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PART I
FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Communications Centre

Wednesday, March 9 12.30 p. m.
(There will be a 25¢ door charge)

Jeunesses Musicales Concert -
A cello recital by Guy Fallot

Wednesday, March to 8.30 p. m.
Saturday, March 12

Tickets available at:
S. F. U. Bursar's Office, 291-3218
Vancouver Ticket Centre, 683-3255
Eaton's Department Stores

Simon Fraser University Theatre Company
presents The Government Inspector,
written by Nicolai Gogol and directed by
Michael Bawtree. Admission \$2.00
Students 75¢ (Friday & Saturday \$1.00)

Monday, March 14 8.00 p. m.
The Theatre
Admission Free
(For further information, please
contact: Miss Adrienne Hunter, 291-
3514)

A program on "The Experimental Film"
Guest speaker: Mr. Guy Côté, Montreal
film maker. The program will be built
around the following films: Scorpio Rising,
Opéra, Mousse, Free Fall, V for Victory

Department of Chemistry

Monday, March 7 8.00 p. m.
Lecture Theatre C9002

Speaker: Dr. Peter Jones, Brown
University, Providence, Rhode Island
Topic: Decomposition of Peroxyacids

English Department

Thursday, March 10 8.00 p. m.

Dr. Candelaria will be acting as one of
the judges in a speech contest at the
Argyle Secondary School, N. Vancouver.

Friday, March 11 8.00 p. m.

Dr. Candelaria will be speaking to the
Vancouver Shakespeare Society, at the
Academy of the Arts Salon, 2696 W.
Broadway. Topic: King Lear and the
Tragedy of Existence

P. S. A. Dept.

Wednesday, March 9 4.30 p. m.
(to be held in the
Forum Student Lounge)

All interested faculty members are
invited to attend the Open End Forum
Topic: Academic Responsibility

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PART II
CURRENT EVENTS

Physical Development Centre
Press Release - sent out on March 2

Simon Fraser University conducts research in Physical Fitness throughout the Province

Dr. Kirchner, Head of the Physical Development Centre at Simon Fraser University, in 1956 conducted the survey while he was in Eugene, Oregon. He used the Kraus-Weber test of muscular fitness to assess the children representing the northern geographical area of the United States. This survey was to check a previous survey conducted by Hans Kraus in which he had found that the American children in previous studies failed approximately 57% while the European children failed 8%.

In 1958, as a follow-up, he designed a physical fitness test that could be administered by classroom teachers, which would show low, medium, and high levels of physical fitness. The reason for this follow-up test was that the Kraus-Weber test showed only a pass or fail and provided only the very limited directions for classroom teachers.

As a result of Dr. Kirchner's test, the State of Washington in 1959 adopted his test as an official state test for elementary school children. It also received further recognition by such districts as Houston, Texas; Glenview, Illinois; and Holyoake, Massachusetts, outside the State of Washington. As a consequence of the extensive use of the test, Dr. Kirchner revised the norms in 1964 to include 30,000 children representing the rural and urban populations in six states.

At Simon Fraser University this semester, Dr. Kirchner received a research grant from the university to conduct a random sample survey of B. C. elementary school children. He is at present testing in sixteen school districts throughout the Province; the districts represented are Vancouver, N. Vancouver, Burnaby, Abbotsford, Smithers, Terrace, Prince Rupert, Kitimat, Nanaimo, Victoria, Kamloops, Kelowna, Nelson, Trail, Vanderhoof, Prince George and Williams Lake.

The results of this survey will indicate the current level of physical fitness of boys and girls ranging in age from six to twelve years old. It will also show whether there is any major difference in the level of fitness of children living in rural areas as compared with those living in urban areas. Further, a comparison of the children's fitness will be made with similar geographical areas in the United States. The survey is expected to be completed by March 15 and results will be shown to the participating districts.

His summary of the project will be available to Press, Radio, T.V., and any other interested organization. A Press Conference will be given at the conclusion of the project where significant results will be indicated.

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