



# SFURA NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2002

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**MEMBERSHIP:** As of October 17, the membership of the Simon Fraser Retirees' Association stands at 296 – a significant increase over last year's figure.

**THE NEW MEMBERS** of SFURA, to whom the Executive Board extends a warm welcome, are:

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| Tasoula Berggren   | Florence Barber   | Tirthankar Bose   |
| Richard Boyer      | Jay Burr          | Linda Butterfield |
| John Chant         | Michael Coles     | Lloyd Cornwall    |
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| Frank Manuel       | Grazia Merler     | Joan Monahan      |
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| Jo Sheridan        | Raymond Squirrell | S. Viswanathan    |
| Bernice Wong       | Michael Wortis    |                   |

The people listed above have all made impressive contributions to Simon Fraser University, and the SFURA Executive wishes them a very happy retirement.



## UPCOMING EVENTS and future plans.....

**A Carol Ship Cruise and Dinner in Vancouver Harbour on Thursday, December 5, 2002. Boarding will begin at 6:15 p.m., and the ship sails at 6:45 p.m.** This cruise is three hours long. People who have participated in the harbour cruise last year reported that this was an outstanding event; the view was excellent, and so was the food. **The cost is \$50.00 per person.** (A booking form is enclosed, together with directions for its return to Marg Jones.)

As the holiday season is fast approaching, no other events have been planned by SFURA for the remainder of 2002, however, there are a number of ideas for events next year, including a theatre outing, dinner at a Greek restaurant, a hockey game and a tour of a film studio. **Bev Carlson**, our indefatigable Events Coordinator, would welcome suggestions from members.

In addition, people may like to car pool to events. Please contact a member of the SFURA Executive if you are looking for a ride



## S.F.U. LIBRARY BORROWING PRIVILEGES

The Executive Board has checked with Simon Fraser Library (Library Loans Division) regarding borrowing privileges for retirees from S.F.U. We were informed that the library cards you already possess remain valid indefinitely. The person to contact for information and verification on this matter is Luis Duran, (604) 291-3868.



## TRAVEL – CONTRIBUTIONS AND FEEDBACK:

**[Editor's Note: *As Editor of the Newsletter, I am still hoping to receive accounts from SFURA members of their travels and projects planned and in process. Having received none so far, I will give a brief outline of a journey I took this past August, in the North West Territories.*]**

For anyone interested in the outdoors and in river travel, canoeing or rafting on the Nahanni River in the North West Territories provides a fascinating adventure. The river itself is stunning; it cuts through the Mackenzie Mountains, and in so doing it passes through four great canyons below Virginia Falls, the deepest of which measures 1,000 metres. The canyons are amazing; they alone are worth the journey. The falls were the starting point of our journey; they are twice the height of Niagara Falls. Above the falls the river is relatively placid, but below them it is fast and turbulent, with serious rapids, standing waves and notable whirlpools and eddies.

We were a party of 14; there were two two-person canoes and two inflatable rafts, each one handled by a guide using long oars or sweeps. The trip was quite rigorous, even with the support of the guides, who did all the heavy work and the cooking. Each person was responsible for carrying his or her gear over the 1.7 kilometre portage around Virginia Falls, and for erecting and pulling down a tent each day as we moved down the river. As well there were ample opportunities for hiking and climbing. Each evening there were readings from Dangerous River, a book (written by my father) that gives an account of a young man's exploration and travel in the Nahanni Valley in the 1920s, when the area was virtually unknown and unmapped.

The River and the weather dominate any trip of this kind, and we were lucky. We had a rainstorm and wind, but most of the time the sun shone. The nights were cool, and we were glad of warm clothing. The food was wonderful. The 12-day journey began and ended in Fort Simpson, located at the junction of the Liard and Mackenzie Rivers; this was the point from which we flew in to the falls campsite. We all came away with a greatly enhanced understanding of these great rivers, as well as an appreciation of the vastness of our country.

**Janet Blanchet (Editor)**



### PASSAGES.....

**We regret to inform you, with great sadness, that four of our members passed away recently:**

**Chandra Bhan – Science Stores  
Shirley Black – Chemistry Department  
Jean Muirhead – Dean of Arts Office  
Dan Radford – Reprographics**