

Perpetual Motion

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STUDENTS ARE CENTRAL

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The students themselves are the impetus to change. They continuously influence life on campus at University of the Fraser Valley and the world.

The official mission statement of the Student Life department at University of the Fraser Valley states that it aims to “build, for and with the UFV students, a vibrant co-curricular program that actively engages students in the UFV community.” It aims to “provide opportunities for each student to develop relationships with others, a healthy lifestyle, leadership skills, active citizenship and a lifelong commitment to intellectual and spiritual growth.”

In simpler terms, this means that the staff at Student Life works a great deal with students; helping students form and develop groups such as clubs and associations. Generally clubs, such as the Video Games Club, are formed based on shared interests. Student associations, however, are attached to an academic program and have a UFV faculty advisor. Clubs and associations often participate in activities that are organized by Student Life, especially the annual Angel Tree and Empty Bowls programs.

By far, the most vibrant activities at UFV are those that are organized by some of the 60+ UFV student clubs and associations. Each week students come up with ideas for new events and activities. Recently, the newly formed student group SAPNA (South Asian Peer Networking Association) hosted a Comedy Night at Casey's. Students and people from the local community were invited to attend. Attendance far exceeded expectations and all proceeds went to the Abbotsford Food Bank.

The Students for Sustainability is another group that has been active this semester, introducing new ways for students to participate in greening our world. This has included campaigning for a Universal transit passes for UFV students. See page 3 for more details about their current projects.

Staff at Student Life never knows what innovative and exciting plans of action students will come up with next. But we are assured of one thing – Student Life at University of the Fraser Valley is never dull. It is in *perpetual motion*!



The Chinese Culture Club hosts a fundraiser raising over \$13,000 to help the earthquake victims in China.

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