

Student News

Therapy Dog on Campus During Exam Period

Pet therapy station: pet a dog and relieve stress! Stop by for a de-stressing break.

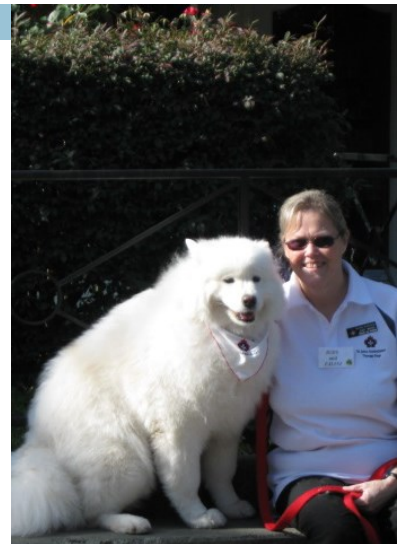
St. John Ambulance therapy dog, Talini, and her handler Judy will be on campus:

- Tues, Dec 9 - 12:30 to 1 pm
- Wed, Dec 10 - 8:30 to 9 am
- Thurs, Dec 11 - 12:30 to 1 pm and 5:30 - 6 pm

Location: Second Floor; look for the station between hallways/next to big windows.

ALLERGY ALERT: Students with allergies can pass by within 20 feet and not come in contact with the dog.

Petting a dog can have a calming effect and result in lower blood pressure, eased tension, and refreshed memories. Your therapy dog is non-judgmental and unconditionally affectionate.



Talini the therapy dog and handler Judy

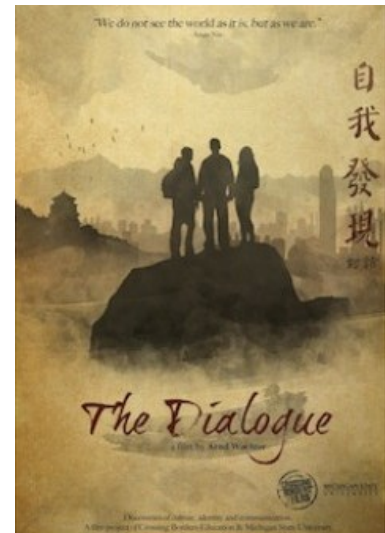


Film: "The Dialogue"

Wednesday, December 3

Screening of "The Dialogue", an award-winning documentary film about a group of Chinese and American university students who confront cultural differences while traveling in each other's country. The film will be followed by an informal discussion.

- Campus Theatre, room 140 from 7-9 pm
- Open to the public, everyone welcome



Remember

Honour

Take Action

Friday, December 5 - Noon, Totem Entrance

On December 6th 1989, a man walked into an engineering class at l'École Polytechnique de Montréal armed with a semi-automatic rifle. After separating the men from the women he stated that he hated feminists. He started shooting the women in the class, killing 14 young women, injuring another 9 and 4 men. At the end of his killing rampage, he shot himself.

Women's groups across the country organized vigils, marches and memorials. Federal and provincial governments made commitments to end violence against women. In 1991 the Parliament of Canada proclaimed: Dec. 6th "National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women".

Join us in remembering the women killed in the Montreal Massacre, and all the women and children who have died as a result of gender-based violence.

- Speakers, community gathering, procession of roses, candlelight vigil
- Open to the public
- Hosted by Cowichan Women Against Violence Society & VIU



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Important Dates

- **Dec 1** Last day of university classes
- **Dec 2-3** Study days for university courses
- **Dec 4—15** University exam period
- **Dec 5** Last day of ACP (upgrading) classes

Upgrading Students—Apply NOW for Grant for January Semester

Upgrading students taking classes in January can apply for the ABESAP grant which will help pay for the student activity fee and lend you textbooks for the term. Pick up an application from the Student Affairs office. To be considered for an ABESAP grant, a student must demonstrate financial need based on line 150 of your 2013 income tax return.

- **If your income is below the level on the table below you meet the eligibility thresholds:**

Family Size	Income Level
1 person	\$23,647
2 persons	\$29,439
3 persons	\$36,192
4 persons	\$43,941
5 persons	\$49,839
6 persons	\$56,209
7 or more	\$62,581

Submissions to the newsletter

Students, employees and community members are all welcome to share thoughts, upcoming events, articles, and news in the student newsletter. Email your content to studentnews@viu.ca or if you have a handwritten notice, drop it off at Student Affairs. Submissions are welcome at any time. December 10 is the deadline for the January 5 issue.

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Cowichan Students from all over the World

The results are in from the world map posted during World VIU days. People at our campus come from all over the world.

Canada:

Alberta

Ft. McMurray
Edmonton
Calgary
Jasper

British Columbia
Dawson Creek
Prince George
Kelowna
Creston

Manitoba

Thompson
Winnipeg
Kenora

New Brunswick
St John

Newfoundland and
Labrador
St Anthony

Nova Scotia
Halifax

Northwest Territories

Aklavik
Inuvik
Paulatuk

Ontario

Sudbury
Toronto
Hamilton

Prince Edward Island
Charlottetown

Quebec

Montreal
Sherbrooks
Trois-Rivières

Saskatchewan
Regina

Yukon

Whitehorse

Vancouver Island

Alert Bay
Central Saanich
Chemainus
Comox
Cowichan Bay
Crofton
Duncan
Kuper Island
Ladysmith
Langford
Nanaimo
Parksville
Youbou

Countries

Australia
China
England
Finland

Holland

India
Indonesia
Japan
Madagascar
New Guinea
Niger
North Ireland
Norway
Philippines
Rwanda
Saudi Arabia
Scotland
Slovenia
South Africa
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Trinidad & Tobago
Tunisia
Ukraine
United States

Theft on campus

On Thursday November 25th, an envelope containing \$200 was taken from a purse left in the Health Care Lab on the second floor (Room 260). This is a serious offence which campus administration takes very seriously. If you found the money, it can be returned anonymously to the Library drop box (located outside the west entrance), no questions asked. If you know of its whereabouts, you may also leave an anonymous note in the Library drop box. This unfortunate occurrence is a reminder to all students, staff and faculty to please keep your valuables in a safe place at all times. For example, on your person, in a locked locker, or in the trunk of your vehicle. Last, please report any missing or stolen items to campus administration, no matter how small the amount.

Thank you. *Warren Weir*

**In the time it
takes to read this,
your stuff may
already be
gone.**

**Please do not leave your
belongings unattended.**

Status of Women Canada / Condition féminine Canada

Violence Against Women and Girls Affects us All.

Do something!

THE 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER VIOLENCE
NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 10

Canada