

Cowichan Campus Student Newsletter

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CAMPUS EVENTS

Support for Students

There is lots of support available for students, so be sure to take advantage of it if you are feeling overwhelmed or in need of help. Check out all the services listed below.

- T **Writing Centre:** For help with your writing activities. Upstairs in Building Two. Sign up for half-hour appointments with Jay Ruzesky or Melody Martin by writing your name on the sheet in the hallway outside of Credit Programs.
- T **Study Skills Centre:** For help with your learning. Across from Information Services. Sign up for half-hour appointments with Arleigh Trail (Monday and Tuesday in Centre) or Yvonne Connelly (Wednesday and Thursday in Student Services) by writing your name on the sheet outside of the Centre.
- T **Volunteer Tutors:** For one-on-one help on a regular basis, consider working with a tutor. This is a free service, but be prepared to make a commitment. Talk to Arleigh Trail in the Tutor/Study Skills Centre across from Information.
- T Library Workshops:
- January 25, 4:30 - 5:30 in Lab 200: *Research Skills for Health Programs*
 - January 26, 4:30 - 5:30 in Lab 200: *Research Skills for Literature*
- T **Writing Centre Workshops:** January 24, 12 - 1 in Room 161: *Writing Research Papers*
- T **First Nations Support:** Individual support is offered to students of native ancestry. See Yvonne Connelly in Student Services.

- T **Counselling:** Counsellors can help when personal issues are affecting studies. Go to Student Services to make an appointment.
- T **Educational Advising:** See an advisor to discuss program requirements, course information, and transfer of credits. Drop in 9 - 12 or make an appointment at Student Services.
- T **Access Services:** Students who experience barriers to learning because of a disability may get extra help. Some services take time to arrange, so plan ahead by discussing your needs with Sherry Prenger at Student Services.
- T **Human Rights:** Cowichan Campus is committed to providing a safe place to learn, a place free of harassment and other forms of discrimination. You can make an appointment at Student Services to see the Human Rights Advisor.
- T **Career Resource Centre:** For those students who will be leaving our campus to either continue studies or look for work. See Donna Kurulak in the new centre across from Student Services.

Sharing Circle: All students are invited to drop in to Room 129 on Wednesdays between 12 and 2 pm to gather strength and support from each other. Facilitated by Yvonne Connelly.

BC Student Loans



February 18th is the last day to apply for students with an April end-date for the current academic year. Applications are available in the display case outside of Student Services or talk to June for more information.

BA Degree Advisor

Maureen Hill will be on campus on Wednesday, February 2 to assist students in planning upper-level degree programs and in declaring minors/majors. Please make an appointment at Student Services or call 746-3509.

Peer Advocacy Training

Peer Advocates are caring, supportive people who have experienced mental health issues and as such have an understanding of the problems and difficulties people with similar issues can face. A training program, sponsored by the Canadian Mental Health Association and Malaspina University-College, is being planned for February 2nd through April 5th. The training will be free, and weekly 3-hour sessions will be held over a 10-week period. The format will be informal with round-table discussions, opportunities for hands-on learning, and breaks as required. Interested? Attend the information session on Wednesday, January 26 at 2 pm at #205-149 Ingram Street. For more information call Bonnie at 748-5588 or Student Services at 746-3509.

Reading Series

Co-sponsored by Malaspina University-College and the Canada Council for the Arts, this series is free and open to the public as well as students, so tell your friends! Next featured authors are Lesley-Anne Bourne (*The Story of Pears, Skinny Girls, Field Days, The Bubble Star*) and Richard Lemm (*Dancing in the Asylum, A Difficult Faith, Prelude to the Bacchanal*). Monday, January 31, 1:30 pm, Room 161.

Student ID Cards

The Student Union will be posting times for issuing these cards soon, so watch for posters. If you wish to get yours done in Nanaimo, go to the Student Union office (Building 193/Local 2276) on Monday to Thursday between 8:30 and 5:30 or on Friday between 8:30 and 3:00. Remember

to bring your course registration form as proof of enrolment.

Snow Closure



Please **don't** make assumptions about campus closure due to weather. To be sure, listen to CKAY 1500 AM or CKEG 1570 for current information. Sometimes, due to differences in weather conditions, the Nanaimo campus closes at different times from the Cowichan campus. Check to be sure!

First Aid Reminder

Emergency First Aid services are provided at all times on campus. During the day, contact the Information Services desk. During evenings or weekends, contact either the security guard or the Evening Services Clerk in the Community Education Department in Building 2.

Yellow emergency call boxes are located outside three of the entrances to Building 1 and at the main entrance of Building 2. If you need emergency assistance for any reason, including first aid, press the call button on the box and an operator will dispatch whichever emergency service is required.

Unfortunately, the College does not provide medical services of a non-emergency nature. Please make arrangements to see your family doctor in cases such as these.

Calling All Writers

Portal is a literary magazine produced each year by the students of Creative Writing 231 and features work by students in all faculties. The deadline for submissions for this year's issue has been extended to January 24th. Submissions must be previously unpublished and may include poetry, short fictions, personal essays, feature article, interviews, drama, photography, and art. Drop off your contribution in the *Portal* drop box located at the Nanaimo Campus in the Arts and Humanities Office, Building 345 or at

Student Services, Cowichan Campus.