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## **Finding Aid - Robert F. Harrison fonds (F-46)**

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# Robert F. Harrison fonds

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department
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<b>Date:</b>	[196-] - 1984 (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	88 cm of textual records 36 photographs ca. 150 architectural drawings
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	Finding aid prepared by Krisztina Laszlo, Frances Fournier, Enid Britt (January 2000). Updated by Lisa Beitel (February 2006). Updated by Enid Britt (March 2006).
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 18 photographs located in F-46-1-0-0-3 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 13 photographs located in F-46-3-1-0-14 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 5 photographs located in F-46-3-1-0-31

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Robert F. Harrison is one of the key contributors to the architecture of Simon Fraser University. His firm was responsible for designing and building the WAC Bennett library according to design specifications outlined by Erickson and Massey (the architects responsible for the overall design of the university). Harrison's firm also designed and built the Academic Services building, and made later alterations to it and to other buildings on campus.

Robert Harrison was born in Vancouver in 1925. He became a registered architect in 1954, and became the Registrar of the Architectural Institute of British Columbia in 1961. Later, Harrison was made Chair of the Institute's Examining Board (circa 1964). In 1963 Harrison submitted an entry to the contest to design the new university that would be built on top of Burnaby Mountain. His design finished 4th place. According to the contest parameters, the top five winners would each be given a contract to build a section of the campus according to the winner's overall design. Harrison took Erickson and Massey's basic

outline for the library, and expanded it to reflect his own ideas. After the first phase of building, Harrison designed a new administration building in keeping with the architectural character of the university. He also made alterations to the Academic Quadrangle, designed later additions to the library, and made alterations to other buildings at Simon Fraser University.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of records reflecting Robert F. Harrison's contributions to the architecture of Simon Fraser University. Records reflect the architectural competition to design the university, and include plans, construction records, and building specifications. Also includes newspaper clippings, correspondence, reports, information releases, minutes, change orders, test results, inspection reports, notes, tenders, financial records, specifications, addenda, photographs, and architectural drawings.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

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

### Immediate source of acquisition

The Robert F. Harrison fonds was donated to the SFU Archives by Robert F. Harrison in 1999.

### Arrangement

The materials were arranged by the Archivist.

### 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.

### Finding aids

Series descriptions and file lists are available.

### Related material

Please consult the inventory for the W. Randle Iredale fonds, F-47 and Zoltan Kiss fonds, F-48.

## 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

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## Access points

- University Library
- Photographic material (documentary form)
- Architectural drawing (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Buildings and structures (subject)

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## Series descriptions

### Series F-46-1: SFU architectural competition records

Date: 1963 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to the Simon Fraser University architectural competition. The contest was held in 1963 to choose the overall design for the new university. Includes newspaper clippings, correspondence, reports, information releases, minutes of meetings with Gordon Shrum (SFU Chancellor), and photographs of the proposed site.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records  
18 photographs

Note [generalNote]:

Physical description: 18 photographs located in F-46-1-0-0-3

Publication status:

published

### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
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F-46-1-0-0-1	File - University competition	1963	Open	46-1
F-46-1-0-0-2	File - Minutes - Chancellor	1963	Open	46-1
F-46-1-0-0-3	File - Proposed university site - Burnaby mountain (photographs)	1963	Open	46-1

### Series F-46-2: SFU architectural plans

Date: [196-] - 1984 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of architectural drawings and plans for work done at Simon Fraser University by Robert Harrison. Includes plans and drawings for different phases of library construction and plans for other buildings at Simon Fraser University.

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records  
ca. 150 architectural drawings

Note [generalNote]:

Container No 8 located at 30-2-3-1

Restrictions on access:

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Publication status:

published

### Subseries F-46-2-1: SFU library plans

Date: [196-] - 1984 (date of creation)

Physical description: 1 cm of textual records

Note [generalNote]:

Container No 8 located at 30-2-3-1

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-46-2-1-0-1	File - P-1 conceptual view of library (2 copies)	1963	Pending review	46-8

F-46-2-1-0-2	File - Library A-1 to A-26, revisions A-27, 28, 29	1964	Pending review	46-8
F-46-2-1-0-3	File - Library F-1 to F-18 schedule and revisions	1964	Pending review	46-8
F-46-2-1-0-4	File - Library A-1, A-8, F-1c, F-3c, F-1b, F-2b, F-2c, F-3b	1964	Pending review	46-8
F-46-2-1-0-5	File - Library addition	1975	Pending review	46-8
F-46-2-1-0-6	File - Alterations to Book Sorting room	1980	Pending review	46-8
F-46-2-1-0-7	File - Library building - Bookstore alterations	1982	Pending review	46-8
F-46-2-1-0-8	File - Library alterations to First floor	1984	Pending review	46-8
F-46-2-1-0-9	File - Library colour drawing	[196-]	Pending review	

### Subseries F-46-2-2: Other SFU building plans

Date: 1970 - 1982 (date of creation)

Note [generalNote]:

Container No 8 located at 30-2-3-1

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-46-2-2-0-1	File - Academic Services - index A-1 to A-15	1970	Pending review	46-8
F-46-2-2-0-2	File - Academic Services - A-25 to A-34	1970	Pending review	46-8
F-46-2-2-0-3	File - Academic Services building	1975	Pending review	46-8
F-46-2-2-0-4	File - Administration building alterations, 2nd and 3rd floors	1982	Pending review	46-8

### Series F-46-3: SFU construction records

Date: 1963 - 1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to the construction of the library and other buildings at Simon Fraser University. Records reflect the different stages of construction such as site excavation, concrete tests, electrical work, and millwork furnishings. Includes correspondence, change orders, test results, inspection reports, notes, correspondence, minutes of job meetings, tenders, and financial records.

Physical description: 57 cm of textual records

18 photographs

Note [generalNote]:

Physical description: 13 photographs located in F-46-3-1-0-14

Physical description: 5 photographs located in F-46-3-1-0-31

Restrictions on access:

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Publication status:

published

**Subseries F-46-3-1: SFU Library construction records - Phase 1 and 2**

Date: 1963 - 1968 (date of creation)

Physical description: 45 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-46-3-1-0-1	File - Architects representative - R.N. Sinclair	1964 - 1965	Pending review	46-1
F-46-3-1-0-2	File - Architects representative - R.N. Sinclair	1965 - 1967	Pending review	46-1
F-46-3-1-0-3	File - Change orders	1965 - 1966	Pending review	46-1
F-46-3-1-0-4	File - Change orders approved	1964 - 1966	Pending review	46-1
F-46-3-1-0-5	File - Change orders pending	1964 - 1965	Pending review	46-1
F-46-3-1-0-6	File - Concrete	1964 - 1965	Open	46-1
F-46-3-1-0-7	File - Concrete tests	1964 - 1965	Open	46-2
F-46-3-1-0-8	File - Construction notes	1963 - 1966	Pending review	46-2
F-46-3-1-0-9	File - Correspondence - Erickson-Massey	1963 - 1966	Open	46-2
F-46-3-1-0-10	File - Correspondence - general	1964 - 1965	Pending review	46-2
F-46-3-1-0-11	File - Correspondence - general	1965 - 1966	Pending review	46-2
F-46-3-1-0-12	File - Electrical	1964 - 1965	Pending review	46-2
F-46-3-1-0-13	File - Excavation	1964	Pending review	46-2
F-46-3-1-0-14	File - Excavation notes (13 photographs)	1964	Pending review	46-2
F-46-3-1-0-15	File - Hardware	1964	Open	46-2
F-46-3-1-0-16	File - Inspection	1965 - 1966	Pending review	46-2
F-46-3-1-0-17	File - Job meetings	1964 - 1965	Pending review	46-3
F-46-3-1-0-18	File - Learning resources area	1966 - 1967	Pending review	46-3
F-46-3-1-0-19	File - Millwork furnishings	1965 - 1966	Open	46-3
F-46-3-1-0-20	File - Phase 2, D.W. Thompson and Co. Ltd.	1966 - 1968	Pending review	46-3
F-46-3-1-0-21	File - Plastering	1964	Open	46-3
F-46-3-1-0-22	File - Program references	1963 - 1966	Pending review	46-3
F-46-3-1-0-23	File - Progress payments	1964 - 1965	Pending review	46-3
F-46-3-1-0-24	File - Ptarmigan Constructors 1/2	1964 - 1965	Open	46-3
F-46-3-1-0-25	File - Ptarmigan Constructors 2/2	1964 - 1965	Open	46-4



F-46-3-1-0-26	File - Reinforcing steel	1964	Pending review	46-4
F-46-3-1-0-27	File - Revisions requested by contractor	1964 - 1965	Open	46-4
F-46-3-1-0-28	File - Schedules	1964	Pending review	46-4
F-46-3-1-0-29	File - Site meetings progress reports - Phase 1	1966	Pending review	46-4
F-46-3-1-0-30	File - Structural - Choukales, Woodburn and McKenzie	1963 - 1965	Pending review	46-4
F-46-3-1-0-31	File - Study carrels (5 photographs)	1964 - 1966	Pending review	46-4
F-46-3-1-0-32	File - Study carrels - Phase 2	1966	Pending review	46-4
F-46-3-1-0-33	File - Surveys	1964	Pending review	46-4
F-46-3-1-0-34	File - Tenders	1964	Pending review	46-4
F-46-3-1-0-35	File - Weekly reports	1964 - 1965	Pending review	46-4
F-46-3-1-0-36	File - Windows	1964 - 1965	Open	46-4

### Subseries F-46-3-2: SFU Library construction records - later additions

Date: 1975 - 1981 (date of creation)

Physical description: 9 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-46-3-2-0-1	File - Addition - change orders and claims	1975 - 1976	Pending review	46-4
F-46-3-2-0-2	File - Addition - contemplated change orders	1975 - 1976	Pending review	46-4
F-46-3-2-0-3	File - Addition - correspondence	1977 - 1981	Pending review	46-5
F-46-3-2-0-4	File - Computer room and alterations - contemplated change orders	1977	Pending review	46-5
F-46-3-2-0-5	File - First floor	1977 - 1978	Pending review	46-5
F-46-3-2-0-6	File - Seventh floor - change orders and claims	1975 - 1977	Pending review	46-5
F-46-3-2-0-7	File - Seventh floor - contemplated change orders	1976	Pending review	46-5

### Subseries F-46-3-3: Other SFU building construction records

Date: 1966 - 1971 (date of creation)

Physical description: 3 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-46-3-3-0-1	File - Academic services	1970 - 1971	Pending review	46-5
F-46-3-3-0-2	File - Oil storage tank	1966 - 1970	Pending review	46-5

**Series F-46-4: SFU building specifications**

Date: 1964 - 1984 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of detailed descriptions of dimensions, materials, and costs for construction of the library and other buildings at SFU. Includes architectural, electrical and mechanical specifications, addenda, and supplementary general conditions.

Physical description: 28 cm of textual records

Restrictions on access:

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Publication status:

published

**Subseries F-46-4-1: SFU Library specifications**

Date: 1964 - 1984 (date of creation)

Physical description: 14 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-46-4-1-0-1	File - Specification: Library building 1/2	1964	Pending review	46-5
F-46-4-1-0-2	File - Specification: Library building 2/2	1964	Pending review	46-5
F-46-4-1-0-3	File - Architectural specifications: Phase No. 2 - completion of Fifth floor	1966	Pending review	46-6
F-46-4-1-0-4	File - Mechanical specifications: Phase No. 2 - completion of Fifth floor	1966	Pending review	46-6
F-46-4-1-0-5	File - Architectural specifications: completion of Learning Resources area - First floor	1966	Pending review	46-6
F-46-4-1-0-6	File - Mechanical specifications: Learning Resources area - First floor	1966	Pending review	46-6
F-46-4-1-0-7	File - Addition - architectural specifications	1975	Pending review	46-6
F-46-4-1-0-8	File - Addition: complete addenda	1975	Pending review	46-6
F-46-4-1-0-9	File - Addition: contractors bids	1975	Pending review	46-6

F-46-4-1-0-10	File - Addition: mechanical services specifications:	1975	Pending review	46-6
F-46-4-1-0-11	File - Architectural specifications: alterations to Book Sorting room	1980	Pending review	46-6
F-46-4-1-0-12	File - Architectural specifications: alterations to Book Store	1982	Pending review	46-6
F-46-4-1-0-13	File - Architectural specifications: first floor alterations	1984	Pending review	46-6
F-46-4-1-0-14	File - Amendments and supplementary general conditions		Pending review	46-6

### Subseries F-46-4-2: Other SFU building specifications

Date: 1966 - 1982 (date of creation)

Physical description: 15 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
F-46-4-2-0-1	File - Structural and architectural specifications - Boiler House addition	1966	Pending review	46-6
F-46-4-2-0-2	File - Soil Investigation: proposed Academic Services building	1969	Open	46-6
F-46-4-2-0-3	File - Architectural specifications: Academic Services building	1970	Pending review	46-7
F-46-4-2-0-4	File - Addenda: Academic Services building	1970	Pending review	46-7
F-46-4-2-0-5	File - Heating, ventilating, plumbing, and drainage specification: Academic Services building	1970	Pending review	46-7
F-46-4-2-0-6	File - Architectural specifications: Academic Quadrangle alterations to AQ 3146-8	1980	Open	46-7
F-46-4-2-0-7	File - Architectural specifications: Administration building - Computing Science alterations	1978	Pending review	46-7
F-46-4-2-0-8	File - Architectural specifications: Administration building - Computing Centre alterations	1981	Pending review	46-7
F-46-4-2-0-9	File - Administration building - Computing Centre alterations -- Architectural Addendum No. 1	1981	Pending review	46-7
F-46-4-2-0-10	File - Administration building - Computing Centre alterations -- electrical specifications	1981	Pending review	46-7
F-46-4-2-0-11	File - Administration building - Computing Centre alterations -- Electrical Addendum No. 1	1981	Pending review	46-7

F-46-4-2-0-12	File - Administration building - Computing Centre alterations -- mechanical specifications	1981	Pending review	46-7
F-46-4-2-0-13	File - Administration building - Computing Centre alterations -- Mechanical Addendum No. 1	1981	Pending review	46-7
F-46-4-2-0-14	File - Architectural specifications: Administration building - Second floor alterations	1982	Pending review	46-7
F-46-4-2-0-15	File - Architectural specifications: Administration building - Third floor alterations	1982	Pending review	46-7