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1. Introduction

SFU Archives Research Guides

The SFU Archives acquires the official records of the university, the personal papers of individuals and families, and the archives of non-SFU organizations. Archival materials are arranged by provenance, that is, by the bodies or persons that accumulated the records in the course of their everyday activities. It is these archival *fonds* that are described in our main finding aids. A key to effective archival research, accordingly, is to know which fonds and which finding aids to consult: who are the main "players" in a given field or topic, who did they interact with, what kind of records were created as an outcome, what has survived of this documentation and where did it wind up?

The purpose of the series *SFU Archives Research Guides* is to help users to discover relevant resources by addressing these questions for particular themes. Some will relate to the history of SFU, others to more general topics reflecting the scope of our holdings. In addition, we have created a number of instructional guides for effectively using archives in research.

The guides make no claim to being definitive or exhaustive. Archival records are documents made or received by persons and organizations as they go about their everyday business. This lends a certain unpredictability to archival research, and surprising documents will always turn up in surprising places. Use these guides just as a starting point for your own research as you make your own way through the record.

Campus Politics

The SFU Archives holds a wealth of material relating to "campus politics," using the term here in a broad sense to indicate the efforts of students, faculty and staff to act collectively to effect changes in the university and / or their larger social and political environment.

SFU opened its doors in 1965, just as popular movements were everywhere emerging – often with students in the forefront – that challenged the status quo. Within the space of a few years, SFU would experience protests, sit-ins, an occupation, and a faculty and student strike. SFU quickly became known as "Berkeley North" – in reference to the University of California at Berkeley, where campus activism and unrest had gained international attention.

While the radicalism of the early years receded in the 1970s, subsequent generations of SFU students have continued to rally around issues affecting their conditions at the university: grading policy, campus housing, the construction of a student union building, rising tuition fees. The 1970s and '80s saw successful unionization drives by teaching assistants, sessional instructors, and non-academic staff. SFU students, faculty and staff joined the province-wide protests against the government's restraint program in Operation Solidarity in 1983, and through the 1980s and '90s much of campus protest focused on funding cuts and budget crises.

This Guide is organized into the following sections:

- **Key Events** (section 2) provides a brief narrative for a number of the main episodes in campus politics up to the 1980s.
- **Campus Organizations** (sections 3) identifies the bodies created by campus members to articulate their concerns and act. Some of these have been more overtly "political" than others, and some again have left a broader mark on the archival record than others. Each entry briefly describes an organization, the fate of its records, and the location of other materials relating to it in the files of university offices and departments; where other archival repositories hold related records, these are also indicated.

- **University Records** (section 4) discusses where to find material relating to campus politics in the archival records of the university.
- **Oral Histories and Personal Papers** (section 5) highlights relevant interview collections and material among the archival fonds of individuals.
- **Campus Periodicals** (section 6) lists print publications produced by the university and by campus community groups.
- **Special Media and Other Resources** (section 7) gives an overview of "special media" documentation (films, sound recordings, photographs, posters), as well as books and publications relating to SFU campus politics.

The best starting point for anyone interested in politics at SFU is Professor Hugh Johnston's *Radical Campus: Making Simon Fraser University* (Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre, 2005). This history of SFU focuses on the first ten years of the university, and its wealth of archival citations opens up numerous paths through the archival record.

Note on Finding Aids and Access Restrictions

The Guide provides links to the fuller fonds- and series-level descriptions in our archival finding aids (online at: <http://www.sfu.ca/archives2/onlinefindaids/fa.html>). These descriptions will provide more context, and from them researchers can also access the full file and item lists for each series. Researchers should be aware that access restrictions may apply to many of the records discussed in this Guide. Restrictions can arise from several sources:

- University records are subject to BC's *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*; this requires restrictions on access to third-party personal information and some confidential information.
- Creators of non-SFU records sometimes negotiate time-limited access restrictions on the materials they donate to the Archives.
- The Archives handles the records of non-SFU organizations in accordance with the standards of BC's *Personal Information Protection Act*, which applies to all organizations that are not public bodies; access to personal information in these records may be restricted.

Archival descriptions at the fonds level and most at the series level include a *Note on restrictions* that discusses access conditions. The file and item lists indicate the *Access status* of each file / item:

- *Open* = the file / item has been reviewed; no access restrictions apply.
- *Restricted in whole* = the file / item cannot be accessed under routine procedures; access may be possible under the terms of a Research Agreement.
- *Restricted in part* = restrictions apply only to one or a few documents in the file; researchers can routinely access the remainder of the file (minus the restricted documents); access to the entire file may be possible under the terms of a Research Agreement.
- *Pending review* = access status is not yet determined; an archivist must review the file before providing access and, as an outcome of the review, restrictions may apply.

A large proportion of the SFU Archives' holdings remain *pending review*. Researchers should be aware that reviews may take time and factor that into their research planning. In some circumstances, Research Agreements may be feasible and can expedite the access process; consult the reference archivist for more details.

2. Key Events

"From the beginning, the telling of SFU's history shaped itself around a succession of crises. ... These crises kept SFU in the news; and they came so frequently, accounts of SFU ran continuously in the media. SFU became the media's automatic example of student and faculty unrest ..." (Hugh Johnston, *Radical Campus: Making Simon Fraser University*, p. 257).

This section provides a brief account of a number of key episodes in the history of SFU's campus politics.

Shift Shell Campaign (June – September 1966)

SFU reached an agreement in September 1965 with Shell Oil for the construction of a Shell service station on SFU's ring road. Following the sod-turning ceremony in February 1966, students and faculty began objecting to the station's presence and obstruction of the view, with large rallies in June and September, petitions and a cavalcade to Shell offices in Vancouver. The station was nevertheless constructed and opened in November 1966, but protesters did effect some changes in design. The service station would eventually close in 1999.

Templeton Five Affair (March 1967)

Five SFU Teaching Assistants were dismissed by the Board of Governors for their role in organizing a freedom of speech protest at Templeton Secondary School in East Vancouver, in support of a suspended high-school student. SFU faculty and students protested the Board's actions with petitions, large rallies in the Mall, the resignation of the Dean of Arts (Tom Bottomore, Head of the Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology Department), and the threat of a student strike. The Board re-instated the TAs.

CAUT Censure and the Fall of President McTaggart-Cowan (1967-1968)

In January 1968, the Board of Governors' overturned the re-appointment of Psychology Associate Professor Kenneth Burstein, bringing to a head disputes over faculty re-appointment and tenure procedures. In the fall of 1967, the Faculty Association requested the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) investigate SFU over a "break-down in communications" between the faculty and the administration. The Board would not meet with the investigation team, which released its report in February 1968. A second team arriving several months later concluded the situation had worsened, and in May the CAUT passed a motion of censure against SFU. In response, President McTaggart-Cowan called a meeting of the Joint Faculty (an assembly of all faculty members), which voted 125-61 for his resignation. 900 students rallied in the Mall calling for the resignation of both the President and the Board of Governors. On May 31, 1968 the Board effectively fired McTaggart-Cowan, though he did not formally resign until July.

3 Presidents in 3 months (June – August 1968)

Following McTaggart-Cowan's dismissal, the Joint Faculty continued to meet through June and July. Students for a Democratic University (SDU) were active through the summer and one of their members, Martin Loney, was elected President of the Student Society. Student rallies and general meetings demanded greater student and faculty control of the university; there was a sit-in at the Registrar's Office and a 5-day sit-in of the Board of Governor's meeting room. Rumours circulated that the government was planning to merge SFU with UBC. The Board's choice as McTaggart-Cowan's successor, John Ellis, resigned after 75 hours as President. The faculty's candidate, Archie McPherson, agreed to do the job but only for 6 weeks. Kenneth Strand, a faculty member from the Department of Economics who had been chairing the Joint Faculty sessions, became Acting President on August 1, 1968.

Occupation of the Administration Offices (November 1968)

SFU's admissions policy and the issue of transfer credits became the focus of student protest in the 1968 fall semester: students transferring from BC colleges were not getting university credits for all courses previously taken at college. In November, 180 students occupied and barricaded the university's administration offices, then still located in the Library building. On the third night, Strand called in the RCMP to remove the protesters, and 114 students were arrested. In December, Senate appointed John Ellis to investigate the university's admissions policy; the Ellis report was delivered in March 1969, recommending sweeping changes, many of which were implemented.

The PSA Strike (1969)

The academic department at the centre of many of SFU's early controversies was the Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology (PSA). The PSA quickly developed a reputation as a home for radical politics, and both PSA faculty and students were active in the events of 1967 and 1968. By the spring of 1968, there were tensions between the PSA and other units in the university. The University Appointments Committee blocked the PSA appointment of a visiting scholar (Andre Gunder Frank), and in April 1968 the Dean of Arts made a series of accusations against the department in a closed session of Senate (with 80 PSA students outside the locked doors). In 1968-69, the PSA adopted a constitution giving students parity on departmental committees and in faculty tenure, renewal and promotion processes. This conflicted with the SFU's new tenure policy and the University Tenure Committee would not accept the tenure recommendations of the PSA committee. In July 1969, the university refused to recognize the elected Head of the department and put the PSA under trusteeship. The tenure process proceeded under an appointed committee, and a number of PSA professors were threatened with termination. In September 1969 a meeting of PSA faculty and students voted to strike. The strike would last 5 weeks, but President Strand responded quickly by suspending 8 faculty members in October (Kathleen Aberle, Saghir Ahmad, Mordecai Briemberg, David Potter, John Leggett, Prudence Wheeldon, Louis Feldhammer, and Nathan Popkin). Dismissal proceedings began in November 1969 and continued through a series of committees right through the first half of 1971. In May 1971, the CAUT passed a motion of censure against SFU when the university refused to re-instate the suspended faculty members, and by June the dismissal proceedings were discontinued. In 1974, the university split the PSA into two departments (Political Science / Sociology and Anthropology). The CAUT lifted its censure only in May 1977, following the efforts of Strand's successor, Pauline Jewett, though no settlement with the dismissed faculty was ever reached.

SCUS and SFU Grading Policy (1975)

The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies (SCUS) proposed changes in February 1975 that would tighten up the university's grading system and make it more difficult to drop courses and get deferrals. A rally in the Mall in March drew 700 students; 400 of them marched on the Administration offices and walked into a closed SCUS session. A student referendum overwhelmingly rejected the proposals, petitions were presented to SCUS, the Student Society passed resolutions calling for greater student control over academic matters, and students organized their own Student Grading Committee (which issued its own report in February 1976).

Tuition Fees Protest (1977)

SFU students participated in the province-wide student protests against tuition fee increases in March 1977 and set up a picket at Curtis and Gagliardi. In November the Student Society applied for a court declaration that the increases were unlawful; the petition was dismissed by BC's Supreme Court in March 1978.

AUCE Strike (1978-1979)

The Association of University and College Employees (AUCE) Local 2, representing SFU clerical and administrative staff, began rotating strikes in December 1978. The bitter strike would last five and half months, with AUCE declaring full strike in March 1979. Pro-AUCE demonstrations and mass picket lines were held at Curtis and Gagliardi in March, and at one of these, confrontations with the RCMP resulted in 18

arrests. The strike was settled in April, though legal action against the "SFU 18" continued through 1979 and into 1980, with supporters marching to the Burnaby courthouse in January 1980.

Deficit, Cutbacks, Operation Solidarity, PACUP (1982-1984)

Amidst the recession of the early 1980s, SFU faced a budget crisis. In January 1982, the President proposed a series of cuts to meet SFU's \$1.5M budget deficit. In the face of protests from faculty, students and other universities, the Administration backed away from the proposal to eliminate the SFU football team and track and field programs. The budget was further hit in November 1982, when the provincial government cut \$12M from universities' funding, of which SFU's share was \$2.7M. In July 1983, the newly re-elected Social Credit government introduced a package of "restraint" legislation, cutting spending and services. For universities, this reduced funding and made provision for laying off tenured faculty. Labour and social movements throughout BC organized opposition in the Solidarity Coalition, with rallies in Vancouver drawing 50,000 and 80,000 in August and October respectively; in November SFU was included in the three-day strike action that took place across the province. In this fiscal environment, SFU established the President's Advisory Committee on University Priorities (PACUP) in early 1984 to review programs with a view to reductions. As an outcome, the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies (FIDS) was dissolved, a new Faculty of Applied Sciences created, programs in Russian and German eliminated, and the budget of the Centre for the Arts cut by one-third.

3. Campus Organizations

This section identifies the main organizations created by campus members and discusses the related archival holdings. There are separate sub-sections for students (3.1), faculty and teaching staff (3.2), administrative and support staff (3.3), and other campus organizations (3.4).

3.1 Students

Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS), 1965-

The SFSS was established in October 1965; it included both undergraduates and graduate students until 2008, when grad students established their own association. The Archives holds 4 m of SFSS records, including minutes of Executive meetings, administrative and financial records, committee files, and records relating to student unions, clubs, and affiliated groups. Two SFSS-affiliated organizations have donated their records to the Archives: Peak Publications Society and the SFU Women's Centre. The university's relationship with the SFSS is documented across the fonds of several administrative offices, especially Student Services and the Offices of the President and Vice-President, Academic.

SFSS records:

- Simon Fraser Student Society fonds (1964-2005)

Records of affiliated bodies:

- Peak Publications Society fonds (1965-2005)
- Simon Fraser University Women's Centre fonds (1974-1999)

Related records:

- Office of the President fonds > [Series 18-4](#), Simon Fraser Student Society (1966-1996)
- Student Services fonds > [Series 1-3](#), Simon Fraser Student Society (1966-1971)
- Student Services fonds > [Series 3-6-2](#), Simon Fraser Student Society (1975-1992)
- Vice-President, Academic fonds > [Series 1-4-8](#), Simon Fraser Student Society (1981-1991)
- Vice-President, Academic fonds > [Series 13-2](#), Student affairs (1992-1999)

Peak Publications Society, 1965-

The Peak student newspaper was established in October 1965 following the amalgamation of SFU's original, rival papers, *The Tartan* and *SF View*. It incorporated as the Peak Publications Society in 1966 and publishes the paper weekly during classes each semester. The Archives holds ca. 4 m of the Society's records, including administrative and financial records, photographs, and a complete run of *The Peak* and its predecessors. A separate collection was donated to the Archives by Evelyn Woods in 1998, comprising a scrapbook of news clippings, selected issues of *The Tartan*, *SF View*, *The Peak*, as well as other memorabilia given to Woods by Peak staffers in 1968. The fonds of both the President's Office and Student Services contains correspondence with or relating to *The Peak*.

Peak records:

- Peak Publications Society fonds (1965-2005)
- Peak Publications Society collection (Evelyn Woods collector) (1965-1968)

Related records:

- Office of the President fonds > [Series 18-3](#), Peak newspaper (1965-1995)
- Student Services fonds > [Series 3-6-3](#), The Peak (1972-1982)

Student unions, clubs and groups, 1965-

SFU student unions are organized on a departmental basis, while clubs are theme-based; both are affiliated with the Student Society (SFSS). Neither type are well-represented in the archival record. The SFSS fonds does include some material relating to student unions and clubs. Other records relating to student unions will occasionally be found in the various departmental fonds among the Chair's correspondence and subject files.

Related records:

- Simon Fraser Student Society fonds > Series 7, Student unions (1965-1991).
- Simon Fraser Student Society fonds > [Series 8](#), Clubs and affiliated groups (1965-1991).

Graduate Students Association (GSA), [1967-1968]

The GSA was a short-lived organization established around 1967. It sought to be the negotiating body for teaching assistants (TAs) and to withdraw graduate students from the Student Society (SFSS). It was superseded by Graduate Students Union organized in 1971. There are few surviving records relating to the GSA: some correspondence in the President's fonds and in the SFSS fonds. See also the Non-Faculty Teachers' Association for another early effort to organize TAs.

Related records:

- Non-Faculty Teachers' Association fonds (1976-1968)
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 18-4](#), SFSS (1966-1996)
- Simon Fraser Student Society fonds > [Series 3-2](#), President > [File 16](#), Arthur Weeks – correspondence (1967)

Students for a Democratic University (SDU), 1968-[1970]

The SDU was the Canadian counter-part of the more well-known American student organization, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS). Students organized an SFU chapter of SDU in January 1968 and the group was active as a left-wing presence on campus for several years, involved in most of the major demonstrations and controversies. One of its members, Martin Loney, was briefly SFSS President and was elected national President of the Canadian Union of Students (CUS) in 1969-70. The SFU SDU has left little trace in the archival record, but good places to look include the records of the Student Society (SFSS) and back-issues of *The Peak*. The Hugh Johnston fonds includes some relevant material among his research files.

Related records:

- Hugh Johnston fonds > Series 1-2-3, Photocopies from the Peak (1966-1977)

- Peak Publications Society fonds > Series 6, Publications (1965-2005)
- Simon Fraser Student Society fonds (1964-2005)

Graduate Student Union (GSU), 1971-1974

The GSU was established in 1971, campaigning on issues relating to fees, income support, student representation, and the payment system for teaching assistants. It continued until 1974, when the Executive began canvassing support for formal, legal unionization. These efforts came to fruition in 1976 with the foundation of the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU). The archives of the TSSU include a small volume of the surviving GSU records. Other related material (constitution, newsletter, correspondence) can be found in the records of the Student Society (SFSS).

Related records:

- Simon Fraser Student Society fonds > [Series 7](#), Student unions (1965-1991)
- Teaching Support Staff Union fonds > [Series 1](#), Graduate Student Union (1970-1974)

British Columbia Student Federation (BCSF), 1972-

Initiatives to formally establish a province-wide assembly of students began in 1965, with several bodies founded before the BCSF was formed in 1972 by representatives of 16 student councils across BC. When SFU's Student Society voted to join the Canadian Federation of Students, the BCSF reformed itself as the Canadian Federation of Students–Pacific Region. The Archives holds 1.5 m of the records of the BCSF and its predecessors.

BCSF records:

- British Columbia Student Federation fonds (1959-1986).

Simon Fraser University Women's Centre, 1974-

The SFU Women's Centre is affiliated with the Student Society (SFSS) as a constituency group. The Centre was established in 1974 by a group of women students who revived the SFU Women's Caucus (originally founded in 1968 before moving off-campus). The Archives holds ca 3 m of Women's Centre records, including meeting records of the Women's Centre Collective and the Board; financial and planning records; and documentation relating to its services, programs and liaison with other groups and individuals. The Student Services fonds includes correspondence with or related to the Women's Centre. The Archives has also acquired records of the Port Coquitlam Area Women's Centre and the BC and Yukon Association of Women's Centre. The Women's Bookstore collection includes a series of newsletters from various women's centres.

Women's Centre records:

- Simon Fraser University Women's Centre fonds (1972-2000)

Related records:

- British Columbia and Yukon Association of Women's Centres fonds (1986-1999)
- Port Coquitlam Area Women's Centre fonds (1974-1996)
- Student Services fonds > Series 3-6-4, Women's Centre (1980-1985)
- Women's Bookstore collection > Series 6, Women's Centres – newsletters (1970-1982)

Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG), 1981-

Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs) were initiated by American consumer activist Ralph Nader and began organizing on American and Canadian university campuses in the 1970s. The PIRG at SFU was established as a student-funded and -directed resource centre following a cross-campus referendum in 1981. The SFU Archives does not hold the records of SFPIRG. There are, however, two collections of relevant material: Vivien Leong was a member of the SFPIRG Recycling Committee and in 2004 donated 3 files

relating to its activities; and the Archives has a small collection SFPIRG publications (not yet arranged and described).

Related records:

- Recycling collection (Vivien Leong collector) (1988-1991)
- Simon Fraser Public Interest Group collection (not yet processed)

3.2 Faculty and Teaching Staff

Simon Fraser University Faculty Association (SFUFA), 1965-

SFUFA is the bargaining unit representing faculty members in negotiations with the university regarding faculty economic benefits and conditions of employment. It was established in 1965 and formally incorporated in 1969. The Archives holds 3 m of SFUFA records. There is a separate collection of materials relating to SFUFA's involvement in the crisis and faculty strike in the Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology (1969-1971). Records documenting SFUFA's relations with the university administration are found in the fonds of a number of university offices, including the Academic Relations Office, Office of the President, Vice-President, Academic, and Associate Vice-President, Academic. Some correspondence with SFUFA may also be found in the various faculty and departmental fonds.

SFUFA records:

- Simon Fraser University Faculty Association fonds (1963-1991)
- Simon Fraser University Faculty Association collection (Manfred Mackauer collector) (1968-1979)

Related records:

- Academic Relations Office fonds > [Series 2](#), SFUFA consultation files (1977-1988)
- Academic Relations Office fonds > [Series 3](#) SFUFA negotiation files (1978-1990)
- Office of the Associate Vice-President, Academic fonds > [Series 3-2-4](#), SFUFA consultations (1991-1998)
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 4-7](#), Faculty Association (1982-1998)
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 6-2](#), Faculty Association (1971-1980)
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 9-3](#), SFUFA (1980-1991)
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 13-1](#), SFUFA (1992-1999)

Simon Fraser University Faculty Women's Association, 1965-1977

The SFU Faculty Women's Association was founded in 1965 and was primarily a social and support organization open to university members and wives of university teaching, research and administrative staff. It dissolved in 1977. The SFU Archives holds 0.25 m of its archives.

Association records:

- Simon Fraser University Faculty Women's Association fonds (1965-1977)

Non-Faculty Teachers' Association, [1967-1968]

The Non-Faculty Teachers' Association was a short-lived organization established around 1967 to negotiate agreements between the university and non-faculty teaching staff. Unlike the Graduate Students Association (GSA) which was also active at that time, it focused on the economic rights of all TAs, whether graduate student or not. The surviving records of the Association consist of a single file held in the Archives, containing the Association's constitution and correspondence.

Association records:

- Non-Faculty Teachers' Association fonds (1976-1968).

Simon Fraser Teachers' Union, 1967-1968

The SFTU was formed in 1967 by faculty members dissatisfied with the Faculty Association (SFUFA) for what they perceived to be its close association with the university administration. The SFTU excluded from its membership administrators, heads, librarians, and teaching assistants. It re-integrated with SFUFA in 1968 following SFUFA's call for the resignation of President McTaggart-Cowan. The Archives holds the small volume of surviving SFTU records.

SFTU records:

- Simon Fraser Teachers' Union fonds (1967-1968).

Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU), 1976-

The TSSU is one of the main bargaining units at the university. It has its origins in the Graduate Student Union of 1971-1974 and was established by TAs, tutor markers, language instructors and sessional instructors in 1976 as Local 6 of the Association of University and College Employees (AUCE), with certification in 1978. It remained the last local of AUCE until the latter's dissolution in the early 1990s, becoming an independent union thereafter. The Archives holds over 2 m of the TSSU's records. In addition to the business records of the TSSU, the fonds contains the surviving records of the GSU ([series 1](#)), material relating to the 1979 SFU strike of its sister-union, AUCE Local 2 ([series 10](#)), and the TSSU's participation in the province-wide Operation Solidarity protests in 1983 ([series 11](#)). The university administration's relations with the TSSU is documented in the archives of several offices, including the Office of the President, the VP Academic, and the Associate VP Academic.

TSSU records:

- Teaching Support Staff Union fonds (1967-1994).

Related records:

- Office of the Associate Vice-President, Academic > [Series 3-2-3](#), Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU) consultations (1991-1998).
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 22-7](#), Unions (1966-1982).
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 3-5-4](#), Unions (1982-1993).
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 6-6-4](#), Unions (1994-1998).
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 3-2-4](#), Teaching assistants (1968-1978).
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 4-4-2](#), Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU) (1979-1980).
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 9-8](#), Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU) (1978-1991).
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 1-6-4](#), Personnel (1986-1993).

3.3 Administrative, Maintenance and Support Staff

Poly Party, 1966-

Workers in maintenance and trades were the first staff to unionize at SFU, with 12 unions obtaining certification in April 1966. Over the years, some of the constituent unions have changed, but Poly Party remains one of the main bargaining units at SFU. The SFU Archives does not hold the records of any of these unions, but some material relating to Poly Party can be found in the correspondence files of the President's Office.

Related records:

- Office of the President fonds > [Series 22-7](#), Unions (1966-1982).
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 3-5-4](#), Unions (1982-1993).

- Office of the President fonds > [Series 6-6-4](#), Unions (1994-1998).

Simon Fraser University Staff Association, 1966-1974

The SFU Staff Association was formed in 1966 to negotiate with the university for non-academic staff on salaries and work conditions. It was formally incorporated in 1968 and continued until 1974, when staff voted to unionize and picked the Association of University and College Employees (AUCE) over the Staff Association as their representative. The Archives holds half a metre of Staff Association records. Other material relating to the Association can be found in the correspondence files of several university bodies, including the Library, Student Services, the Office of the President, the VP University Services and the Faculty of Education.

Association records:

- Simon Fraser University Staff Association fonds (1966-1975)

Related records:

- Faculty of Education fonds > [Series 4-2](#), Department of Behavioural Sciences Foundations files (1964-1973)
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 22-7](#), Unions (1966-1982)
- Office of the Vice-President, University Services fonds > [Series 5](#), Assistant to the VP, University Services (1971-1975)
- Simon Fraser University Library fonds > [Series 9-33](#), SFU Staff Association (1966-1975)
- Student Services fonds > [Series 1-4](#), Committees and associations (1964-1971)

Service, Office, and Retail Workers of Canada (SORWUC), 1972-1986

SORWUC was established in 1972 to organize workers in banks, restaurants and offices. Many of the workers in these areas are women, and SORWUC emerged as a strong advocate of women's rights. At SFU, SORWUC organized and represented employees of the Student Society (SFSS) from 1977 to 1980, when they joined the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) instead. SORWUC files are included in the Working Women Unite fonds, and there is in addition some correspondence between SORWUC and SFU's Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU) in the TSSU fonds. Other related material can be found in the archives of Press Gang Printers and Press Gang Publishers which respectively printed material for SORWUC and published a book about them. The University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections also holds records of other SORWUC locals.

Related records:

- Press Gang Printers fonds > [Series 4](#), Correspondence and subject files (1970-1992)
- Press Gang Printers fonds > [Series 6-4](#), Publications (1971-1992)
- Press Gang Publishers > [Series 9](#), Published books > [Item 12](#), *Bank Book Collective - An Account to Settle: The Story of the United Bank Workers (SORWUC)* (1979)
- Teaching Support Staff Union fonds > [Series 9](#), Liaison (1971-1988)
- Working Women Unite fonds > [Series 3](#), Service, Office, and Retail Workers Union of Canada records (1976-1982)

Association of University and College Employees (AUCE), Local 2, 1974-1991

AUCE Local 2 was established in November 1974, when SFU staff voted to unionize and chose AUCE over the existing Staff Association as their representative. It continued until 1991, when members voted to join the Canadian Union of Public Employees as CUPE Local 3338. The Archives has assembled a collection of material relating to AUCE from a variety of sources; this includes constitution, contracts, correspondence, and publications. Additional material relating to AUCE will be found in the records of other bodies that interacted with it, including its sister AUCE chapter, the Teaching Support Staff Union (TSSU, AUCE Local 6), the Office of the President, and the VP Academic. The Archives also holds the papers of three AUCE members, which include material relating to the union: see the fonds of Ellen Frank, Heather Raven, and

Percilla Groves. AUCE publications, including the *AUCE Anchor*, were printed locally by Press Gang Printers, a feminist printing collective whose records were donated to the Archives. Note also that the University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections holds records of AUCE Local 1, which represented UBC clerical and library workers.

AUCE records:

- Association of University and College Employees collection (1974-1992)

Related records:

- Ellen Frank fonds > [Series 1](#), Association of University Employees (1979)
- Heather Raven fonds (1974-1977)
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 22-7](#), Unions (1966-1982)
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 3-5-4](#), Unions (1982-1993)
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 4-4-3](#), AUCE (1979-1985)
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 1-6-4](#), Personnel (1986-1993)
- Percilla Groves fonds (1974-1980)
- Press Gang Printers fonds > [Series 4](#), Correspondence and subject files (1970-1982)
- Press Gang Printers fonds > [Series 6-4](#), Publications (1971-1992)
- Teaching Support Staff Union > [Series 9](#), Liaison (1971-1988)

Administrative and Professional Staff Association (APSA), 1979-

Following AUCE's certification in 1974, a group of employees excluded from AUCE fell outside of any of the bargaining units at SFU. These established APSA in 1979, and it was recognized by the university as the bargaining representative in 1982. The Archives does not hold any of the records of APSA, but the university's relations with the Association is documented in a number of series in university fonds, primarily the Office of the President and the VP Academic.

Related records:

- Office of the President fonds > [Series 6-6-2](#), APSA (1993-1998)
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 4-4-4](#), Professional and administrative staff (1979-1985)
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 1-6-4](#), Personnel (1986-1993)
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 1-7-3](#), Human Resources – APSA (1994-1999)
- Office the President fonds > [Series 3-5-2](#), APSA (1983-1993)

Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Local 3338, 1992-

CUPE Local 3338 is one of the main bargaining units at SFU, representing clerical, support, library and technical workers in negotiations with the university; it also represents employees of the Student Society (SFSS). CUPE has its origins at SFU in the decision in 1989 by AUCE Local 2 to enter into a service contract with CUPE; in 1991, membership voted to join CUPE. The Archives does not hold any CUPE 3338 records. For its predecessor, see the AUCE collection. The university's relations with CUPE are documented in the fonds of the Office of the President and the VP Academic. The [Michael Irwin fonds](#) contains material relating to an earlier effort (1972-1974) by Irwin and others to organize employees in the SFU Theatre as a CUPE local.

Related records:

- Michael Irwin fonds (1972-1974)
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 3-5-4](#), Unions (1982-1993)
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 6-6-4](#), Unions (1994-1998)
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 1-6-4](#), Personnel (1986-1993)

- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost fonds > [Series 1-7-5](#), Human Resources – CUPE (1995-1999)

3.4 Other Campus Organizations

Vancouver Women's Caucus, 1968-1974

The Women's Caucus was established at SFU in July 1968 by women faculty and students organizing around issues of birth control and abortion, daycare, equal pay for equal work, and gender stereotyping. They moved off-campus in the summer of 1969 in order to reach a larger number of women, founding the feminist newspaper, *The Pedestal* (later known as *Women Can*) in 1969 and in 1970 organizing the Abortion Cavalcade / Caravan to Ottawa. In 1974, women students at SFU revived the SFU Women's Caucus, obtained club status in the Student Society (SFSS), and opened the SFU Women's Centre. Material relating to the Women's Caucus is dispersed across a number of different fonds and collections. Caucus records are included in the Women's Bookstore collection and the Maggie Benston fonds. Frances Wasserlein's Masters thesis at SFU, *"An Arrow Aimed at the Heart": the Vancouver Women's Caucus and the Abortion Campaign, 1969-1971*, is available in both the Archives and the SFU Library; she donated her research material (including audio recordings and transcripts of interviews) to the Archives as the Frances Wasserlein fonds. Three other collections in the Archives also contain material relating to the activities of the Women's Caucus: two were put together by Caucus members Candace Parker and Anne Roberts; the other consists of two scrapbooks created by Marge Hollibaugh.

Related records:

- Frances Wasserein fonds (1960-1990)
- Maggie Benston fonds > [Series 2](#), Women's Caucus (1967-1971)
- Women's Bookstore collection > [Series 2](#), Women's Caucus records (1969-1971)
- Women's movement collection (Anne Roberts collector) (1969-1975)
- Women's movement collection (Candace Parker collector) (1960-1976)
- Women's movement collection (Marge Hollibaugh collector) (1969-1970)

Simon Fraser University Childcare Society, 1968-

In June 1968, a group of students (and their children) occupied the SFU Board Room demanding action on daycare on campus. Shortly afterwards, they established the Family Co-op in the student lounge. The organization evolved over the years, becoming the SFU Childcare Society in 1982. The Archives holds about a half-metre of records of the Society and its predecessors. The material includes administrative and program records, publications, and audio recordings of interviews with a number of Executive Directors. There is also a separate collection of material originally brought together by early SFU childcare activist, Mary Wilson. The university's relationship with the Society and related issues is documented in a number of fonds including the Office of the VP University Services, Student Services, and the President's Office. Some Society Board files are included in the records of the Academic Relations Office for the period during which the Director sat as the university's representative on the Board. The archives of the Women's Centre also includes files relating to the history of daycare on campus.

Society records:

- Simon Fraser University Childcare Society fonds (1966-1999)
- Simon Fraser University Childcare Society collection (Mary Wilson collector) (1972-2006)

Related records:

- Academic Relations Office fonds > [Series 8](#), SFU Childcare Society files (1982-1987)
- Office of the President fonds > [Series 3-7-3](#), Day care (1982-1993)
- Office of the Vice-President, University Services fonds > [Series 4-7](#), Daycare Centre (1971-1977)
- Simon Fraser University Women's Centre > [Series 5-5](#), On-campus issues files (1981-1996)

- Student Services fonds > [Series 1-2-6](#), Daycare (1968-1971)
- Student Services fonds > [Series 3-2-4](#), Daycare Centre (1975-1992)

4. University Records

This section locates the main fonds among the official records of the university that will contain substantial material relating to campus politics.

Governance Bodies

The two governing bodies at SFU are the Board of Governors (financial matters) and the Senate (academic matters). Most issues relating to campus politics will find their way into the records of both bodies. The Board's fonds includes meeting minutes and supporting papers, as well as series documenting the development of the university's policies and procedures. The official meeting minutes and papers of Senate have not yet been transferred to the Archives, and the bulk of the material in the Senate fonds relates to various Senate committees. Copies of Senate committee records will also be found throughout the files of other university departments and offices, particularly where Vice-Presidents, Deans or Chairs sat on committees and retained their committee working files among their own department's records.

- Board of Governors fonds (1963-2003)
- Senate fonds (1964-1996)

Two other governance bodies were active in the early years of the university. Faculty Council was established in 1965, comprising the President, Registrar, University Librarian, Deans, and five faculty members; it had responsibilities for student discipline and governance matters. The Council was discontinued in 1974, following the revision of the BC *Universities Act*, which no longer provided a basis for it. Joint Faculty was an assembly of all faculty members and played a key role in the events of 1967-68 leading to the dismissal of President McTaggart-Cowan. The volume of surviving records from either body is small.

- Faculty Council fonds (1965-1973)
- Joint Faculty fonds (1965-1971)

The 1974 *Universities Act* created a new body intermediary between the provincial government and the universities – the Universities Council of British Columbia (UCBC). UCBC was dissolved by the government in 1987. Relations between SFU and UCBC are most fully documented in a series in the records of the President's Office. The British Columbia Archives holds the official records of UCBC as fonds AAAA1310.

- Office of President's fonds > [Series 30-1-5](#), UCBC (1974-1987)

Executive Offices

The university's relationships with different campus groups and organization are often well-documented in the records of SFU's executive offices: President and the various Vice-Presidents and Associate Vice-Presidents. Virtually all of SFU's controversies have left a mark in the archival record of the President's Office in particular. For the early years of the university, the Chancellor's Office is prominent. When the provincial government appointed Gordon Shrum to oversee the creation of SFU in 1963, they made him Chancellor. For the first six months, Shrum operated without a Board of Governors or President and made on his own many of the key decisions that shaped SFU. As the first Chair of the Board of Governors, he was at the centre of many of the university's early crises. Shrum resigned as Chair of the Board in November 1968 and as Chancellor in March 1969. Thereafter, the Chancellor's role reverted to a largely ceremonial one in keeping with the nature of the office as laid down in the BC *Universities Act*.

- Office of the Associate Vice-President, Academic fonds (1977 - 1998)

- Office of the Chancellor funds (1961 - 1985)
- Office of the President funds (1963 - 1999)
- Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost funds (1965 - 2000)
- Office of the Vice-President, Finance and Administration funds (1966 - 1984)
- Office of the Vice-President, Legal Affairs funds (1969 - 2007)
- Office of the Vice-President, Research funds (1968 - 2006)
- Office of the Vice-President, University Services funds (1970 - 1978)

Faculties and Academic Departments

The more local impact of SFU's politics will often be reflected in the records at the Faculty and Departmental levels. All of SFU's Deans' Offices (with the exception of the new Faculties created in 2009) have transferred records to the Archives, as have many (but not all) academic departments and schools. The records of the President's Office, VP Academic, and Associate VP Academic also contain extensive correspondence with the various faculties and departments.

The Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology (PSA) was at the centre of many of university controversies right up until it was split into two separate departments in 1974. In addition to the PSA's own archival records, see also the records of the Department of Archaeology which separated from the PSA in February 1969. Files of the PSA's successors (the Political Science Department and the Sociology and Anthropology Department) have been transferred to the Archives, but not yet been arranged or described. The Archives also holds three distinct collections of material relating to the PSA assembled respectively by the Archives, Manfred Mackauer, and Norman Swartz.

- Department of Archaeology funds (1966-1986)
- Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology collection (Norman Swartz collector) (1969-1970)
- Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology collection (Archives collector) (1967-2002)
- Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology funds (1964-1975)
- Simon Fraser University Faculty Association collection (Manfred Mackauer collector) (1968-1979)

Administrative, Service and Support Units

The press releases, publications and photographs of the Information Office (later re-named University News Service, then Media and Public Relations, and currently Public Affairs and Media Relations) are a rich source for campus politics, as are the materials in various media created by the Audio-Visual Centre (later re-named Instructional Media Centre, then Learning and Instructional Development Centre). The files of the Personnel Office (later Human Resources) will contain extensive material relating to the university's interaction with campus employee groups, especially unions; a large volume (1968-2003) of these records have been transferred to the Archives, but they are not yet arranged or described.

- Learning and Instructional Development Centre funds (1965-1992)
- Media and Public Relations Office funds (1964-2006)

5. Oral Histories and Personal Papers

This section identifies the interview collections and personal papers held in the Archives that relate to campus politics.

Oral Histories

The Archives holds a number of oral histories providing participants' views on SFU history and politics. The Gordon Shrum collection contains audio recordings and transcripts of interviews with Shrum, as well as other

biographical material relating to SFU's first Chancellor. In addition to Shrum, journalist Peter Stursberg also interviewed Presidents Strand and Jewett. The first Director of University News Services, Dennis Roberts, compiled a large number of interviews over the years with students, faculty, staff and administrators and donated these to the Archives along with his personal papers. Hugh Johnston and his research assistants interviewed a number of subjects – and had access to older interviews – during work on his history of SFU, *Radical Campus*; these were included with his research files donated to the Archives. The SFU Retirees' Association produced an oral history of the university on the occasion of SFU's 40th anniversary in 2005; the dvd is available in the Archives, although the Retirees' Association fonds has not yet been processed. The SFU Childcare Society fonds includes oral histories of several Executive Directors. The Vancouver Women's Caucus, which had its origins at SFU, is the subject of Frances Wasserlein's thesis; she donated her research materials to the Archives, and it includes a large number of interviews (audio recordings and transcripts) with participants. While not dealing directly with SFU, Peter Poole's MA thesis on Operation Solidarity (in which SFU was caught up in the province-wide strike action) includes taped interviews with participants.

- Dennis Roberts fonds > [Series 2](#), Audio recordings (1968-1982)
- F. Margaret Hayward fonds (1963-1999)
- Frances Wasserlein fonds > [Series 3-2](#), Interviews (1986-1987)
- Gordon Shrum collection (1922-1989)
- Hugh Johnston fonds > [Series 1-7](#), Interviews (1974-2002)
- Kenneth Strand interview collection (Peter Stursberg collector) (1977)
- Pauline Jewett interview collection (Peter Stursberg collector) (1976)
- Peter Poole fonds > [Series 2](#), Interviews and transcripts (1984-1986)
- Roy L. Carlson interview collection (1995)
- SFU history collection (Lolita Wilson collector) (1965-1993)
- Simon Fraser Childcare Society fonds > [Series 5](#), Audio cassette interviews (1998-1999)

Personal Papers: The PSA Affair

Reactions to the PSA strike in 1969 and the subsequent crisis resulting from the dismissal of suspended faculty members can be found throughout departmental fonds and individual faculty papers, but two sets of personal archives relate directly to the PSA Department. Thomas Brose was a charter faculty member in the PSA Department; he left the university in 1970. Michael Lebowitz was a charter faculty member in Economics and Commerce and acted as counsel to Nathan Popkin, one of the suspended PSA faculty.

- Michael Lebowitz fonds (1960-1971)
- Thomas H. Brose fonds (1966-1970)

Personal Papers: Campus Unionization

Ellen Frank, Heather Raven, and Percilla Groves were members of the Association of University and College Employees (AUCE) and their papers contain material relating to their union activities. The Michael Irwin fonds documents Irwin's effort to unionize the SFU Theatre staff.

- Ellen Frank fonds (1974-1984)
- Heather Raven fonds (1974-1977)
- Michael Irwin fonds (1972-1974)
- Percilla Groves fonds (1974-1980)

Personal Papers: Other Faculty and Administrators

The Archives holds the personal papers of three key administrators in the early years of the university: Chancellor Gordon Shrum, President McTaggart-Cowan, and Academic Planner (and Head of the English Department) Ron Baker. The Hugh Johnston fonds contains research files created during the writing of his book on SFU history, *Radical Campus*. Allan Cunningham, the first Head of the History Department, had

previously commissioned a series of SFU historical essays on the occasion of the university's 20th anniversary; the work was never published, but the essays are included in his fonds.

- Gordon Shrum collection (1922-1989)
- Gordon Shrum fonds (1962-1971)
- Ron Baker fonds (1948-1997)
- Patrick McTaggart-Cowan fonds (1929-1998)
- Allan Cunningham fonds (1961-1989)
- Hugh Johnston fonds (1958-2004)

The papers of other faculty and administrators contain personal correspondence and other documentation that may touch on campus life and events. Omitted in the following list are faculty papers that focus primarily on the subject's research or scholarly activities, and materials that have not yet been arranged and described.

- Ann Messenger fonds (1917 - 1999)
- Dennis Roberts fonds (1967 - 1994)
- Doug Cole fonds (1947 - 1995)
- Elinor Ames fonds (1964 - 1995)
- F. Margaret Hayward fonds (1963 - 1999)
- John F. Ellis fonds (1964 - 1969)
- Maggie Benston fonds (1966 - 1971)
- SFU history collection (Lolita Wilson collector) (1965 - 1993)
- Thelma Finlayson fonds (1950 - 1999)
- Thomas J. Mallinson fonds (1950 - 1990)

6. Campus Periodicals

This section identifies the print publications produced by either campus groups or the university itself, and indicates where the surviving copies are to be found.

The Tartan (1965) and SF View (1965)

The Tartan and *SF View* were the original, rival student newspapers that appeared soon after the opening of university in September 1965. By October of that year, the two papers merged to form *The Peak*. A complete run of each is preserved in the Peak Publications Society fonds.

- Peak Publications Society fonds > [Series 6](#), Publications (1965-2005)

The Peak, 1965-

The Peak is the main student newspaper at SFU. The first issue was published in October 1965, following the amalgamation of *The Tartan* and *SF View*. It appears weekly each semester during classes. Both the SFU Library and the Archives hold a complete run of the paper in bound volumes. The Archives also holds a set on microfilm, covering 1965-1998.

- Peak Publications Society fonds > [Series 6](#), Publications (1965-2005)

SFU Yearbook, 1965-1967

The Student Society (SFSS) produced a *Yearbook* in the first two years of the university's existence; it was discontinued thereafter. Copies are included in the SFSS fonds.

- Simon Fraser Student Society fonds > [Series 10](#), Subject files (1965-1984) > Files 39–42

Takkali, 1965-1974

Takkali was a publication of the university's Information Office (later University News Service). Two early issues appeared in 1965; then it was the name of a new monthly bulletin containing reports of Board of Governors and Senate activities, appointments, awards, presentations at conferences, research grants and other scholarly and academic activities. The final issues were distributed in *The Peak*. *Takkali* was discontinued after 1974, with some of its features absorbed by *SFU Week*. The Archives holds a complete run of the paper.

- Media and Public Relations fonds > [Series 4-2](#), Takkali (1965-1974)

Anti-calendar, [196-] – [197-]

Anti-calendars emerged in the late 1960s and early 1970s as SFU students began collecting and publishing student assessments of individual courses and instructors. A number of these early efforts survive in the archival record. *The Peak* published *The Dic Student Course Guide* in the late 1960s. The archives of the Department of Geography include a run of departmental anti-calendars, while the records of Student Services include material relating the Student Society's anti-calendars.

- Department of Geography fonds > [Series 6](#), Course outlines and exams > Files 141 – 150
- Peak Publications Society fonds > [Series 6](#), Publications (1965-2005)
- Student Services fonds > [Series 1-1](#), General correspondence (1965-1972)

SFU Week / SFU News, 1966-

The university's Information Office began publishing a weekly *SFU Newsletter and News Bulletin* in January 1966. With issue 39, it became the *SFU Week*, a calendar of campus events. The format was revised in February 1975 to include features and stories of the kind that formerly appeared in the now-defunct *Takkali*. The name was changed to *Simon Fraser News* in 1994, and again to *Simon Fraser University News* in 2000. The Archives holds a complete run in the Media and Public Relations fonds.

- Media and Public Relations fonds > [Series 4-4](#), SF News / SFU Week (1966-2006)

The Bridge, 1969-1971

The Simon Fraser University Alumni Association was established in 1969 and began publishing a monthly magazine, *The Bridge*. It was superseded by *Afterthoughts*, which began in 1973.

- University Advancement fonds > [Series 4](#), Alumni Relations Office (1968-2008) > Files 11-14

Comment, 1969-1981

Comment was a feature magazine about the SFU community published by the university's Information Office (later University News Service) from 1969 to 1981. The Archives holds a complete run in the fonds of Media and Public Relations (successor to University News Service).

- Media and Public Relations fonds > [Series 4-3](#), Comment (1969-1981)

SFU Student Handbook, 1972-

The Peak began publishing a student Directory – later re-named the Student Handbook – in 1972. The Archives holds a run from 1972-1990.

- Peak Publications Society fonds > [Series 6](#), Publications (1965-2005)

Afterthoughts, 1973-1982

Afterthoughts was published by the SFU Alumni Association. In most years, it was published four times a year. In 1983, it became the *Alumni Journal*.

- University Advancement fonds > [Series 4](#), Alumni Relations Office (1968-2008) > Files 15-23

Alumni Journal, 1983-1999

The *Alumni Journal* was the successor publication to *Afterthoughts*. It was published 3 times a year by the SFU Alumni Association. It was discontinued in 1999, with the launch of the university's *AQ* magazine.

- University Advancement fonds > [Series 4](#), Alumni Relations Office (1968-2008) > Files 25-41

U-Voice, 1998-

U-Voice is a bilingual Chinese-English student newspaper published under the auspices of the Student Society (SFSS). The Archives has copies from 1998-2005.

- Simon Fraser Student Society fonds > [Series 9](#), Publication (1965-2005)

AQ, 2000-

AQ magazine is produced by SFU's Public Affairs and Media Relations. It began in 2000 and comes out twice a year, covering university stories of interest to all those with a connection to SFU.

- University Advancement fonds > [Series 4](#), Alumni Relations Office (1968-2008)

Newsletters, Bulletins, and Other Publications

Many of the campus community organizations and university departments produced regular newsletters or bulletins; consult the fonds of the particular organizations and department for these periodicals.

7. Special Media and Other Resources

This section gives an overview of the Archives' holdings in non-textual media (photographs, graphics, sound recordings and films) that touch on campus politics, as well as relevant books and publications.

Photographs

The best sources for photographs relating to campus politics (demonstrations, marches, meetings, etc) are the negatives, contact sheets, and prints of *The Peak*, Media and Public Relations and its predecessors, and the Learning and Instructional Development Centre (LIDC) and its predecessors. The Archives has a hard-copy index to photographs from these sources that covers the years 1965-1986. LIDC material has been arranged and described to 1993; negatives from 1994 to 1999 have been transferred to the Archives but not yet processed; after 2000, LIDC moved to digital photography exclusively and the digital files have not yet been transferred to the Archives.

- Learning and Instructional Development Centre fonds > [Series 1](#), Photograph (1965-1993)
- Media and Public Relations fonds > [Series 1](#), Photographic materials (1972-1998)
- Peak Publications Society fonds > [Series 1](#), Photographs (1966-1991)

Graphics

Posters relating to the "Shift Shell" campaign (1967) and the PSA strike (1969) are included in the Simon Fraser University poster collection. The fonds of the School of Contemporary Arts and its predecessors contains a substantial volume of posters and other graphics; these mostly relate to public programming events, but may include some material relating to campus politics. Many of the Lower Mainland's social and political activist groups did their printing through Press Gang Printers, which retained copies of most of the posters and graphics it printed among its archives.

- Press Gang Printers fonds > [Series 6-3](#), Posters (1970-1993)
- School of Contemporary Arts fonds > [Series 13](#), Publications and posters (1965-2002)
- Simon Fraser University poster collection (1969-2005)

Sound Recordings

Most of the sound recordings in the SFU Archives are audio recordings of oral history interviews; for those relating to campus politics, see section 5 above. The Department of Philosophy recorded a number of departmental meetings in the 1970s and these are included in its fonds. The Archives holds a collection of audio materials from various sources that has not yet been arranged or described and requires conservation treatment before it can be made accessible.

- Department of Philosophy fonds > [Series 4-1](#), Department meeting files (1966-1977)

Moving Images

The Simon Fraser University student film collection contains works created by students in SFU's Film Program run by the School of Contemporary Arts and its predecessors. Titles include both feature films and documentaries; some may touch on themes relevant to campus politics.

- Simon Fraser University student film collection (1965-1989).

SFU Archives Vertical Files

The SFU Archives maintains a set of vertical files (news clippings and articles) on a variety of university-related topics, people and organizations. Consult the reference archivist for a file index and for details on access.

Books, Theses, Publications

The following works relate to SFU campus politics; all are available in the Archives.

- Johnston, Hugh. *Radical Campus: Making Simon Fraser University*. Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre, 2006.
- Rossi, Dionysios. *Mountaintop Mayhem: Simon Fraser University 1965-1971*. M.A. thesis (Department of History), Simon Fraser University: 2003.
- Shrum, Gordon. *Gordon Shrum: An Autobiography*. With Peter Stursberg ; edited by Clive Cocking. Vancouver: University of British Columbia Press, 1986.
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