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# Cowichan Campus Student Newsletter

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## CAMPUS EVENTS

### *Welcome to Cowichan*

Our campus orientation is called Weeks of Welcome (W.O.W. '99) and is from September 7 to 24. During this time, there will be information and activities that have been organised to help make your first few weeks of school easier.

- Enjoy a free cup of coffee on September 7, 8, and 9.
- Be sure to pick up and read your copy of the 1999 Cowichan Campus Student Handbook. It has been three-hole punched so that you can put it in your binder and always have it on hand.
- Come to the free Campus Luncheon on Thursday, September 16, from 11-1. This is a great social event and a chance to meet staff, faculty, tutors, and other students. Your invitation is in the Student Handbook; you will need it to get in.
- One-on-one help with study skills will be available every day from September 7-17. Sign up on the sheet outside the Study Skills Centre across from Information.
- Drop in to Student Services for advising from 9-3 Monday to Thursday.
- Watch for posters with dates and times for Student Photo ID Cards.
- Enjoy extended hours at the bookstore.
- Go to the library to meet the staff and ask for a personal tour of the library.

### *Waitlists*

If you are on a waitlist, be sure to check for HOLD seats on the first day of classes and every day until September 20. All seats that are put on HOLD will be held for students until 11:30 p.m. September 7, 1999. If not claimed, the seat will then be held for the next person on the waitlist.

The waitlist will be flipped every evening at 11:30 p.m. Students on the waitlist on Friday, September 10 and 17 will have until the Sunday evening at 11:30 to claim their seats.

The last waitlist will be Monday, September 20 and will be wiped from the system at 11:30 p.m. Vacant seats will be given to students who have the instructor's signature on a Program Planning Guide. If the instructor is going to add seats to the class after September 20, the student will have to have signatures of the instructor and the dean.

If you have any questions about the waitlist process, please call Registration at 748-3512.

The list is posted on the bulletin board beside the Information desk.

### *Dates to Note*

Refer to the yellow Registration page in your handbook for more info. Please note that some of the dates have been changed; the following ones are the latest.

#### University Programs

- September 20 - Last day to add a course without written permission on instructor
- September 21 - Tuition calculated and students charged for all courses enrolled in as of this date.
- October 1 - Last day to pay balance of fall semester fees.
- October 22 - Last day to apply for a student loan for this term.
- November 2 - Last day for official withdrawal or to change from credit to audit or from audit to credit.

#### Developmental Education

- September 15 - Last day to add a course without written permission of instructor.
- November 5 - Last day for official withdrawal or change from credit to audit or from audit to credit.

### *Student E-Mail*

On page 9 of your handbook it tells you how to set up your own account.

### ***Jobs on Campus***

Watch for posters advertising “Work-Study” positions. Several jobs will be available soon, including lab monitors, library assistants, and department clerks.

### ***IMPACT***

This group of students and staff is trying to raise awareness of all forms of discrimination. Over the years, IMPACT has organised multicultural luncheons, offered free films, presented diversity workshops, sold T-shirts, and generally worked to encourage acceptance of all people. Interested? Watch for red posters with the details about the first meeting. This is a great way to get involved!

### ***Student Union***

The Cowichan Campus Student Union office is in the cafeteria. There will be an election soon, so keep your eyes open for the call for nominations and voting details. For the names of your student reps, look on page 14 of your handbook or call 746-3518.

### ***First Nations Student Support***

Hello. Welcome to Cowichan Campus. My name is Yvonne Connelly and my role is to assist and support students of First Nations origin.

I am available to connect with students Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 10-2:30. I invite you to stop by the office to say hi, for a chat, or to have coffee.

### ***Tutors***

Volunteers are available for regular one-on-one help with your learning.. If you need some extra help, talk to Arleigh Trail in the Tutor Office across from Information.

### ***New Reading and Writing Centre***

Do you know people who want to improve their basic reading and writing skills? Tell them about our new downtown literacy centre on Jubilee Street. Classes there will start soon. For more information, talk to Vicki Noonan upstairs in the Faculty Office or call the centre at 715-1420 and talk to instructor Kate Nonesuch.

### ***Textbooks***

The bookstore staff has this tip for you: Don't buy your texts before attending class. It is time-consuming to return or exchange books you don't need.

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Watch for the next issue on Wednesday, September 22, and then on every other Wednesday. If you have any information to share with others, please submit the details in the wall box outside the Tutor/Study Skills Office across from Information. Deadline is the Monday prior to publication.

### ***Career Quest***

Know someone who is unemployed: Do they need help making a career or job change? Tell them to try Career Quest. Here's what students are saying about this 6-day program...

- It gave me a better look at my life, offered lots of valuable information, and built my self-confidence.
- It helped me identify skills and strengths I didn't know I had.
- I discovered new job options, and a career direction.

Program to start September 1999. Call 746-3532 to be placed on an interest list. No fee. Available to any unemployed Canadian.

### ***The People of the Geese***

When watching geese fly, have you ever wondered why they fly in a “V” formation? The people of the geese are smart. They know that when they fly in this formation not only will they get where they are going faster, but that collectively, they will use less energy.

It is the leader of the geese who has to work the hardest to break the air currents for the flock. But watch ~ the leader, when tired, will slip out of the lead position, and another goose will take the lead. The geese will continue to fly in formation towards their destination, with a different goose in the lead. This change of leadership will happen several times through the journey, as the lead goose must work so hard for the benefit of the whole community.

Geese are thoughtful creatures; should one become so weak and need rest, that goose will drop out of formation but will be joined by at least two other geese who will guard over the weakened goose until that one is ready to continue. Sometimes the goose does not recover and dies; when that time comes, the goose is never left alone. The goose community is strong and much can be learned by observing it.

