has brought the keen and refreshing vision of true scholarship. We thank him for giving his time to share with our students and staff the benefits of his insight and experience.

Chancellor, it is with pleasure that I present to you Raymond John Chambers for the award of Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa.