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### **Finding Aid - Simon Fraser University Childcare Society fonds (F-149)**

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## Summary information

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<b>Date:</b>	1966 - 1999 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	58 cm of textual records 28 photographs 6 sound recordings
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	Finding aid prepared by Frances Fournier, Enid Britt (July 2001); revised by Lisa Beitel (November 2005); updated by Richard Dancy (January 2006); items re-numbered (September 2012).
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	<p><b>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION</b> The 6 audio recordings include 12 audio cassettes (originals and copies).</p> <p><b>GENERAL NOTE</b> Photographs are located in series 4; sound recordings are located in series 5.</p>

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The SFU Childcare Society presently operates eleven programs that are collectively known as the Children's Centre. The Children's Centre is an independent, legally incorporated non-profit society with registered charitable organization status. The Children's Centre provides full and part time care to approximately 240 children, ranging in age from 3 months to 12 years. Each program has its own physical space and is often referred to as a centre. A Board of Directors is composed of parent representatives, university representatives, childcare staff representatives and community representatives. The Executive Director is an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Board, hired through the University (with direction from the Society Board) to be the Coordinator for the Society and to act as a liaison between the Society and the University.

Daycare began at SFU in 1968 when a group of parents established the Simon Fraser Co-operative Family in a student lounge. By 1973, the Family Co-op had grown into the SFU Day Care Society with three

units in different locations. By 1976, there were five licensed daycare centres all incorporated under the Burnaby Mountain Day Care Society.

In 1976 the University provided 1.2 million dollars to fund construction of a childcare complex, the first of its kind in Canada. The University also supported the appointment of a full-time director, Emily Campbell. For funding purposes, the Burnaby Mountain Day Care Society separated into five non-profit societies, which could each apply for grants. The five societies and their nine centres formed a loose federation, The Burnaby Association of University Child Care Societies, to set overall policy, coordinate activities, and exchange information. Centres remained autonomous in financing, staffing, and style of care.

In 1981 it became evident that current levels of University funding were in jeopardy. A Task Force was struck by the University to investigate the current organization of childcare on campus. Following recommendations of that Task Force, the five individual daycare societies were reorganized in 1982 into a single non-profit society, The SFU Childcare Society, which continues today.

The SFU Childcare Society is funded primarily through parent user fees and Board fund raising efforts. These monies are used for staff salaries and benefits, program related expenses, equipment purchase and upkeep, playgrounds, administrative costs and utilities.

A Licensing Agreement with the University provides for repairs and maintenance service for all the major building structures, comprehensive insurance, and the salary and benefits for the Executive Director and secretarial positions.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds of the SFU Childcare Society consists of records made or received in the course of administering the Society and its predecessor bodies and providing facilities, personnel and funding for childcare programs. The bulk of the material ranges from 1968 to the early 1990s. Activities documented include meetings of the various societies and centres established to provide childcare services; obtaining license agreements with the University; securing collective agreements with staff; planning for child care services; construction of buildings; correspondence and liaison with government officials and university administrators; and providing information to parents and staff.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title of the fonds is based on the name of the organization.

### Immediate source of acquisition

The records were donated to the Archives by the SFU Childcare Society in 1997.

### Arrangement

The records were originally selected for retention and arranged by the staff of the SFU Childcare Centre from a larger quantity of materials stored at the Centre. The Archivist completed the arrangement

of the material to reflect the various societies which provided childcare over the years as well as the activities and functions that generated the records. Within files, documents are generally arranged chronologically.

### **Restrictions on access**

Some files may contain personal or confidential information. Access to these files may be restricted as stipulated by Archives policy or the donor. Files marked 'pending review' must be reviewed by an archivist prior to release, and as a result of the review access restrictions may apply. Please see the file lists and consult the archivist for more details.

Access to analog sound recordings is restricted due to the fragility of the medium (audio cassettes); consult the reference archivist for more information about accessing these recordings.

### **Finding aids**

File list is available. More detailed histories of the SFU Childcare Society, "The History of Day Care on Campus at Simon Fraser University," Researched and edited by Diane MacDonald, 1979 and "Celebrating 30 Years of Caring," by SFU Childcare, Society, 1968-1998 are available in the hard copy version of the finding aid maintained in the Archives Reading Room.

### **Related material**

For other material relating to the SFU Daycare Society, see the Simon Fraser Student Society fonds (F-74), the Student Services fonds (F-107), the records of the Vice-President, University Services (F-207), and the SFU Childcare Society collection (Mary Wilson collector) (F-229).

### **Accruals**

All accessions have been processed as of September 2002. Further accruals are expected. According to the Agreement to Transfer signed by the Simon Fraser University Childcare Society and the Archives, the Society will donate its inactive records to the Archives once every five years.

### **Other notes**

- **Publication status:** published
- **Level of detail:** Full
- **Status description:** Revised

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### **Access points**

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- Davidson, Sheila (subject)
- Coates, Penny (subject)
- Branscombe, Joyce E. (subject)
- Campbell, Emily A. (subject)
- Sound recordings (documentary form)
- Photographic materials (documentary form)

- Textual records (documentary form)
- Children and youth (subject)
- Family and personal life (subject)
- Women (subject)
- Health and social services (subject)

## Series descriptions

### Series F-149-1: Organization records

Date: 1968 - 1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to the structure and governance of the SFU Childcare Centre and its constituent bodies over time.

Physical description: 34 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

### Subseries F-149-1-1: General administration and history files

Date: 1968 - 1998 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series consists of records relating to the evolution of the various umbrella societies responsible for childcare at SFU. Includes reports by various committees and task forces about the future of childcare at the University, a 1970 childcare survey, files relating to the construction of the Childcare Centre in 1976, and one file related to general funding issues. Records consist of minutes, constitutions, license agreements with the University, membership agreements, collective agreements, job descriptions, and financial statements.

Physical description: 22 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-149-1-1-0-1	File - Early development	1968 - 1998	Open	149-1
F-149-1-1-0-2	File - Daycare survey	1970	Restricted in whole	149-1
F-149-1-1-0-3	File - SFU Day Care Society	1973	Open	149-1

F-149-1-1-0-4	File - Burnaby Mountain Day Care Society	1973 - 1974	Restricted in part	149-1
F-149-1-1-0-5	File - SFU Day Care Council	1974 - 1976	Open	149-1
F-149-1-1-0-6	File - Burnaby Association of University Child Care Societies 1/2, vol. 1	1976 - 1981	Open	149-1
F-149-1-1-0-7	File - Burnaby Association of University Child Care Societies 2/2, vol. 2	1976 - 1981	Open	149-1
F-149-1-1-0-8	File - SFU Childcare Society 1/2, vol. 1	1978 - 1992	Open	149-1
F-149-1-1-0-9	File - SFU Childcare Society 2/2, vol. 2	1978 - 1992	Open	149-1
F-149-1-1-0-10	File - Reports	1981 - 1990	Open	149-2
F-149-1-1-0-11	File - Funding	1977 - 1989	Open	149-2
F-149-1-1-0-12	File - Advisory Committee on Daycare Building	1975 - 1977	Open	149-2
F-149-1-1-0-13	File - New building 1/2	1975 - 1977	Open	149-2
F-149-1-1-0-14	File - New building 2/2	1975 - 1977	Open	149-2
F-149-1-1-0-15	File - Emily Campbell	1984	Open	149-2

### Subseries F-149-1-2: Individual Childcare Centre files

Date: 1974 - 1984 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series consists of records relating to the development, organization, and administration of the various programs (centres) which were established over the years to provide childcare at SFU. Records consists of minutes, constitutions, license agreements with the University, membership agreements, collective agreements, job descriptions, and financial statements.

Physical description: 12 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-149-1-2-0-1	File - Alligator Pie 1/2, vol. 1	1978 - 1982	Restricted in part	149-2
F-149-1-2-0-2	File - Alligator Pie 2/2, vol. 2	1978 - 1982	Open	149-2
F-149-1-2-0-3	File - Building 3 Child Care Society	1976 - 1982	Restricted in part	149-3
F-149-1-2-0-4	File - Crackers Day Care Society	1980 - 1981	Open	149-3
F-149-1-2-0-5	File - Kahpoo Infant Care Society	1975 - 1983	Restricted in part	149-3
F-149-1-2-0-6	File - Kindergarten Kids Day Care Society	1979 - 1981	Open	149-3
F-149-1-2-0-7	File - Les Petits unit	1984	Open	149-3
F-149-1-2-0-8	File - Los Ninos Day Care Society	1975 - 1976	Open	149-3
F-149-1-2-0-9	File - Nanitsh Day Care Society	1974 - 1982	Open	149-3
F-149-1-2-0-10	File - Pink Day Care Society	1975 - 1978	Open	149-3
F-149-1-2-0-11	File - Snake Hill Day Care Society	1974 - 1978	Restricted in part	149-3

### Series F-149-2: Correspondence

Date: 1966 - 1987 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of correspondence between the various SFU childcare societies and provincial, federal and municipal governments; university administrative officials; and the University president and Board of Governors.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-149-2-0-0-1	File - Correspondence - Governments	1974 - 1987	Pending review	149-3
F-149-2-0-0-2	File - Correspondence - University administrators	1969 - 1986	Restricted in part	149-3
F-149-2-0-0-3	File - Correspondence - University President and Board of Governors	1966 - 1986	Restricted in part	149-3

### Series F-149-3: Publications

Date: 1969 - 1995 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists mostly of publications related to childcare at SFU. Also includes two files of general reference material about childcare in other places. Records consist of newsclippings, newsletters, brochures, parent and staff handbooks, and other documents.

Physical description: 11 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-149-3-0-0-1	File - Childcare General Reference Material	1969 - 1977	Open	149-4
F-149-3-0-0-2	File - Newsclippings About SFU Childcare	1970 - 1995	Open	149-4
F-149-3-0-0-3	File - Daycare Brochures and Publications	1974 - 1995	Open	149-4
F-149-3-0-0-4	File - Daycare News	1981 - 1983	Open	149-4
F-149-3-0-0-5	File - Childcare Newsletter	1984 - 1985	Open	149-4
F-149-3-0-0-6	File - Daycare News	1984 - 1988	Open	149-4
F-149-3-0-0-7	File - SFU Childcare Society Staff Handbook	1987	Open	149-4
F-149-3-0-0-8	File - The Grapevine Express	1988 - 1992	Open	149-4
F-149-3-0-0-9	File - Newsclippings About Childcare (general)	1993	Open	149-4



**Series F-149-4: Photographs**

Date: [1970] - [1979] (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of 23 black and white photographs of the interior and exterior of the SFU Child Care Centre depicting the building, children, and staff members.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

28 photographs

Note [generalNote]:

Physical description: 28 photographs located in F-149-4-0-0-1

Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-149-4-0-0-1	File - Photographs	[ca 1970] - [ca 1979]	Restricted in whole	149-4

**Series F-149-5: Audio cassette interviews**

Date: 1998 - 1999 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of a set of six sound recording originally on audio cassette. Four of the recordings are interviews with former Executive Directors and the present Executive Director on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of childcare at SFU. The remaining sound recordings are copies of radio interviews by broadcaster Rafe Mair with Sheila Davidson and Social Services Minister Lois Boone about the social services strike in 1999.

Physical description: 6 sound recordings

Access points:

- Sound recordings (documentary form)
- Records in electronic form (digitized) (documentary form)

Restrictions on access:

Open. Interviews were originally recorded to audio cassettes, but have been digitized. Access to the interviews will be provided through the digitized copies. Consult the reference archivist for more information about accessing these digital recordings.

Publication status:

published

Physical description:

Includes originals and copies on 12 audio cassettes. The interviews have also been digitized.

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-149-5-0-0-0-1	Item - Joyce Branscombe interview	March 1998	Open	OBJ-3279 OBJ-3280
F-149-5-0-0-0-2	Item - Emily Campbell interview	March 1998	Open	OBJ-3281 OBJ-3282
F-149-5-0-0-0-3	Item - Penny Coates interview	March 1998	Open	OBJ-3283 OBJ-3284
F-149-5-0-0-0-4	Item - Sheila Davidson interview	March 1998	Open	OBJ-3285 OBJ-3286
F-149-5-0-0-0-6	Item - CKNW The Rafe Mair Show	19 May 1999	Open	OBJ-3311 OBJ-3312
F-149-5-0-0-0-5	Item - CKNW The Rafe Mair Show	12 May 1999	Open	OBJ-3309 OBJ-3310