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Finding Aid - Simon Fraser University aerial and construction photograph collection (F-30)

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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Simon Fraser University aerial and construction photograph collection
Reference code:	F-30
Wikidata identifier [alternative]:	Q106644079
Wikidata URL [alternative]:	https://www.wikidata.org/wiki/Q106644079
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Physical description:	24 cm. of photographs
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Finding aid prepared by Ian Forsyth, Enid Britt, Amanda Watson, Judith Thiessen (March 1998). Finding aid updated by Enid Britt (July 2008) and Michelle Curran (February 2016).

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The University Archives acquires, preserves and makes available three categories of materials: (1) the official records of the University, including those created by the Board of Governors, Senate, University committees, faculties, departments and administrative offices; (2) materials documenting the wider University community; and (3) historical research collections that promote the teaching and research activities of the University.

The Archives was established within the University Library in 1968 when librarian Liisa Fagerlund was appointed University Archivist on a half-time basis. She continued in this post until 1975 when she left the University. From 1975 to 1978, the Archives functioned within the Special Collections division of the Library. Archival duties were carried out by various library staff members. In 1978, the University Archives was established as a separate administrative unit outside of the Library. Donald Baird, recently retired as University Librarian, became University Archivist and held this position until his retirement in 1990. Jim Ross served as University Archivist from 1991 to 1993, and was succeeded by Ian Forsyth in 1994.

When the Archives was a function of the University Library, the University Archivist reported to the University Librarian. When the Archives was established as a separate administrative unit, the University Archivist reported directly to the University President. The reporting structure changed in 1986 when the University Archivist reported to the Vice-President, Research/Information Systems; in 1990, when the University Archivist reported to the Associate Vice-President, Academic; and in 1996, when the University Archivist reported to the Registrar/Dean of Students.

Custodial history

The history of the collection is not known. Many of the prints were probably purchased by the University from freelance photographers who photographed the construction with a view towards selling copies of their work to SFU.

Scope and content

The collection was compiled by the University Archives staff to illustrate the construction of Simon Fraser University.

The history of Simon Fraser University is reflected in its world-renowned architecture. Located atop Burnaby Mountain, SFU's design was the result of a competition held in 1963 by Dr. Gordon Shrum, the newly-appointed Chancellor of the University. The goal of the competition was to produce five winners. One architect would be awarded first prize for the overall design of SFU, while four other architects would each be invited to build a section of the University under the supervision of the winner. All entries were limited to applicants from British Columbia.

The informal guidelines for SFU's design consisted of a directive from Dr. Shrum entitled, "Notes from the Chancellor," which was distributed to the applicants. In this directive, Dr. Shrum noted many of the features that he felt were essential to the new university based upon his previous experience at the University of British Columbia. Among his recommendations were that students should be able to move from one part of the university to another without going outside, and that the large lecture theaters should be grouped together rather than scattered over the whole campus. Perhaps the most important of his criteria was that SFU should appear in 1965 essentially as it would look in 1995. In other words, it should look like a finished university, but also be designed for expansion. The design chosen was that of a young UBC architecture professor, Arthur Erickson, and his colleague Geoffrey Massey. The four other winners were William R. Rhone and Randle Iredale; Zoltan Kiss; Duncan McNab, Harry Lee, and David Logan; and Robert F. Harrison. The Erickson and Massey design had been the unanimous choice of the judges, and had met all the requirements that Shrum had outlined in his memo.

The collection consists of photographic prints and contact sheets that illustrate the physical development of SFU including site clearance, excavation, the construction of individual buildings, and completed buildings and interiors. There are a number of aerial photographs. The collection also includes photographs of the University's opening ceremonies and the installation of Dr. Shrum as Chancellor and Patrick McTaggart-Cowan as President.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the contents of the collection.

Arrangement

The archivist grouped the collection into series according to photographer.

Restrictions on access

Access to the photographs is not restricted, but copyright restrictions do apply to this material. Please consult the archivist for details.

Finding aids

A file list is available.

Related material

Please consult the inventory for the Department of Facilities Management (F-11) for textual records relating to the construction of SFU.

Accruals

All accessions have been processed as of September 2002. No further accruals to the collection are expected.

Other notes

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

Access points

- Archives and Records Management Department
- Photographic material (documentary form)
- Records in electronic form (digitized) (documentary form)
- Buildings and structures (subject)

Series descriptions

Series F-30-1: Herbert McDonald Photographs

Date: 1963 - 1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of contact sheets. The photographic subjects are: construction contract signing; aerial photographs showing the excavation and construction progress of SFU; the University's architectural design; the opening ceremonies; the first Board of Governors; a Presidential installation ceremony; and official portraits.

Physical description: 6 cm of contact sheets

Access points:

- McDonald, Herbert (subject)

Restrictions on access:

Access to the photographs is not restricted, but copyright restrictions do apply to this material. Please consult the archivist for details.

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-30-1-0-0-1	File - Architectural Design; Construction Contract Signing; 1st Board of Governors; and SFU site clearance, excavation, and construction progress photographs (numbers 1-25)	1963 - 1965	Open	30-7
F-30-1-0-0-2	File - SFU site clearance, excavation, and construction progress photographs (numbers 26-52)	1964 - 1965	Open	30-7
F-30-1-0-0-3	File - Opening Ceremonies photographs (numbers 1-4)	1965	Open	30-7
F-30-1-0-0-4	File - Official Portraits - Dr.McTaggart-Cowan; German Consul; Installation Ceremony - Dr.Gordon M.Shrum; and SFU construction progress photographs (numbers 1-7)	1964 - 1965	Open	30-7

Series F-30-2: Leonard Frank Photographs

Date: 1964 - 1967 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of photographs of construction progress of the Central Mall, the Science Complex, the Women's Residence, the Academic Quadrangle, and the Men's Residence.

Physical description: 5 cm of photographs

Access points:

- Frank, Leonard (subject)

Restrictions on access:

Access to the photographs is not restricted, but copyright restrictions do apply to this material. Please consult the archivist for details.

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-30-2-0-0-1	File - Construction Progress - Central Mall (set 1-14)	1964 - 1965	Open	30-3
F-30-2-0-0-2	File - Construction Progress - Science Complex (set 1-12)	1964 - 1965	Open	30-3
F-30-2-0-0-3	File - Construction Progress - Academic Quadrangle (set 10-14)	1966	Open	30-4
F-30-2-0-0-4	File - Construction Progress - Women's Residence (set 1-4)	1965	Open	30-4
F-30-2-0-0-5	File - Construction Progress - Men's Residence (set 1-15)	1966 - 1967	Open	30-4

Series F-30-3: George Allen Ltd. Photographs

Date: 1963 - 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of aerial shots of SFU site clearance, excavation and construction. Series also includes Installation Ceremony of Dr. Gordon M. Shrum.

Physical description: 6 cm of photographs

Access points:

- Allen, George (subject)
- Photographic material (documentary form)
- Records in electronic form (digitized) (documentary form)

Restrictions on access:

Access to the photographs is not restricted, but copyright restrictions do apply to this material. Please consult the archivist for details.

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For contact information for the George Allen Estate, consult the Reference Archivist.

<u>Publication status:</u>				
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File / item list				
Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-30-3-0-0-1	File - Aerial Photographs - SFU site clearance, excavation, and construction (numbers 9292-11801)	1963 - 1966	Open	30-4
9292	Item - 9292	1963	Open	
9328	Item - 9328	1964	Open	
9613	Item - 9613	1964	Open	
9614	Item - 9614	1964	Open	
9758	Item - 9758	1964	Open	
9948	Item - 9948	1964	Open	
10349	Item - 10349	1964	Open	
10358	Item - 10358	1964	Open	
10519	Item - 10519	1964	Open	
10526	Item - 10526	1964	Open	
10605	Item - 10605	1965	Open	
10886	Item - 10886	1965	Open	
11061	Item - 11061	1965	Open	
11062	Item - 11062	1965	Open	
11159	Item - 11159	1965	Open	
11462	Item - 11462	1965	Open	
11620	Item - 11620	1965	Open	
11622	Item - 11622	1965	Open	
11623	Item - 11623	1965	Open	
11625	Item - 11625	1965	Open	
11627	Item - 11627	1965	Open	
11628	Item - 11628	1965	Open	
11801	Item - 11801	[1965-1966]	Open	
F-30-3-0-0-2	File - Aerial Photographs - SFU site clearance, excavation, and construction (numbers 12120-14794)	1966 - 1968	Open	30-5
12120	Item - 12120	1966	Open	
12209	Item - 12209	1966	Open	
12392	Item - 12392	1966	Open	
12393	Item - 12393	1966	Open	
12560	Item - 12560	1966	Open	
12714	Item - 12714	1966	Open	
12763	Item - 12763	1966	Open	
12896	Item - 12896	1966	Open	
13199	Item - 13199	1966	Open	
13201	Item - 13201	1966	Open	
13202	Item - 13202	1966	Open	
13329	Item - 13329	1966	Open	
13330	Item - 13330	1967	Open	
13435	Item - 13435	1967	Open	
13436	Item - 13436	1967	Open	
13437	Item - 13437	1967	Open	

13589	Item - 13589	1967	Open	
13592	Item - 13592	1967	Open	
13594	Item - 13594	1967	Open	
14005	Item - 14005	1967	Open	
14173	Item - 14173	1967	Open	
14309	Item - 14309	1967	Open	
14794	Item - 14794	1968	Open	
F-30-3-0-0-3	File - Aerial Photographs - SFU site clearance, excavation, and construction (numbers 15392-27590)	1968 - 1978	Open	30-5
15391	Item - 15391	1968	Open	
15392	Item - 15392	1968	Open	
15393	Item - 15393	1968	Open	
15926	Item - 15926	1969	Open	
16423	Item - 16423	1969	Open	
16424	Item - 16424	1969	Open	
16714	Item - 16714	1969	Open	
16718	Item - 16718	1969	Open	
17116	Item - 17116	1970	Open	
18166	Item - 18166	1971	Open	
18167	Item - 18167	1971	Open	
18168	Item - 18168	1971	Open	
18336	Item - 18336	1971	Open	
18720	Item - 18720	1972	Open	
19053	Item - 19053	1972	Open	
19873	Item - 19873	1973	Open	
19875	Item - 19875	1973	Open	
27590	Item - 27590	1978	Open	
F-30-3-0-0-4	File - Installation Ceremony - Shrum; McTaggart-Cowan (numbers 3035-3047)	1965 1965	Open	30-6
3035	Item - 3035	1965	Open	
3036	Item - 3036	1965	Open	
3037	Item - 3037	1965	Open	
3038	Item - 3038	1965	Open	
3039	Item - 3039	1965	Open	
3040	Item - 3040	1965	Open	
3041	Item - 3041	1965	Open	
3042	Item - 3042	1965	Open	
3043	Item - 3043	1965	Open	
3044	Item - 3044	1965	Open	
3046	Item - 3046	1965	Open	
3047	Item - 3047	1965	Open	
F-30-3-0-0-5	File - Aerial photographs - colour	1965 - 1966	Open	30-6
5183	Item - 5183	1965 - 1966	Open	
aerial_unnumbered_1	Item - Unnumbered colour print of SFU Burnaby - print 1	1965 - 1966	Open	
aerial_unnumbered_2	Item - Unnumbered colour print of SFU Burnaby - print 2	1965 - 1966	Open	

Series F-30-4: John Fulker Photographs

Date: 1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of photographs of SFU architecture including completed buildings and interior views.

Physical description: 19 photographs

Access points:

- Fulker, John (subject)

Restrictions on access:

Access to the photographs is not restricted, but copyright restrictions do apply to this material. Please consult the archivist for details.

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-30-4-0-0-1	File - SFU Architecture - photographic prints[19 black and white prints numbers 1, 2, 10, 13, 15-18, 21, 25, 27, 33, 60, 62, 63, 64 (two copies), 67]	1965	Open	30-6

Series F-30-5: Herb Nott and Company Photographs

Date: 1966 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of photographs of SFU main mall.

Physical description: 2 photographs

Access points:

- Nott, Herb (subject)

Restrictions on access:

Access to the photographs is not restricted, but copyright restrictions do apply to this material. Please consult the archivist for details.

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-30-5-0-0-1	File - SFU Architecture - photographic prints(2 black and white prints numbers 219, 220)	1966	Open	30-6

Series F-30-6: Rolly Ford Photograph

Date: 1965 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of a photograph of SFU swimming pool.

Physical description: 1 photograph

Access points:

- Ford, Rolly (subject)

Restrictions on access:

Access to the photographs is not restricted, but copyright restrictions do apply to this material. Please consult the archivist for details.

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-30-6-0-0-1	File - SFU Architecture - photographic print(1 black and white print number 191612)	1965	Open	30-6

Series F-30-7: Miscellaneous Aerial Photographs

Date: 1963 - 1969 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of 7 aerial photographs of SFU by Lockwood Survey Corporation and others.

Physical description: 7 photographs

Restrictions on access:

Access to the photographs is not restricted, but copyright restrictions do apply to this material. Please consult the archivist for details.

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-30-7-0-0-1	File - Miscellaneous aerial photographs	1963 - 1969	Open	30-6