



Interview with Leonard Evenden and Allen Seager by Kathy Bossort November 18, 2015 - Track 1

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Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Dr. Evenden and Dr. Seager's description of their early years at Simon Fraser University. They talk about the challenges to commuting up and down Burnaby Mountain and the solutions people used, particularly hitchhiking. Dr. Seager talks about living in Montecito in the 1980s. Dr. Evenden talks about the early use of Burnaby Mountain and its undeveloped state when the site for SFU was proposed in 1963.
Date Range:	1925-2015
Length:	0:12:50
Name:	Simon Fraser University
Subject:	Education Transportation
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain
Historic Neighbourhood:	Lochdale (Historic Neighbourhood)
Planning Study Area:	Sperling-Broadway Area
Interviewer:	Bossort, Kathy
Interview Date:	November 18, 2015
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Total Length:	1:11:28
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Evenden, Leonard J. Seager, Allen
Interview Location:	Clubhouse at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course Restaurant

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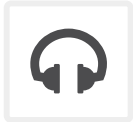
Series: [Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project series](#)

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[🔊 Track one of interview with Dr. Leonard Evenden and Dr. Allen Seager](#)



Interview with Leonard Evenden and Allen Seager by Kathy Bossort November 18, 2015 - Track 2

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory622>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the interview is about Dr. Evenden's description of the Simon Fraser University campus after it opened in 1965. Dr. Evenden and Dr. Seager talk about aspects of how the university site was chosen, its impact on the local community, and events in 1967-1969 that affected town & gown relations.

Date Range: 1965-1970

Length: 0:06:32

Name: [Simon Fraser University](#)

Subject: [Buildings - Schools - Universities and Colleges](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain](#)

Interviewer: [Bossort, Kathy](#)

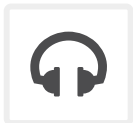
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Interview with Leonard Evenden and Allen Seager by Kathy Bossort November 18, 2015 - Track 5

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Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Dr. Evenden and Dr. Seager's description of proposed ideas for improving access to SFU's campus on Burnaby Mountain, stories about weather related events on the mountain, and whether UniverCity will solve the problem of SFU's isolation. Dr. Evenden mentions the ideas of Dennis Roberts and Peter Knowlden.
Date Range:	1965-2015
Length:	0:11:43
Name:	Simon Fraser University UniverCity

Subject: [Transportation](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain](#)

Interviewer: [Bossort, Kathy](#)

Interview Date: November 18, 2015

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Total Length: 1:11:28

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Interview Location: [Clubhouse at Burnaby Mountain Golf Course Restaurant](#)

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Interview with Leonard Evenden and Allen Seager by Kathy Bossort November 18, 2015 - Track 6

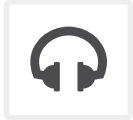
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Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Dr. Evenden and Dr. Seager's discussion about the future for parks and the urban forest on Burnaby Mountain.
Date Range:	1965-2015
Length:	0:09:23
Name:	Simon Fraser University Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area
Subject:	Geographic Features - Parks Geographic Features - Forests
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area
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Interview with Leonard Evenden and Allen Seager by Kathy Bossort November 18, 2015 - Track 3

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Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the interview is about Dr. Evenden and Dr. Seager's discussion about the relationship between Simon Fraser University and the City of Burnaby, and the origins and development of the dispute over land ownership and control on Burnaby Mountain, and factors that lead to the dispute's resolution. They also talk about the challenges of SFU's site for access, housing, and establishing a campus community.

Date Range: 1963-2015

Length: 0:17:29

Name: [Simon Fraser University](#)
[Harcourt, Mike](#)
[Jones, J. Barry](#)
[Burnaby Citizen's Association](#)
[Burnaby Mountain Preservation Society](#)

Subject: [Geographic Features - Parks](#)
[Government](#)
[Land](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain](#)
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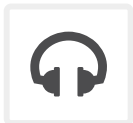
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Interview with Leonard Evenden and Allen Seager by Kathy Bossort November 18, 2015 - Track 4

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Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the interview is about Dr. Evenden and Dr. Seager's description of the relationship of SFU's faculty and administration to Burnaby Mountain's environment, including stewardship of the land, academic research related to the mountain, and the development of UniverCity. Dr. Evenden talks about Dr. Colin Crampton's writings about the natural history of Burnaby Mountain, and Dr. Seager references the controversy over the target ranges on the mountain and Dr. Stephen Collis' work, as examples of faculty involvement in local environmental issues.

Date Range: 1965-2015

Length: 0:13:31

Name: [Simon Fraser University](#)
[UniverCity](#)
[Crampton, Colin](#)
[Collis, Stephen](#)
[Mauser, Gary A.](#)
[Barnet Rifle Club](#)
[Trans Mountain Oil Pipeline Company](#)

Subject: [Geographic Features - Forests](#)
[Planning](#)
[Education](#)
[Protests and Demonstrations](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain](#)
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)

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