It's finally over! Pat yourself on the back because you made it. You made it through your first semester as a university student! Looking back it seems to have gone so fast doesn’t it? And before you know it, you’ll be back to studying, reading textbooks, and sitting in class! But let’s not think about that now. For now let’s look back at all that has been accomplished and all you’ve become. After all, you’ve come a long way since that first day of orientation when you made goals for yourselves eating M&M's such as passing all your classes and making new friends. You’ve grown since the day when you brainstormed activities to try such as movie clubs and pub nights. You’ve gone from sitting properly in the chairs to sleeping on the sofas. You’ve grown to learn how to find each classroom and not get lost (despite that terrible scavenger hunt) and we all learned that Neil likes country music!? Granted not everything has changed. Aziz still likes to talk on the phone. MJ is still trying to get into every photo. Hiram is still always smiling. Hamza and Wisdom still need all their papers stapled and Raj still drinks an excessive amount of coffee.

You’ve held movie nights, played Wii for hours, and tasted foods from around the globe. You’ve cleaned up trash together, collected cans and started recycling. You’ve fundraised for the United Way and created a SGA book rental program. All in all it was a busy semester and next semester will hold even more opportunities. Thanks to each and every one of you for making our first semester at Fairleigh Dickinson University - Vancouver a success. Have a safe, wonderful break and holiday season. See you in January!

TGIF(inals!)

December 2007

• The last day of classes is December 11th.
• The Fall 2007 semester officially ends December 19th.
• Spring semester classes start January 5th!
• The 1st Spring holiday is Good Friday.
Did you know that vanilla comes from Mexico? Did you know that some people eat samosas with ketchup? You learn a lot about other cultures when you eat food from different countries and even more so when the people from those countries teach you about the food as you eat it! That’s what the FDU-Vancouver community experienced at their first ever cultural potluck. Students, staff and faculty tasted dishes like Indian samosas, Holland pie and Korean rice cake with a spicy chilly sauce. In total individuals tasted sixteen dishes from fourteen different countries.

“Sixteen dishes from fourteen different countries.”

International Cuisine

It’s close to that time of year that we start to worry about our holiday plans and what gifts to buy. It’s also one of the hardest times of the year for those people who are not so fortunate. While we are out looking for the perfect gift or planning our holiday dinners, some people are trying to figure out how they can afford to buy their child a gift or make a special dinner for Christmas this year. That’s why with the guidance of the Salvation Army, the FDU-Vancouver community is adopting a family for the holidays; providing them with a real Christmas dinner and new clothing for each of the children. The family is a local, single mom with four children between the ages of 13 years and 11 weeks. If you are interested in helping out a family in need simply check off one of the needed items on the adopt-a-family form on the Student Services bulletin board.

Home(less) for the Holidays

I thank you in advance for your generosity this holiday season!
Dearest FDU Students & Staff,

The Fairleigh Dickinson University - Vancouver Student Government Association would like to thank you for all the help you have given us in making FDU events a success. From our first event, the Great Canadian Shore Clean-up, to the Halloween Costume Contest, Potluck, Wii-kends, Movie Nights, Food Drive, and Balloon Pop, we’ve been able to build unforgettable memories of our first semester at FDU - Vancouver. We especially appreciate the experiences you have provided, and the memories you have shared with us. Your assistance has been invaluable to the SGA during this process. FDU-Vancouver has become a home away from home for most of the students.

We just wanted to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year. Again, thank you so much. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

Best Regards,

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FDU-Vancouver Student Government Association

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United Way of the Lower Mainland

FDU-Vancouver’s first United Way campaign kicked off on Tuesday, November 27th. Linda, a retired braille teacher, came to speak to the FDU staff about her program and the funding it receives from the United Way. That afternoon students, staff and faculty had the opportunity to take part in a balloon pop, a carnival like game in which students could win prizes donated by students and staff members the previous week. Later in the week students, staff and faculty had an opportunity to buy raffles tickets to win a tote filled with goodies and FDU-Vancouver memorabilia. The week was a success in raising awareness in addition to funds.

Congratulations to the lucky winner of the tote bag raffle, Jonn Martell! And a special thanks to everyone who took part in the United Way fundraisers. It was a pleasure to see so many people support the local United Way.

To find more about the United Way of the lower mainland please visit their website at: www.uwlm.ca.
The Global Gazette is a student focused, monthly newsletter designed to cover anything and everything that affects the FDU-Vancouver student. To be a part of the creative team or to write for the Global Gazette contact Megan Baillie in the Office of Student Services or by email at baillie@fdu.edu.

“Of and For The World”

Next Month: We’re Back...!!