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No events have been planned for the summer months of July and August, in the belief that members of SFURA will be occupied with their own journeys, projects and other enjoyments, and in the sincere hope that the sun will shine and allow everyone to bask and read, and do all the summer things that they like best. Nevertheless, here are a few reminders for the fall and winter:

October 1 - 10.

The Okanagan Wine Festival will be in full swing--for a brochure write to 102-266 Lawrence Avenue, Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 6L3. Phone: 250-861-6654. e-mail: info@owfs.com. Or, visit a Tourist Bureau.

FallDinner, University
Thurs 21.

SFURA will not be setting up any plans for the wine festival, but a tour of the Okanagan at that time of year comes highly recommended.

November.

For those who may feel that they are out of the loop and that computer technology is leaving them behind, computer/video updates by an expert from the Instructional Media Centre on campus will be arranged. Details to be confirmed.

December.

A Winter Solstice Celebration is planned, a concert

and reception. Details to be confirmed.

January.

Possibly January, or another winter month, a theatre evening is planned. Peter Buitenhuis is coordinating

this event. Details to be confirmed.

February.

To celebrate the Chinese New Year, a tour of the Dr. Sun Yat Sen Classical Chinese garden, and lunch in Chinatown. Details to be confirmed.

As this is the first year in which any SFURA events have been planned we have as yet no track record which would indicate which events will interest SFURA members, so a certain amount of trial and error enters into the planning.

Please let us know if any one of you is interested in coordinating any events, or if you have particular suggestions and ideas on this topic.

A note--the **Bard on the Beach** is in its 10th season this summer in Vanier Park, on Kitsilano Point. The setting is spectacular, the North Shore mountains form the backdrop to the stage. This year the plays are A Midsummer Night's Dream, Macbeth and Measure for Measure. For information phone 739-0559.

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For intellectual stimulation, **The Philosphers' Cafe** offers an interesting schedule of summer evening discussions at a variety of locations such as White Rock and Fort Langley, as well as the North Shore and the City. The Philosphers' Cafe is sponsored by the Institute for the Humanities at Simon Fraser, it is based at the Harbour Centre, and information is available by telephoning 291-5237.

Monday, August 9/99, has been decided upon as the date on which George Suart and Barbara Rae will host a lunch and no-host bar for SFURA members at their Whistler residence overlooking the golf course. Please inform George by Wednesday, July 28 who will attend, and how many, and George will send directions. Please use e-mail, if this is possible.

The Fall Dinner for SFURA members and their guests will take place at the Diamond University Centre on Thursday, October 21/99. This is certain to be a cheerful social event, with good company and good food as well. The date is firm, so please mark your calendars.