

## Dates and Deadlines

### *University and Career Tech*

- ✓ **Nov. 1:** Last day for academic penalty-free withdrawal from a Fall semester course or for changing from credit to audit or vice-versa.
- ✓ **Nov. 15:** First day to submit applications for Fall 2005 University and Career/Technical programs.
- ✓ **Nov. 26:** Last day to apply to graduate with a bachelor's degree in Spring 2005.

### *Career and Academic Prep (CAAP)*

- ✓ **Nov. 15:** First day to submit applications for Fall 2005 University and Career/Technology programs.

## Campus Closed

The College will be closed on Thursday, November 11, for Remembrance Day.

## Snow Closure

Sometimes, after a heavy or unexpected snowfall, the campus is closed. How will you know? Please don't make assumptions about closure. Here are some steps to take to find out if *this* campus is open or closed:

- Listen to a local radio station: SUN FM 89.7 broadcasts updates for both campuses
- Listen to the recorded message on our campus answering machine: 746-3500. (For Nanaimo, call 753-3245).

## Advising

- The upper-level BA advisor, Maureen Hill, will be on campus on November 16. If you will have 24 university credits by April 2005, make an appointment at Student Services to see Maureen.

## First Nations News

- Ruth Kroek is now working in the Student Services office. Ruth offers support and advising to students of Aboriginal descent.
- Louise Underwood, our Elder-in-Residence, has her office upstairs in Credit Programs in Building 602.
- Tutoring for adult students is available on Thursday evenings at Ya Thuy Thut from 4-6 pm. Snacks and a bus ride home are also available.

- The First Nations Student Services Centre, Nanaimo Campus, is sponsoring a contest, open to Aboriginal students at *all* campuses, to provide a graphic design for the newly opened "Gathering Place." The prize is \$400. For more information, read the poster on the bulletin board across from Student Services or email [fnss@mala.bc.ca](mailto:fnss@mala.bc.ca) Deadline is December 3.

## Learning Centre

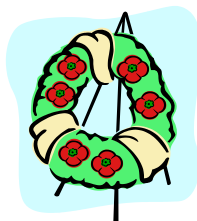
- **Essay Writing Workshops:** Three dates and times to choose from: Thursday, November 4 at 12:30; Friday, November 5 at 10:30; and Wednesday, November 10 at noon. Writing is a process! Attend this half-hour "Quickie" workshop and learn some good strategies to develop and revise your ideas and your writing.
- **Exam Preparation Workshops:** November 4 at 1:30; November 5 at 11:00; and November 10 at 10:30. It is never too early to start preparing for exams! Come to this "Quickie" workshop and learn some helpful strategies to organize yourself and your materials to maximize your study time and your learning.
- **One-on-one counselling:** If you are not able to attend the workshops, or want some help with any aspect of your learning, you can sign up for a one-on-one learning skills session with Arleigh Trail. The schedule is posted outside the Learning Centre. Drop-ins are also welcome, but you take your chances!

## Writing Centre

For extra help with writing assignments and concerns (or triumphs), post-secondary students can go to the Writing Centre. Make an appointment with Jay Ruzesky or Tim Brownlow by signing up on the bulletin board outside the Credit Programs office.

## Math Tutorials

CAAP (upgrading) students can ask Steve Cheung (Room 128) for extra help at lunch most days. Tutorial times are posted on the white board in the hall by Information Services.



## Cultural Events on Campus

There is a LOT going on at our campus this month! Check these out...

- **Cowichan Campus Reading Series:** Cowichan Campus and the Canada Council for the Arts are co-sponsoring a reading series again this year. All readings are free and open to the public, so spread the word to friends and family!

The first in this year's series will be on Monday, November 8, at 10:30 in Room 206. Elizabeth Simpson will read from her works. Elizabeth has published two non-fiction books: *The Perfection of Hope: Journey Back to Health* (1997), a book about dealing with cancer that was nominated for the BC Book Prize, the VanCity Award, and was also translated into Spanish; and *One Man at a Time: Confessions of a Serial Monogamist* (2000), also nominated for the BC Book Prize. She also writes fiction and has recently completed a novel called *Under the Joker's Wing*. Elizabeth lives in Victoria and teaches at Camosun College. Thanks to Jay Ruzesky for organizing this event.

- **Live theatre!** Anthropology professor Helene Demers is presently working on bringing the Puente Theatre group to our campus. Watch for posters with details about date, time, and cost.
- **Aboriginal Speaker Series:** Ruth Kroek is organizing this new series, which starts on November 22 (7 pm in Room 161—refreshments available). This is an opportunity to meet and hear Aboriginal professionals talk about their educational backgrounds and career experiences. This month's speakers will focus on careers in recreation and tourism. Dan MacDonald is a Metis who has worked for many years in recreation and has taught in recreation/tourism programs at various post-secondary institutions. Gordon Prest is a member of the Sto:lo Nation. He will share his experiences working as a forest ranger and forest operations manager. Presently, Gordon is employed by Malaspina University-College as the Forestry Aboriginal Liaison.
- **Free film night!** DISCUSSION and the Cowichan Tapestry Group for Racial Harmony will co-host the next film night on Thursday, November 25. *Beyond Borders* and *Under One Sky* both deal with issues of importance to Arab women. Bring your dinner and enjoy the films and the discussion.
- **International Buy Nothing Day:** This event will be at the end of November. The purpose of this

event is to draw attention to consumerism. An article on the website [www.buynothingday.co.uk](http://www.buynothingday.co.uk) puts it this way: "The challenge is to try simple living for a day, spend time with family and friends, rather than spend money on them. People make a pact with themselves to take a break from shopping as a personal experiment or public statement and the best thing is - it's free!!!" If you want to help organize something on campus to mark this day, please contact either Rachel Cooper or Jay Ruzesky. You can leave a message at the Credit Programs office.

## Library Footnotes

- The Library is in the process of replacing two very useful multi-video math sets with their more recent editions: *Intermediate Algebra, 9th edition* and *Algebra and Trigonometry 7th edition* will soon be available. The feedback that the Library staff has always received from student borrowers of this material is that these tapes are very helpful both for individual and group study.
- Remember to get an early start on your research for term papers. Library staff members are happy to help you find what you need...if you are not sure about how to find a book or periodical, just ask!
- **Regional Librarian** Eileen Edmunds has put together a couple of very informative and helpful handouts: Finding Print Copies of Periodical Articles and Sources for Articles: A Comparison. Copies of these handouts (on Day-Glo yellow paper) are available in the wall rack in the Learning Centre. Eileen is hoping for some useful feedback from students to help her 'tweak' these handouts.
- **Style Guides:** APA and MLA style guides and citation examples are available online at our Library website: <http://web.mala.bc.ca/library/researchskills/citesources.htm>

## Community Event

Acting Out Projects & Open Door Society present *Crystal Diagnosis* - a play about drug use, written and performed by a Cowichan campus student. The play will be held at the Cowichan Theatre on November 21 at 3 pm & 7:30 pm, Nov 22 & 23 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 for low income and some "pay what you can" tickets at the door). See posters around campus for more info.

