

# The Office of Aboriginal Education

## “Moccasin Memo”

### February/March 2009



#### **Elders Gathering**

On March 13, 2009 VIU elders hosted a gathering of elders from other post-secondary institutions on Vancouver Island including the University of Victoria, Camosun College and North Island College. It was a historic event and a wonderful opportunity for the elders to meet and learn from each other and provided an opportunity for old friends to connect.

#### **Shq'apthut: A Gathering Place**

For updates and further information on the Gathering Place please go to the following weblink:  
[www.viu.ca/gatheringplace](http://www.viu.ca/gatheringplace)

#### **Soup & Bannock Fundraiser**

We are continuing with this fundraiser with funds going towards the Gathering Place. It is held every second Tuesday from 11:30 to 1:00 in the Royal Arbutus Room—upstairs of Building 300.

The following dates for this event are:

April 7th and 21st

Please join us for delicious soup and bannock by Marie Scoretz.

Other fundraiser activities include:

- Drum Raffle with signatures from Evan Adams, Susan Aglukark, Gino Odjick and Carla Robinson. Tickets will be sold at \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00.
- Gala is being planned for Friday, May 29th, 2009. We will be seeking donations for silent and live auction items. For further information please contact our office directly.

**Aboriginal Speaker Series: Thursday, April 9th** from 11:00 to 12:30, Building 355, Room 211  
*Psychology of Stories* by Richard Aisaican, Campus Career Centre

This presentation will provide an insight into the Psychology of Traditional storytelling. The contention is that psychology and intervention was not always separate from society and community. The layers of teaching embedded within popular traditional First Nations stories served a practical everyday purpose. Today's psychological crisis intervention is in the hands of authorities and credentialed individuals. It is no longer important for the average person to be aware of the details regarding Psychological or mental conditions, yet the social impact remains the same. In some cases the social impact is not clearly evident however certain situations beg for social intervention as an outcome. The focus of this presentation will be on Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD), Object Relations Theory and First Nations Trickster Psychology.



