Welcome to our new members. We had a good catch of the year 2000 retirees and our Association membership is now around 250! The year 2000 social events were well supported by our members. We are slowly finding out what you like to do, the "walk and lunches", George’s lunches, matinee visits to the theatre and our Annual AGM and Dinner were all well attended. The visit to the Race Track was an obvious success, we will do this again in the Summer and we think an evening at a Ball Game could be fun. The Events Committee, Bev, Donna, and Janet have done a wonderful job, if you have any ideas that we could try out please let us know. As you will see on the events calendar we are having an "Ides of March" reception, our finances allow one free drink and free nibbles for our members and their partners. Do not miss this unique opportunity! You will note that we are holding our reception at the Eagle Creek restaurant at the Burnaby Mountain Golf Course. We are sorry we cannot continue to use the Diamond University Centre, but their imposition of a $300 "room charge" now prices the Centre out of our reach.

Marg Jones, our treasurer, found that we have a little money left over in our account so we thought we would splash a little and have a party... so let’s have a good time with old friends... and no Caesar salads.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THIS ASSOCIATION AND THE ELECTION OF THE 2001 - 2002 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will be held on Tuesday May 1st 2001 at a location yet to be decided. Three persons on the present Executive Committee will have to be replaced, we welcome volunteers! The Executive is also thinking of establishing a new category of membership. Our Constitution presently requires members to be "retired from employment at SFU as shown by the records of the Human Resources Office". This was intended to be limiting but it is perhaps too limiting in that persons who have spent many years at SFU and whose company we enjoyed during those years moved from SFU well before retirement and are not, then, on the Human Resources records. We are thinking of extending full membership to such persons "at the pleasure of the Executive Committee" perhaps with a limitation upon the total number of members in this category. Any proposed change to the Constitution to include this category of persons will, of course, be brought as a motion to the AGM for its adoption by those present at that meeting. We welcome your comments on this proposal.

We now have... well, all most... A ROOM UP AT SFU! At present our rapidly growing collection of SFURA memorabilia, which undoubtedly will be treasured by posterity (you mean people were allowed / could afford to retire back in the year...).