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## Finding Aid - Gordon Shrum collection (F-31)

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## Summary information

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Repository:	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
Title:	Gordon Shrum collection
ID:	F-31
Date:	1922 - 1989 (date of creation)
Physical description:	38 cm of textual records 27 sound recordings 6 moving image documents
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	
Note [generalNote]:	<b>PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION</b> Collection includes sound recordings and moving images in original formats as well as access copies for some but not all items; includes 44 audio cassettes, 18 audio reels, 13 3/4" videocassettes (Umatic tapes), 2 VHS videocassettes, and 1 optical disk (DVD).

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### 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 collection was compiled by the staff of the University Archives over a period of years.

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## Scope and content

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Collection is comprised primarily of interview material in the form of audio and video tapes, transcripts and notes. The material provides both a broad biographical overview of the life and achievements of Gordon Shrum and a description of his work at SFU in particular. The collection includes a copy of Shrum's doctoral thesis and a scrapbook that was given to Gordon Shrum in 1983.

Collection includes textual records, photographs, audio cassettes, audio reels, U-matic video tapes, and VHS video tapes.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

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

### Arrangement

The collection was arranged by the Archivist.

### Restrictions on access

There are no access restrictions relating to privacy, but access to the original moving images and sound recordings is restricted due to the fragility of the physical storage media. Consult the reference archivist for more information relating to access.

### Finding aids

File and item lists are available.

## Related material

Please consult the inventory for the Gordon M. Shrum Papers, F-32, and the inventory for the Office of the Chancellor, F-3.

## Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

## Other notes

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

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## Access points

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- Archives and Records Management Department
- Shrum, Gordon (subject)
- Office of the Chancellor
- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Moving images (documentary form)
- Photographic material (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)

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## Series descriptions

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### Series F-31-1: Doctoral thesis

Date: 1922 - 1923 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of a bound volume entitled Researches in Physics. The volume contains Gordon Shrum's doctoral thesis, "The Doublet Separation of the Balmer Lines," and two reprints about Shrum's research with his doctoral supervisor, J. C. McLennan, on the liquefaction of hydrogen and helium.

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-31-1-0-0-1	File - Researches in Physics	1922 - 1923	Open	31-1

## Series F-31-2: Biographical materials interviews

Date: 1972 - 1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records that provide a broad biographical view of the entire life of Gordon Merritt Shrum.

Physical description: 28 cm of textual records

24 sound recordings

1 moving image document

Note:

Physical description: series includes 39 audio cassettes, 10 audio reels, 7 3/4" videocassettes (Umatic tape), and 1 VHS videocassette. This includes both originals and access copies; access copies have not been made for all items.

Arrangement:

Arrangement of the series into sub-series was provided by the archivist based on the contents of the materials.

Restrictions on access:

Access to the original moving images and sound recordings is restricted due to the fragility of the physical storage media. Consult the reference archivist for information about access.

### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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## Sub-series F-31-2-1: Autobiography with Stursberg and Cocking

Date: 1972 - 1986 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Subseries consists of materials used for the writing of Gordon Shrum: An Autobiography with Peter Stursberg, edited by Clive Cocking. This book was conceived by Darrel Zarn of the Faculty of Interdisciplinary Studies at SFU. He approached Peter Stursberg, an experienced journalist, who conducted a series of oral history interviews with Shrum in 1983. In order to fund the interviews, they were conducted under the oral history program of the Public Archives (now the National Archives) of Canada and the Parliamentary Library. Stursberg also made a 2 1/2 hour video interview of Shrum at the Instructional Media Centre at SFU. In addition, he interviewed nine of Shrum's friends and Shrum's son to provide material for the book's introduction. Because Stursberg was occupied with other projects, Clive Cocking a Vancouver writer and editor was hired to complete the project. Cocking conducted a series of supplementary interviews in 1985 to clarify statistics and other facts from the oral history interviews. Unfortunately,

Shrum passed away suddenly before the manuscript was completed. The finished book appeared in 1986 through the support of SFU and the University of British Columbia. The subseries contains transcripts, background materials, notes, drafts, U-matic videos, audio reels, and audio cassettes.

Physical description: 27 cm of textual records

20 sound recordings

1 moving image document

Note:

Physical description: sub-series includes 35 audio cassettes, 10 audio reels, and 6 3/4" videocassettes (Umatic tape).

Access points:

- Stursberg, Peter (subject)
- Cocking, Clive (subject)

Restrictions on access:

Access to the original moving images and sound recordings is restricted due to the fragility of the physical storage media. Consult the reference archivist for information about access.

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-31-2-1-0-0-2	Item - Gordon Shrum interviewed by Peter Stursberg, session 1	January 31, 1983	Open	OBJ-1036 OBJ-3042 OBJ-3043
F-31-2-1-0-0-3	Item - Gordon Shrum interviewed by Peter Stursberg, session 2	February 2, 1983	Open	OBJ-1038 OBJ-3044 OBJ-3045
F-31-2-1-0-0-4	Item - Gordon Shrum interviewed by Peter Stursberg, session 3	February 7, 1983	Open	OBJ-1037 OBJ-3046 OBJ-3047
F-31-2-1-0-0-5	Item - Gordon Shrum interviewed by Peter Stursberg, session 4	February 9, 1983	Open	OBJ-1035 OBJ-3048 OBJ-3049
F-31-2-1-0-0-6	Item - Gordon Shrum interviewed by Peter Stursberg, session 5	February 14, 1983	Open	OBJ-1034 OBJ-3050 OBJ-3051
F-31-2-1-0-0-7	Item - Gordon Shrum interviewed by Peter Stursberg, session 6	February 16, 1983	Open	OBJ-1033 OBJ-3052 OBJ-3053
F-31-2-1-0-0-8	Item - Gordon Shrum interviewed by Peter Stursberg, session 7	February 21, 1983	Open	OBJ-1032 OBJ-3054 OBJ-3055
F-31-2-1-0-0-9	Item - Gordon Shrum interviewed by Peter Stursberg, session 8	February 23, 1983	Open	OBJ-1031 OBJ-3056 OBJ-3057

F-31-2-1-0-0-10	Item - Gordon Shrum interviewed by Peter Stursberg, session 9	February 28, 1983	Open	OBJ-1030 OBJ-1029 OBJ-3058 OBJ-3059
F-31-2-1-0-0-1	Item - Gordon Shrum interview: video	1983	Open	OBJ-2207 OBJ-2208 OBJ-2209 OBJ-2210 OBJ-2211 OBJ-2212
F-31-2-1-0-0-11	Item - Interviews: Robert Williams, Arthur Erickson	1985	Open	OBJ-3060
F-31-2-1-0-0-12	Item - Interviews: May Bennett, Anita Tozer	1985	Open	OBJ-3061
F-31-2-1-0-0-13	Item - Interviews: Grace McCarthy, Gordon B. Shrum, Arthur Erickson	1985	Open	OBJ-3062
F-31-2-1-0-0-14	Item - Interview: George Volkoff	1985	Open	OBJ-3063
F-31-2-1-0-0-15	Item - Interview: Patrick McTaggart-Cowan	1985	Open	OBJ-3064
F-31-2-1-0-0-16	Item - Interviews: N.A. "Larry" MacKenzie, Robert Bonner, Hugh Keenleyside, Grace McCarthy	1985	Open	OBJ-3065
F-31-2-1-0-0-17	Item - Supplementary interview, Gordon Shrum interviewed by Clive Cocking, session 1	6 April 1985	Open	OBJ-3066 OBJ-3067
F-31-2-1-0-0-18	Item - Supplementary interview, Gordon Shrum interviewed by Clive Cocking, session 2	13 April 1985	Open	OBJ-3067 OBJ-3068 OBJ-3069
F-31-2-1-0-0-19	Item - Supplementary interview, Gordon Shrum interviewed by Clive Cocking, session 3	4 May 1985	Open	OBJ-3069 OBJ-3070 OBJ-3071
F-31-2-1-0-0-20	Item - Supplementary interview, Gordon Shrum interviewed by Clive Cocking, session 4	18 May 1985	Open	OBJ-3071 OBJ-3072 OBJ-3073
F-31-2-1-0-0-21	Item - Supplementary interview, Gordon Shrum interviewed by Clive Cocking, session 5	25 May 1985	Open	OBJ-3073 OBJ-3074 OBJ-3075 OBJ-3076
F-31-2-1-0-1	File - Shrum, Gordon interview, unedited (*) 1/4	1983	Open	31-1
F-31-2-1-0-2	File - Shrum, Gordon interview, unedited (*) 2/4	1983	Open	31-1
F-31-2-1-0-3	File - Shrum, Gordon interview, unedited (*) 3/4	1983	Open	31-1
F-31-2-1-0-4	File - Shrum, Gordon interview, unedited (*) 4/4	1983	Open	31-1
F-31-2-1-0-5	File - Shrum, Gordon interview, edited bound (*)	1983	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-6	File - Video interview notes	1983	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-7	File - Autobiography background materials	1972 - 1985	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-8	File - Autobiography introduction materials	1985 - 1986	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-9	File - Williams, Robert interview for introduction (*)	1985	Open	31-2

F-31-2-1-0-10	File - Bennett, May and Tozer, Anita interview for introduction (*)	1985	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-11	File - McCarthy, Grace interview for introduction (*)	1985	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-12	File - Volkoff, George interview for introduction (*)	1985	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-13	File - McTaggart-Cowan, Pat interview for introduction (*)	1985	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-14	File - Bonner, Robert interview for introduction (*)	1985	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-15	File - McKenzie, Norman interview for introduction (*)	1985	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-16	File - Keenleyside, Hugh interview for introduction (*)	1985	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-17	File - Shrum, Gordon B. interview for introduction (*)	1985	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-18	File - Erickson, Arthur interview for introduction (*)	1985	Open	31-2
F-31-2-1-0-19	File - Shrum, Gordon supplementary interview (*) 1/2	1985	Open	31-3
F-31-2-1-0-21	File - Shrum, Gordon supplementary interview (*) 2/2	1985	Open	31-3
F-31-2-1-0-22	File - Autobiography draft, 1/2	1985	Open	31-3
F-31-2-1-0-23	File - Autobiography draft, 2/2	1985	Open	31-3

### Sub-series F-31-2-2: General biographical materials

Date: 1973 - 1985 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

The subseries consists of records about the life of Gordon Shrum and includes photographs, transcripts, and a scrapbook. The transcript is from an interview conducted in July 1973 by Allen Specht as part of an oral history project at the University of British Columbia. Although the transcript includes a brief biography of Shrum, the main topic is the Canadian Officers Training Corps.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records  
3 photographs

Access points:

- Specht, Alan (subject)

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-31-2-2-0-1	File - Shrum, Gordon interview	1973	Open	31-3
F-31-2-2-0-2	File - Photographs	[19--]	Open	
F-31-2-2-0-3	File - Gordon Shrum scrapbook	1983	Open	

### Sub-series F-31-2-3: Reminiscences of Gordon Shrum

Date: 1982 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series consists of interviews with various individuals relating their experiences with Gordon Shrum. Interviews were conducted by D. Zarn and C. Duppreault. Interviewees were Harry Evans (SFU Registrar), Rob Watt (Vancouver Centennial Museum and later first Chief Herald of Canada), Lorne Davies (Director, Recreational Services and Athletics), and Professor James Wilson (Department of Geography).

Physical description: 4 sound recordings

Note:

Physical description: series consists of 4 audio cassettes (originals); no access copies have been made.

Access points:

- Zarn, D. (subject)
- Duppreault, C. (subject)

Arrangement:

The sound recordings were arranged by the Archives in the 1980s as part of Record Group 100 (Audio tapes) in series RG100/11/25 (Special events > Reminiscences of Gordon Shrum). RG100 was a collection of materials of various provenance that was established by the Archives based on physical format (audio tapes). It has been re-organized as F-231 (SFU sound recordings collection), but some materials have been moved to more appropriate fonds or collections. These recordings were moved to F-31 in August 2012.

Restrictions on access:

Access to the original sound recordings is restricted due to the fragility of the physical medium. No access copies have yet been made; consult the reference archivist for information about access.

#### File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-31-2-3-0-0-3	Item - Mr. Harry Evans, Registrar SFU	May 28, 1982	Open	OBJ-572
F-31-2-3-0-0-1	Item - Robb Watt, Centennial Museum	May 28, 1982	Open	OBJ-573
F-31-2-3-0-0-2	Item - Lorne Davies, Director Athletics	May 28, 1982	Open	OBJ-574
F-31-2-3-0-0-4	Item - Professor J. Wilson, SFU Geography	June 29, 1982	Open	OBJ-575

#### Series F-31-3: Shrum and SFU interviews

Date: 1973 - 1989 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series deals with the relationship between Gordon Shrum and Simon Fraser University. Interviews and supporting materials emphasize Shrum's work at SFU in contrast to biographical materials that describe Shrum's entire life. Series contains unedited and edited transcripts and audio recordings of an interview of Gordon Shrum conducted in 1974 by Liisa Fagerlund, a librarian and University Archivist. The interview was part of an SFU oral history program.

Series also includes recordings of several television shows in which Shrum is interviewed. There are two appearances on the Vancouver show, one broadcast in 1977 and another in 1985 which includes a presentation by Iona Campagnolo of a Lifetime Achievement Award to Gordon Shrum. There are also two episodes of the Jack Webster show: the September 9, 1980 show, in which host Jack Webster interviewed Shrum and SFU President George Pedersen; and another from November 15, 1983 which commemorates the life of Gordon Shrum upon the establishment of the Shrum Science Chair at Simon Fraser University.

Series also contains textual material, and audio and video recordings of the dinner held in honour of Shrum to establish the "Gordon M. Shrum Chair in Science" November 19, 1983.

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records

5 moving image documents

3 sound recordings

Note:

Physical description: series includes 8 audio reels, 5 audio cassettes, 7 3/4" videocassettes (Umatic tapes), 2 VHS videocassettes, and 1 optical disk.

Restrictions on access:

Access to the original moving images and sound recordings is restricted due to the fragility of the physical storage media. Consult the reference archivist for information about access.

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-31-3-0-0-0-2	Item - Gordon Shrum interviewed by Liisa Fagerlund, session 2	February 21, 1974	Open	OBJ-1041 OBJ-1040 OBJ-1049 OBJ-1050 OBJ-1051
F-31-3-0-0-0-1	Item - Gordon Shrum interviewed by Liisa Fagerlund, session 1	January 30, 1974	Open	OBJ-1042 OBJ-1043 OBJ-1039 OBJ-1044 OBJ-1047 OBJ-1048
F-31-3-0-0-0-5	Item - Webster television show, appearance	1983	Open	OBJ-2213

F-31-3-0-0-0-8	Item - Vancouver television show, appearance	1985	Open	OBJ-2214 OBJ-2733
F-31-3-0-0-0-4	Item - Webster television show, appearance	September 9, 1980	Open	OBJ-2215 OBJ-2216
F-31-3-0-0-0-3	Item - Vancouver television show (CKVU program on SFU)	1977	Open	OBJ-2217
F-31-3-0-0-0-6	Item - Shrum dinner / Chair in science: audio-visual recording	November 19, 1983	Open	OBJ-2218 OBJ-2219 OBJ-2220 OBJ-2221
F-31-3-0-0-0-7	Item - Shrum dinner / Chair in science: sound recording	November 19, 1983	Open	OBJ-1046 OBJ-1045
F-31-3-0-0-1	File - Shrum, Gordon interview - notes and correspondence	1973 - 1974	Open	31-3
F-31-3-0-0-2	File - Shrum, Gordon interview - unedited (*) part 1	1974	Open	31-3
F-31-3-0-0-3	File - Shrum, Gordon interview - edited (*) part 1	1974	Open	31-3
F-31-3-0-0-4	File - Shrum, Gordon interview - unedited (*) part 2	1974	Open	31-3
F-31-3-0-0-5	File - Shrum, Gordon interview - edited (*) part 2	1974	Open	31-3
F-31-3-0-0-6	File - Shrum, Gordon interview - edited (*) part 2	1974	Open	31-3
F-31-3-0-0-7	File - Shrum science chair	1980 - 1989	Open	31-3