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Summary information

Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Dennis Roberts fonds
ID:	F-160
Date:	1967 - 1994 (date of creation)
Physical description:	13 cm of textual records 132 sound recordings 25 buttons
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION Fonds includes 134 audio cassettes and 4 audio tapes (reel-to-reel tapes).

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Dennis Roberts was hired in August 1966 as SFU's first full-time Information Officer. In 1972, the Information Office became the University News Service, and Roberts served as its first director. He remained in this position until 1982, when he retired from the University. In addition to his regular duties, Dennis Roberts was in charge of the SFU Pipe and Drum Band for eight years. He was also well-known at SFU as a cartoonist and produced a series of cartoons for Christmas and other events that gently poked fun at various members of the SFU community.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records relating to Roberts's career at SFU. Includes correspondence, press releases, flyers, clippings, newsletters, publications, transcripts of speeches, notes, buttons, and cartoons and other artwork. Also includes a set of sound recordings made by Roberts while he was Director of the University News Service.

Notes

Title notes

- Source of title proper: Title of the fonds is based on its provenance.

Immediate source of acquisition

Dennis Roberts donated the fonds to the SFU Archives in 2001.

Arrangement

The materials were arranged by the archivist into two series, one for files and the other for audio recordings.

Restrictions on access

There is one file relating to grievances that is restricted; the other files are open. Access to the original audio cassettes is restricted for preservation reasons. Consult the reference archivist for more information about accessing restricted material.

Finding aids

Series descriptions, file lists, and item lists are available. The hard-copy version of the finding aid (available in the Archives reading room) includes two appendices: a history of Information Services on Campus written by Roberts (Appendix B) and Roberts' detailed comments on the individual audio recordings found in Series 2 (Appendix C).

Related material

See the inventory for Media and Public Relations, F-61.

Accruals

All accessions have been processed as of February 2006. No further accruals are expected.

Other notes

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

Access points

- Object (documentary form)
- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Communications (subject)

Series descriptions

Series F-160-1: Subject files

Date: 1967 - 1994 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to significant events in SFU's history as well as general biographical information on Dennis Roberts, his correspondence, and a selection of his writing including a lengthy history of the Alumni Association. Examples of significant events documented include the Admissions Protest in 1968 and the AUCE strike in 1979. Series contains correspondence, press releases, flyers, clippings, newsletters, publications, notes, transcripts of speeches, cartoons and other artwork. A file of ephemera contains humorous, unusual, or controversial publications and correspondence collected by Roberts during his years at SFU as well as a collection of SFU political and commemorative buttons.

Physical description: 12 cm of textual records
25 buttons

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-160-1-0-0-1	File - Biographical information	1970 - 1990	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-2	File - Alumni Association history	1968 - 1985	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-3	File - Articles, sketches and interviews by Dennis Roberts	1967 - 1978	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-4	File - Correspondence	1968 - 1986	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-5	File - AUCE strike	1978 - 1979	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-6	File - Admissions protest	1968	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-7	File - CAUT - McTaggart-Cowan resignation	1968	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-8	File - Fox, Terry	1981	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-9	File - Grievance proceedings	1979	Restricted in whole	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-10	File - Oregon air crash	1977	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-11	File - PSA	1968 - 1978	Open	160-1

F-160-1-0-0-12	File - Release the hostages, please (Iran)	1980	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-13	File - SFU Pipe and Drum band	1980 - 1983	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-14	File - Sinnott, Ted	1972 - 1981	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-15	File - Templeton Secondary school incident	1967	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-16	File - University arts and architecture	1974 - 1988	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-17	File - University protests - general	1968 - 1969	Open	160-1
F-160-1-0-0-18	File - Artwork and Christmas cartoons	1969 - 1981	Open	
F-160-1-0-0-19	File - Ephemera	1967 - 1994	Open	
F-160-1-0-0-20	File - Buttons, vol. 1	1967 - 1987	Open	
F-160-1-0-0-21	File - Buttons, vol. 2	1967 - 1987	Open	

Series F-160-2: Audio recordings

Date: 1968 - 1982 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

As Director of the University News Service, Dennis Roberts purchased a cassette recorder, which he took with him to meetings, interviews, and newsworthy events. Over the years, he captured the voices of students, staff, faculty and administrators. Although there are no transcripts for the recordings, many of them served as the basis for articles in Comment magazine, which contain additional information on the topic or individual interviewed. Topics include student protests; the dispute over the Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology (PSA) Department; interviews, speeches and news conferences with university Presidents, administrative officers, faculty members, staff and students.

Physical description: 132 sound recordings

Note:

Physical description: series includes 134 audio cassettes and 4 audio tapes (reel-to-reel).

Access points:

- Department of Political Science, Sociology and Anthropology

Arrangement:

The recordings were donated to the Archives in no "particular order" (in the words of the fonds creator). The original arrangement of the series left items in this found order. In September 2012, the archivist re-numbered the items and imposed a chronological arrangement. Note, however, that exact dates are not always known. See Appendix C for the found order.

Restrictions on access:

Access to the sound recordings in analog format is restricted for preservation reasons due to the age and fragility of the medium (audio cassette). The Archives will provide

access only through digitization. As of September 2012, no access copies have been made. Consult with the reference archivist for more information about accessing the recordings.

Finding aids:

Appendix C in the hardcopy version of the finding aid contains additional comments about the audio recordings made by Roberts (available in the Archives Reading Room).

Accruals:

No further accruals are expected.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-160-2-0-0-0-25	Item - PSA trusteeship and strike	October 1969	Open	OBJ-3377
F-160-2-0-0-0-52	Item - PSA trusteeship	August 1970	Open	OBJ-3403
F-160-2-0-0-0-13	Item - PSA dispute	[1969?]	Open	OBJ-3366
F-160-2-0-0-0-2	Item - Senate Undergrad Admissions committee meeting to discuss student demands	[1968?]	Open	OBJ-3356
F-160-2-0-0-0-14	Item - Palmer decision	[1969?]	Open	OBJ-3367
F-160-2-0-0-0-58	Item - Dismissals, academic freedom; Marine Station, Bamfield	July–August 1971	Open	OBJ-3409
F-160-2-0-0-0-20	Item - PSA dispute	February 1969	Open	OBJ-3373
F-160-2-0-0-0-15	Item - Briemberg appeal hearings	[1969?]	Open	OBJ-3368
F-160-2-0-0-0-27	Item - "Now There is a Mountain" ,À CBC semi-documentary by Peter Hay	22 October 1969	Open	OBJ-3379
F-160-2-0-0-0-26	Item - Joint Faculty meeting	9 October 1969	Open	OBJ-3378
F-160-2-0-0-0-28	Item - Prudence Wheeldon (PSA) appeal	24 November 1969	Restricted in whole	OBJ-3380
F-160-2-0-0-0-29	Item - Wheeldon appeal, Feldhamer appeal	24 November 1969	Restricted in whole	OBJ-3381
F-160-2-0-0-0-30	Item - Feldhamer appeal, Leggett appeal; bagpipes	24 November 1969	Restricted in whole	OBJ-3382
F-160-2-0-0-0-51	Item - Cunningham, Wasserman, Webster, Gardom	14 February [1970?]	Open	OBJ-3402
F-160-2-0-0-0-16	Item - PSA 7 seeking reinstatement	[1969?]	Open	OBJ-3369
F-160-2-0-0-0-17	Item - Chanting "On Strike, Shut it Down" to Strand	[1969?]	Open	OBJ-3370
F-160-2-0-0-0-23	Item - PSA strike; Wasserman: dogs, hitchhiker	30 September 1969	Open	OBJ-3376
F-160-2-0-0-0-22	Item - PSA strike	11 September 1969	Open	OBJ-3375
F-160-2-0-0-0-57	Item - CAUT censure, labour relations and unions	14 May 1971	Open	OBJ-3408
F-160-2-0-0-0-9	Item - Administration building occupaton	23 November 1968	Open	OBJ-3363
F-160-2-0-0-0-10	Item - Charges against students	24 November 1968	Open	OBJ-3364

F-160-2-0-0-0-12	Item - Strand news conference	11 December 1968	Open	OBJ-3365
F-160-2-0-0-0-5	Item - Dr. Kenneth Strand addresses university community on the Mall after the occupation	1968	Open	OBJ-3359
F-160-2-0-0-0-18	Item - Briemberg news conference; interview with SFU first Academic Planner, Ron Baker	[1969?]	Open	OBJ-3371
F-160-2-0-0-0-8	Item - Students in Administration Buiding re: Admissions Policy	20 November 1968	Open	OBJ-3362
F-160-2-0-0-0-3	Item - Union negotiation; removal of students	[1968?]	Open	OBJ-3357
F-160-2-0-0-0-7	Item - Strand address	8 September 1968	Open	OBJ-3361
F-160-2-0-0-0-64	Item - Strand: retreat, public policy	1-2 December 1972	Open	OBJ-3414
F-160-2-0-0-0-69	Item - Strand, Webster, McEachern, Universities Task Force	1974	Open	OBJ-3419
F-160-2-0-0-0-78	Item - Budget, Senate and Strand on Budget Committee	1974	Open	OBJ-3429
F-160-2-0-0-0-62	Item - Jack Ramsey, Robert Wilder deportation, Graham Dawson fundraising	20 March 1972	Open	OBJ-3412
F-160-2-0-0-0-65	Item - Strand - resignation announcement	1973	Open	OBJ-3415
F-160-2-0-0-0-68	Item - Roberts, CKNW re: Watergate, "Land of Strand", Roger Welch of SFSS	9 November 1973, 1 May 1974	Open	OBJ-3418
F-160-2-0-0-0-1	Item - Evening course in protests	[196-?]	Open	OBJ-3355
F-160-2-0-0-0-79	Item - Roberts / Jewett interview, Paul Cote announcing appointment of new President	1974	Open	OBJ-3430
F-160-2-0-0-0-76	Item - Jewett welcome - building plans	12 September 1974	Open	OBJ-3427
F-160-2-0-0-0-80	Item - Brian Sketchley, SFU Parachute Club, official welcome to Jewett	1974	Open	OBJ-3431
F-160-2-0-0-0-81	Item - Jewett welcome, Goon Show "The Missing Tapes"	1974	Open	OBJ-3432
F-160-2-0-0-0-82	Item - Webster/ Jewett re appointment to SFU	1974	Open	OBJ-3433 OBJ-3434
F-160-2-0-0-0-106	Item - Jewett / Truelove interview, Women's Athletic Coordinator	9 January 1976	Open	OBJ-3459
F-160-2-0-0-0-102	Item - Yvonne Hamblin, Jewett statement on staying at SFU	1976	Open	OBJ-3455
F-160-2-0-0-0-108	Item - Jim Felter, Art Gallery curator; Jewett on seeking nomination for NDP	1977	Open	OBJ-3462
F-160-2-0-0-0-85	Item - Webster / Svend Robinson; Jewett re: establishing Women's Committee	[ca 1975]	Open	OBJ-3437
F-160-2-0-0-0-103	Item - Roberts / Jewett interview	1976	Open	OBJ-3456
F-160-2-0-0-0-92	Item - Jewett: Women's Rights; Ely Zwonkin, senior citizen SFU student	[ca 1975]	Open	OBJ-3444

F-160-2-0-0-0-75	Item - Jewett, Bannerman, Jacques Khouri	11 September 1974	Open	OBJ-3426
F-160-2-0-0-0-93	Item - Fotheringham / Jewett interview	[ca 1975]	Open	OBJ-3445
F-160-2-0-0-0-73	Item - Gzowski / Jewett interview; Strand on government appropriations	1 April 1974	Open	OBJ-3424
F-160-2-0-0-0-109	Item - Announcement re: Jewett resignation, Pedersen appointment; memorial service for Ed Larson	1977	Open	OBJ-3463
F-160-2-0-0-0-115	Item - Joachim Sandvoss; George Pedersen	1978 - 1979	Open	OBJ-3469
F-160-2-0-0-0-118	Item - Dr. George Pedersen - new SFU President first interview	1978	Open	OBJ-3472
F-160-2-0-0-0-125	Item - CJOR Reynolds / Pedersen interview; Webster / Suart / AUCE rep interview re: strike	1979	Open	OBJ-3480
F-160-2-0-0-0-117	Item - Pedersen; Peter Hatch, glassblower	1978 - 1980	Open	OBJ-3471
F-160-2-0-0-0-94	Item - SFU Pipes and Drums; Webster on PSA 7, Jewett, CAUT boycott	[ca 1975]	Open	OBJ-3446
F-160-2-0-0-0-91	Item - SFU Pipes and Drums; AUCE strike; CBC interview union rep and Suart	1975 - 1979	Open	OBJ-3443
F-160-2-0-0-0-95	Item - SFU Piper and Carson Graham School band; Prof. T.C. Byrne	1975	Open	OBJ-3447
F-160-2-0-0-0-96	Item - SFU Pipers during Open House	1975	Open	OBJ-3448
F-160-2-0-0-0-110	Item - SFU Pipers and Drums awards night	1977	Open	OBJ-3464
F-160-2-0-0-0-97	Item - SFU Pipes and Drums	1975	Open	OBJ-3449
F-160-2-0-0-0-74	Item - SFU Pipes and Drums award night	17 April 1974	Open	OBJ-3425
F-160-2-0-0-0-77	Item - Captain Canada mini-bike jump over AQ pool; Province Empty Stocking Fund; CBC Allan Garr Show, CBC Morning Show; Ted McWhinney	21 November 1974	Open	OBJ-3428
F-160-2-0-0-0-107	Item - Olympic Games music; CJOR Ted Sinnott interview	August 1976	Open	OBJ-3460 OBJ-3461
F-160-2-0-0-0-72	Item - Ted Sinnott's 80th birthday	1 February 1974	Open	OBJ-3422 OBJ-3423
F-160-2-0-0-0-128	Item - Ted Sinnott memorial service	1981	Open	OBJ-3483 OBJ-3484
F-160-2-0-0-0-130	Item - Terry Fox memorial service	2 July 1981	Open	OBJ-3486 OBJ-3489
F-160-2-0-0-0-31	Item - Spencer Horrell memorial service	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3383
F-160-2-0-0-0-124	Item - Memorial Service for 7 SFU students killed in air crash just before Christmas 1977 (Oregon)	12 January 1978	Open	OBJ-3479

F-160-2-0-0-0-32	Item - Ed Larson Memorial Service; release US hostages in Iran campaign	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3384
F-160-2-0-0-0-59	Item - Mennell / Vergin interview; Suart interview re: trades strike	1972	Open	OBJ-3410
F-160-2-0-0-0-116	Item - Music by Prof. Joe Sandvoss	[1978?]	Open	OBJ-3470
F-160-2-0-0-0-63	Item - Harold Robbins and Arthur Hailey speeches; Roberts / Hailey interview	13 November 1972	Open	OBJ-3413
F-160-2-0-0-0-111	Item - Janet Brooks interview	1977	Open	OBJ-3465
F-160-2-0-0-0-119	Item - John Sawatsky interview	1978	Open	OBJ-3473 OBJ-3474
F-160-2-0-0-0-83	Item - Denise Holst interview	1974	Open	
F-160-2-0-0-0-131	Item - Vern Bethel interview	18 July 1981	Open	OBJ-3487
F-160-2-0-0-0-53	Item - CKLG Alan Garr / Dennis Roberts interview	12 September 1970	Open	OBJ-3404
F-160-2-0-0-0-129	Item - Ray Parkinson, BoG Chair	1981	Open	OBJ-3485
F-160-2-0-0-0-112	Item - Clifford Lloyd interview	1977	Open	OBJ-3466
F-160-2-0-0-0-120	Item - George Suart re: negotiations	1978	Open	OBJ-3475
F-160-2-0-0-0-126	Item - Gordon Shrum	1980	Open	OBJ-3481
F-160-2-0-0-0-127	Item - Release the Hostages campaign; CBC interview with Lesley Ross	1980	Open	OBJ-3482
F-160-2-0-0-0-121	Item - Tom Hammond	1978	Open	
F-160-2-0-0-0-122	Item - Doug Gyseman	1978	Open	OBJ-3477
F-160-2-0-0-0-113	Item - Chris Hildred	1977	Open	OBJ-3467
F-160-2-0-0-0-123	Item - Jack Diamond interview	1978	Open	OBJ-3478
F-160-2-0-0-0-98	Item - "The Happy Hooker" (Xaviera Hollander)	1975	Open	OBJ-3450
F-160-2-0-0-0-104	Item - Webster / McGeer interview; Carallyn Bowes	1976	Open	OBJ-3457
F-160-2-0-0-0-105	Item - CKNW Art Finley program: Carallyn Bowes; Captain Cook lectures	1976	Open	OBJ-3458
F-160-2-0-0-0-84	Item - Mariela Johansen and Jeanne Henry, Physics students	1974	Open	OBJ-3436
F-160-2-0-0-0-55	Item - University Information Officers re: "Campus Unrest" at PR Society, Vancouver	1971	Open	OBJ-3406
F-160-2-0-0-0-99	Item - Dr. Calvert, proposed Engineering program	1975	Open	OBJ-3451
F-160-2-0-0-0-86	Item - Dr. Fattah re: Criminology department	1975	Open	OBJ-3438
F-160-2-0-0-0-21	Item - Convocation; student publicity blurb	24 May 1969	Open	OBJ-3374
F-160-2-0-0-0-33	Item - John Kenward, first student elected to SFU BoG; holography	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3385
F-160-2-0-0-0-100	Item - Tony Buzan, first SFU Student Council President	[ca 1976]	Open	OBJ-3452
F-160-2-0-0-0-114	Item - Rick Hyde / Ted Wells interview	1977	Open	OBJ-3468
F-160-2-0-0-0-87	Item - Future of universities; Prof. Phyllis Auty interview	1975	Open	OBJ-3439

F-160-2-0-0-0-70	Item - Trena Jean Hunter interview, President of Staff Association	1974	Open	OBJ-3420
F-160-2-0-0-0-56	Item - Gary Rush PSA interview; Joel Smith interview	1971	Open	OBJ-3407
F-160-2-0-0-0-34	Item - Admissions Committee, student discussion	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3386
F-160-2-0-0-0-88	Item - Dan Birch interview	1975	Open	OBJ-3440
F-160-2-0-0-0-35	Item - George Suart interview; Webster / Stevens re: fishermen's strike	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3387
F-160-2-0-0-0-36	Item - Ted Sterling (Computing Science) interview	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3388
F-160-2-0-0-0-60	Item - Mary Trainer and Rick Antonson, publishers	1972	Open	OBJ-3411
F-160-2-0-0-0-49	Item - Sandra Wilking, SFU International Office	[197-]	Open	OBJ-3401
F-160-2-0-0-0-54	Item - Gordon Hardy; Gordon Paulsen	November 1970	Open	OBJ-3405
F-160-2-0-0-0-37	Item - Mennell / Newton (Modern Languages) interview; Mennell / Somjee interview	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3389
F-160-2-0-0-0-66	Item - Mel Woolley, Naheeno Park	1973	Open	OBJ-3416
F-160-2-0-0-0-89	Item - CKNW news, Prof. Tony Arrott	1975	Open	OBJ-3441
F-160-2-0-0-0-48	Item - Dr. Ed Lipinski (Health Service); Prof. Gyax (Physics)	[197-]	Open	OBJ-3400
F-160-2-0-0-0-71	Item - Prof. Larry Boland (Economics and Commerce)	1974	Open	OBJ-3421
F-160-2-0-0-0-101	Item - Dr. Vergin (Economic and Commerce); Ted Sinnott; Rev. Duncan Chalmers	[1976?]	Open	OBJ-3453 OBJ-3454
F-160-2-0-0-0-4	Item - Dr. John Ellis, Education, makes short statement on transfer credit	[1968?]	Open	OBJ-3358
F-160-2-0-0-0-38	Item - Jack Webster and Gullen, Vancouver School Board	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3390
F-160-2-0-0-0-39	Item - Dr. John Ellis (Education), speech; Webster interview	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3391
F-160-2-0-0-0-40	Item - Jack Webster interviews: Dr. Clark (Academic Planning, UBC), David Anderson and Allan Williams	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3392
F-160-2-0-0-0-41	Item - Art Finley (CKNW) interviews re ecology	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3393
F-160-2-0-0-0-42	Item - Prof. George Keter (History); Robert Brown (Dean)	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3394
F-160-2-0-0-0-43	Item - Prof. Bill Vidaver; Prof. Weinberg	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3395
F-160-2-0-0-0-44	Item - Dr. Norman MacKenzie, Open University in Britain; "Enfilmony"	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3396
F-160-2-0-0-0-67	Item - Jack Webster / Dr. Norman MacKenzie, Open University; Russian poet interview.	21 March 1973	Open	OBJ-3417
F-160-2-0-0-0-45	Item - Student recruitment; Jack Webster / Dave Barrett interview	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3397

F-160-2-0-0-0-19	Item - Profs. Bill Ross and Ray Duncan; Houghton	[ca 1969]	Open	OBJ-3372
F-160-2-0-0-0-132	Item - SFU Alumni Association Board meeting	17 November 1982	Open	OBJ-3488
F-160-2-0-0-0-90	Item - First SFU Open House; Jack Webster / Harry Evans (SFU) and Jack Parnell (UBC)	1975	Open	OBJ-3442
F-160-2-0-0-0-46	Item - Profs. Glen Geen and Louis Druehl; Prof. Bill Vidaver	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3398
F-160-2-0-0-0-47	Item - Lakie Sirimanne, Economics and Commerce student	[197-?]	Open	OBJ-3399
F-160-2-0-0-0-6	Item - "Post-Occupation" News Conference, letters between President Stand and Student Council and Attorney General	1968	Open	OBJ-3360
F-160-2-0-0-0-50	Item - Dr. Strand addressing department Chairs after Palmer decision	[ca 1970]	Pending review	OBJ-1062
F-160-2-0-0-0-11	Item - Dr. Strand press conference	24 November 1968	Pending review	OBJ-1063
F-160-2-0-0-0-24	Item - Dr. Strand	30 September [1969?]	Pending review	OBJ-1064
F-160-2-0-0-0-61	Item - Professor Rieckhoff interviewed by Dennis Roberts	7 January 1972	Open	OBJ-1065