

How did SFU expand beyond its Burnaby borders?

The answer is in the Archives.

Right from the start in 1965, SFU attracted students from beyond the Vancouver metropolitan area. For those who could not make the trek to Burnaby Mountain, SFU developed outreach programs that made it one of the most innovative universities in Canada.

Over the airwaves *TV to Think About*

The Continuing Studies program started in 1971. Students, professionals and senior citizens could take credit, non-credit, or correspondence courses. If they couldn't get to the mountain, the mountain came to them – through television. Partnerships were pioneered with KCTS-9 and the Knowledge Network to televise courses specifically developed for distance education.



Illustration from a 1967 poster advertising SFU distance education courses on the Knowledge Network. SFU Archives.



SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY DOWNTOWN Part-Time Study Programs in Downtown Vancouver

FALL SEMESTER 1985 888 HOBBS STREET TELEPHONE 683-3677

A Continuing Studies poster, 1985. SFU Archives.

Down from the mountain

In 1980 SFU opened a storefront location in downtown Vancouver. Suddenly SFU was right next door to working professionals who realized they could keep a job and improve their credentials at the same time.

Jack Blaney, Dean of Continuing Studies, cast his eye on developing a permanent downtown campus for SFU. In May 1989 Harbour Centre opened with a parade through downtown Vancouver led by the renowned SFU Pipe Band.

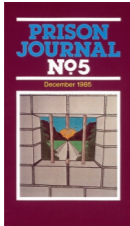


Jack Blaney served as Dean of Continuing Studies (the first in Canada) and Vice President of Harbour Centre prior to his appointment as University President from 1989-2008. He played a major role in the concept, funding and program plans for Harbour Centre. SFU Media & PR.



SFU reached the sea with the opening of Harbour Centre in the historic 1927 General Building in Vancouver. The downtown campus offers credit and non-credit courses, undergraduate and professional graduate degree programs. SFU UDC Image Library.

The Prison Journal was edited by prisoners of the Pacific region in the Canadian federal penitentiary system and by coordinators of the SFU PEP program. It provided a forum for poetry, editorials, interviews and stories written by inmates. SFU Archives.



Off to jail

The unique Prison Education Program (PEP) was launched under contract with the Federal government in 1984. For ten years, Continuing Studies administered the program at four penitentiaries – Kent, Matsqui, Mountain, and William Head/Metchosin – and offered inmates courses in the Liberal Arts leading to certificates, degrees and diplomas in several disciplines.



SCES celebrated the 10th anniversary of its unique partnership with SFU with special commemorative ceremonies in Kamloops and the production of this brochure. SFU Archives.

Across cultures

In 1988, SFU formed a partnership with the Secwepemc Cultural Education Society to develop a university program for native students. The Kamloops-based program emphasized First Nations studies, anthropology and sociology. In 1991 an Archaeology Field School was established and it is the only Canadian First Nations university program that provides hands-on experience in site identification, survey techniques, excavation and cultural resource management.



Simon Fraser Week proudly announces SFU's newest academic exchange agreement. SFU Media & PR.

Over the sea

SFU's Office of International Cooperation opened in 1986 to develop programs, research, and co-op opportunities for students and faculty abroad. Projects such as exchange agreements with Chinese universities (Jilin and Zhejiang) and distance education projects in Indonesia and the South Pacific have helped SFU teach and learn outside Canada's borders.



1984 brochure from Jilin University describing the history of the university, research achievements and academic departments. SFU Archives.



Onward and outward!

A new suburban campus in Surrey (formerly the Technical University of British Columbia) offers courses in interactive arts, information technology, business administration, and education. In 2006 SFU will open a new permanent campus in Surrey at Central City, an award-winning architectural complex.



Central City was designed by architect Bing Thom, who will receive an honorary degree from SFU in 2005. The SFU Surrey campus is expected to support 2,500 full-time students by 2010. SFU UDC Image Library.

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The SFU Archives has collections from the Office of the President, Continuing Studies, and the Technical University of British Columbia. Do you have more questions about the dynamic history of SFU's campuses and outreach programs? The answers are in the Archives.

